



VIROCON-2023

'Advancements In Global Virus Research Towards One Health'



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Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India



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Invitation

It is a great pleasure for us in extending a warm and cordial invitation on behalf of the Organizing Committee, to the eminent as well as budding Virologists in the country and abroad to attend **“VIROCON-2023:Advancements In Global Virus Research Towards One Health”** being organized by the Indian Virological Society in collaboration with the ICAR-National Research Centre for Banana (ICAR-NRCB), Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu-620102 from **1-3 December, 2023**. We are confident that the conference will provide an excellent opportunity to the participants for productive scientific deliberations and interactions to find fruitful solutions to contain the viral epidemics threatening human beings, animal, plant, fish and environmental health. The major highlights of the conference would be the joint symposium involving all these specialties, plenary lectures, key note talks and invited guest lectures by world renowned scientists, oral and poster presentations. Your participation in the conference would be a great source of inspiration for the young researchers and the fellow participants.

About Indian Virological Society (IVS)

The Indian Virological Society (IVS), was established in December 1984 and is a member of the International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS). It is a unique scientific body that provides a platform for those associated with the characterization and management of viruses affecting animals, humans, fish, insects, plants and other living organisms. Besides, the society organizes national and international conferences, trainings, seminars, workshops, invited lecture series, continued medical education (CME) programs, industry-academia-meet, etc. The society also recognizes outstanding contributions of individual members by electing them as Fellows of the Society and conferring lifetime achievement awards, Springer Nature-IVS Best Publication Award and Young Scientist awards. The society publishes an internationally reputed journal “VirusDisease” in collaboration with Springer Nature and a biannual Newsletter “Virus Research News”. The IVS is actively associated with National Committee of the International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS) and the International Committee of Virology of the IUMS, and has close collaboration with the World Society for Virology, which is emerging as a leading world forum for addressing problems related to cross-boundary viral epidemics.

About ICAR-NRCB

ICAR-NRCB, Tiruchirappalli, was established on 21st August 1993 by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi. The Office-cum-Laboratory building is located on Thogamalai road at Thayanur besides a research farm of 90 acres at Podavur village located 1.5 km away from the office. The Centre works on four major thrust areas of research, viz. Crop Improvement, Crop Production, Post-Harvest Management and Crop Protection. ICAR-NRCB has state-of-the-art facilities like gamma chamber, GC-MS, Bioreactor, HPLC, etc. to conduct advanced research on all aspects of banana production and allied enterprises. The mission of the centre is to become a global leader in banana production and productivity and export of banana. The vision of the centre is to increase the production and productivity of quality bananas through technological interventions.

About Tiruchirappalli

Tiruchirappalli is one of the oldest inhabited cities in Tamil Nadu and situated in central south-eastern India, almost at the geographic centre of the state of Tamil Nadu. It lies in the plains between the Shevaroy Hills in the north and the Palani Hills the south and south-west. The two major rivers flowing in Tiruchirappalli are the Kaveri and its tributary, the Kollidam. It has many tourist centres and is the nucleus of many pilgrimage sites. Famous temples (Rockfort temple, Srirangam Ranganathaswamy Temple, Tiruvanaikoil Jambukeswarar Temple, Samayapuram Mariamman Temple, Brahmmapureswarar Temple, Gunaseelam Vishnu Temple, Vayalur Murugan Temple, Vekkali Amman Temple), Parks (Butterfly park, Mukkombu, Kallanai), Churches (St. Joseph’s Church) and Shopping Malls are plenty. It has several educational institutions of repute like IIM, NIT, BDU and Anna University. The city is well connected with convenient access through air, rail and road. Weather during December is expected to be pleasant with 21-28°C temperature and moderate rain.

Awards

The Indian Virological Society confers several awards for excellence in Virological research and for contributions made in any branch of the field of Virology. Details of individual awards are available on IVS website (<https://www.ivs.net.in>). Best presentation awards will be given for each technical session which is to be decided by a panel of distinguished jury members.

