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Announcement

Dear Fellow Orchidists,

India is a country with huge diversity of plants amongst which Orchidaceae is one of the largest families of flowering plants with about 1300 taxa of which nearly 400 taxa are endemic to India. Orchids have been considered elite due to their perplexingly complex flowers of exquisite beauty. Apart from their aesthetically appealing beauty that serves great purpose in the floricultural sector, they are rewarded with quality of being medicinally and therapeutically important which caters to resolve various health related issues. Linking of indigenous knowledge of orchids with modern research activities provides a new reliable approach to the discovery of novel drugs. Deforestation and indiscriminate collection of wild orchids for horticulture and traditional medicine have caused numerous orchids to become endangered from their natural habitats. An extreme anthropogenic pressure on these species has led to their rapid depletion in their natural habitat and caused a substantial imbalance in the nature. Immediate remedial measures for the conservation of natural sites to ensure their sustainable mode of utilization and proper procedure for harvesting and trading as well as regular monitoring of orchids in relation to climate scenario are required to understand the dynamics of these species for a well planned strategic conservation.

As an urgent need to document, protect and conserve these fast disappearing precious plants with a view to assessing their diversity, evaluating their floricultural and medicinal potential, conserving and commercializing and developing them for societal benefits, The Orchid Society of India (TOSI) is organizing a National Conference cum Workshop on **“Recent Advances in Orchidology with special emphasis on Biology, Climate Change, Conservation, and Commercialization of Floriculturally and Therapeutically Important taxa for the Welfare of Science and Society”** and **Orchid Show by The Orchid Society of India (TOSI), with its headquarters at Panjab University, Chandigarh jointly with NHM, Directorate of Agriculture, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Port Blair; ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute (CIARI), Port Blair; BSI-Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Port Blair during February 15-17, 2019.** Several orchid scientists, growers, entrepreneurs, enthusiasts, and policy planners are expected to deliberate on its theme. The technical sessions shall comprise both oral and poster presentations. The abstracts of the accepted papers (posters) will be made available during the conference. The full papers shall be published as proceedings/special volume of The Journal of The Orchid Society of India.

On behalf of TOSI, and on my own behalf, I have the pleasure to invite you cordially to participate in the conference and enrich its proceedings by contributing research paper in any of the above listed aspects of the orchids. I am sure that despite your very busy schedule, it shall be possible for you to accept this invitation and confirm your participation by mailing the duly filled enclosed Registration form. You are also requested to send the abstract(s) of your paper(s), preferably through e-mail **ptosichd@yahoo.com**, so as to reach the Secretary, The Orchid Society of India (TOSI), Department of Botany, Panjab University, Chandigarh - 160 014 (U.T.), latest by October 30, 2018.

Note: You are requested to communicate further by email.

Long live Indian Orchidology!

(Promila Pathak)

National Conference cum Workshop

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“Recent Advances in Orchidology with special emphasis on Biology, Climate Change, Conservation, and Commercialization of Floriculturally and Therapeutically Important taxa for the Welfare of Science and Society “and Orchid Show

Registration Form

I am interested in:

Please tick

- a) Attending the Conference
- b) Presenting a Paper (oral/poster)
- c) Sponsoring the Conference

Name: Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms. _____

Occupation: _____ Designation _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____
E-Mail _____

Tentative title of the Paper _____

Presenting Author: _____

I will be accompanied with _____ / none

Date of Arrival _____ , departure _____

Accommodation required (on payment basis) :Yes/No _____ (Hotel/Guest House)

Whether interested in Optional Tour (Local): Yes/No _____

Place:

Date:

Registration Fee

Signature
Till Oct 30, 2018 w.e.f. Nov 1, 2018

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| TOSI member: | Rs.3500/- | Rs. 4000/- |
| Non-members | Rs. 4000/- | Rs. 4500/- |
| Spouses/Students/Accompanying delegates | Rs. 3000/- | Rs. 3500/- |

*The duly filled registration form along with registration fee must reach on or before October 30,2018 to Prof.(Dr.)Promila Pathak, Secretary & Chief Editor, TOSI and Convener cum Organizing Secretary, National Conference cum Workshop on Orchids and Orchid Show, Botany Department, Panjab University, Chandigarh-160 014(U.T)

* DD/ Cheque towards registration fee should be made in favor of Secretary, The Orchid Society of India (TOSI), Chandigarh.

*For outstation cheques, please add Rs. 100/- as bank charges.

Note: Further information shall be sent only to those conveying their willingness to participate.