Venue

The VIROCON-2023 will be organized in the Hotel Courtyard by Marriott (Collector's office Road, Tiruchirappalli-620001; Phone: +91-431-4244555). The hotel is positioned in a prime location and has a reputation of hosting many international and national conferences with its modern facilities.



How to reach the venue

The conference venue, Hotel Courtyard by Marriott, is conveniently located in the city centre. It is approximately 8 kilometers from the Airport and only 2 kilometers from the Railway Station and the Central Bus Stand. Participants have the option to hire a taxi or auto or utilize ride-sharing services for transportation to the hotel. Intermittent city bus services are available to the conference venue from both the Airport and the Railway Station.

Conference Highlights

- Technical Sessions
- Farmers -Scientist Interaction
- Industry-Academia Interface
- Workshop on 'Plant Virus Management'
- Workshop on 'Lumpy Skin disease' in cattle
- Pre-Conference Hands-On Workshop (Medical/ Plant/Veterinary Virology)

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts of scientific papers are invited for presentation during the conference. The abstracts should be submitted through an online abstract submission system on the VIROCON-2023 website (<https://www.virocon2023.in>).

Common theme of the Technical Sessions

- Emerging and Re-emerging Viruses
- Diversity and Evolution of Viruses
- Host-Virus-Vector Interplay
- Diagnostics: Issues and Innovation
- Application of Artificial Intelligence in Virus Research and Detection
- Vironomics and Metagenomics
- Managing Viral Epidemics and Pandemics
- Phages and Phage Therapy
- Impact of Climatic and Socio-Economic factors on Viral Diseases
- AYUSH - Alternative Therapeutics

Each technical session will include keynote, plenary and lead lectures, oral and poster presentations.

Abstract Preparation Guidelines

Software	Abstract should be prepared in MS Word or equivalent software compatible with MS Word.
File Format	.doc or .docx
Page Size	A4 (210 x 297 mm)
Margins	1 inch/2.54 cm from all sides
Theme	Mention the Thematic area on the upper left corner of the page. Typography: Times New Roman Font, 12 pt size, Bold, Sentence case, 1.5 spaced, Left alignment
Title	The title should be concise, specific and informative. Avoid abbreviations and formulae wherever possible. Typography: Times New Roman Font, 14 pt size, Bold, Sentence case, 1.5 spaced, Justify alignment
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Corresponding Author's Contact	The active email id of the corresponding author should be given below the affiliation. Acceptance letter and subsequent communications will be sent to the given email. Typography: Times New Roman Font, 11 pt size, Regular, 1.5 spaced, Justify alignment

Main Content	The main abstract should state briefly the purpose of the study, significant findings and major conclusions. The abstract should not contain any table, figure, references and non-standard or uncommon abbreviations. The abstract should not exceed 300 words. Typography: Times New Roman Font, 12 pt size, Regular, 1.5 spaced, Justify alignment
Keywords	Please mention 4-7 relevant keywords and arrange them alphabetically separated by comma (.). Typography: Times New Roman Font, 12 pt size, Regular, 1.5 spaced, Justify alignment.

Registration Fee*

Categories of Delegates	Early Bird Registration (in ₹) Till 31 st Oct. 2023	Late/ On Spot Registration (in ₹)
IVS life members	7000	8000
Non-IVS life members	8000	9000
Students and Research Fellows	4000	5000
Industry/Corporate representative	10000	12000
Accompanying person (no kit to be provided)	4000	5000

* Registration fee includes Conference kit, High tea, lunch and dinner

Note: Only registered delegates are entitled to attend VIROCON-2023.

Payment of Registration Fee

The registration fee should be paid through online transfer, UPI (use QR code) or credit / debit card. Payment through cash, cheque and demand draft is not acceptable. Participants may use the payment gateway link available on the conference website (<https://virocon2023.in>). The official bank account of VIROCON-2023 is given below.

Account Name	Acc. Number	Bank Name
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Bank Branch	IFSC code	SWIFT Code
Cantonment, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu	SBIN0000930	SBININBB190

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Full page	30000	Back page	50000
Half Page	20000	Front Inner	40000
Quarter Page	15000	Back Inner	40000

Important Dates

Conference dates	December 1-3, 2023
Early bird Registration	October 31, 2023
Last date for Abstract submission (Oral / poster)	Upto October 15, 2023
Acceptance of Abstract (Oral / poster)	October 23, 2023

Accommodation

A range of premium / economic and budget accommodation for the participants will be available in nearby hotels on advance booking on payment basis.

Approximate tariff details in different hotels at Tiruchirappalli

Accommodation	Tariff ranges (Rs.)*
Five-star hotels	8000-12000
Three star hotels	3500-5000
Two star and below	2000-3500
Budget hotels	1000-1500

*Excluding GST

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shrines of Lord Vishnu), the temple is believed to house the mortal remains of the Vaishnavite saint and philosopher Ramanujacharya. Originally built by the Cholas, the temple was later renovated by the Pandyas, the Hoysalas, the Madurai Nayaks and the Vijayanagar empire between the 9th and 16th centuries AD.

Grand Anicut (Kallanai) Dam – Thanjavur



It is an ancient dam built by Karikala of Chola dynasty in 150 CE. It is built across the Kaveri river. The dam is located in Thanjavur

district, 15 km from Tiruchirapalli. It is the fourth oldest water-diversion or water-regulator structure in the world and the oldest in India that is still in use. Because of its spectacular architecture, it is one of the prime tourist spots in Tamil Nadu.

Brihadeeswara Temple - Thanjavur

One of the largest temples in India, the Brihadeeswara Temple also known as Peruvudaiyar Kovil is located in Thanjavur, 56Km from Tiruchirappalli.



Dedicate to Lord Shiva represented as a huge 'Lingam', the temple was built around 1010 AD by the Chola king Rajaraja Chola I. Considered as one of the three 'Great Living Chola Temples', the complex is also listed as a part of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple - Madurai



This historic Hindu temple is located on the southern bank of the Vaigai River in the temple city of Madurai, 130 km from Tiruchirappalli. It is dedicated to

the goddess Meenakshi, a form of Shakti, and her consort, Sundareshwarar, a form of Shiva. The magnificent temple was built by Pandayan Emperor Sadayavarman Kulasekaran I (1190 CE–1205 CE).

Ramanathaswamy Temple – Rameswaram

Considered one of the holiest places for Hindus in India and one among the four Char Dham pilgrimage sites. Rameswaram is home to the famous Ramanathaswamy



Temple, known for its elaborate corridors and splendidly sculpted pillars. Though lying separated from the mainland of India in the Pamban Island. Rameswaram is connected to the mainland by the magnificent Pamban Bridge. It is believed that Lord Rama, on his return after his war with Ravana, offered a repentance prayer to Lord Shiva to absolve his sins he had to commit during the confrontation.

Velankanni - Nagapattinam



Located at a distance of 150 km from Tiruchirappalli. Velankanni is famous for the Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health church.

The church, which is a holy place of worship for Christians all over the world, is the light that fills this town. However, history says that Velankanni was once an important port town in the past. The town used to have direct trade relations with empires such as Rome and Greece.

Nagore Dargah – Nagapattinam

At the heart of Nagore lies the magnificent Nagore Dargah, a sanctuary of pure serenity that stands as a testament to the rich cultural heritage of this magical place.



The shrine is a symphony of intricate carvings, vibrant colors, and dazzling embellishments that evoke the majesty of times past. From the shimmering beaches that line the town's coastline to the bustling markets where local craftsmen display their wares. Nagore is a place of unparalleled beauty and wonder.

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