Society For Vector Ecology
(Indian Region)

Dear colleagues and friends!

It gives me immense pleasure in inviting you to the Inaugural Conference of the Society for Vector Ecology (Indian Region) which will be held in Goa from 13th - 16th Feb. 2019. Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs) continue to exact heavy toll on mankind and economies. Global warming and international travel is resulting in the movement and establishment of vectors in new regions making them vulnerable to the risk of VBDs. For vector control, understanding of vector biology is critical. Undoubtedly, significant progress has been made on vector control and diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control of VBDs in the last two decades. As novel researches are being made, new interventions are being adopted to combat VBDs. The conference promises to be enriching, y

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While the conference promises to be enriching, your participation is earnestly solicited. Goa is well as a base for travel, recreation and establishment of vectors in new regions. Goa is a perfect setting for a serious scientific dialogues as well as for relaxation. With its own distinctive flavour, Goa, the erstwhile Portuguese colony, a popular tourist destination for Indians and Foreigners alike, Goa is small (~4000 sq. km) but has its own cultural identity and a breathtaking landscape. One of India’s most progressive states, Goa has a healthy economy. Its friendly people, beaches, hills, coconut groves, spice gardens and broad perennial rivers are awe-inspiring that instantly elevate human spirit. The weather is mild in February and temperature usually remains around 21-32°C. In the backdrop of this setting, the SOVE organizing committee is looking forward to welcoming you to the conference which will be scientifically rewarding with a key note address, plenary lectures, oral and poster presentations, invited talks, a special session for industry and sessions covering almost all dimensions of VBD management. Above all, awards shall be presented to the distinguished achievers. While the conference promises to be enriching, your presence will indeed make a big difference. Goa is well connected to the rest of the country by Air, Rail and Road.

1. **Theme**

   - *Lab to Public Health Setting: Prevention, Control of Vectors and Elimination of Vector Borne Diseases*

   **Subthemes:**
   1. Vector bio-ecology: The old and the new!
   2. New vector control tools and technologies
   3. Vector control tool development cycle: Innovation, improvisation, prototype evaluation, registration and deployment
   4. Climate change: impact on vectors and vector borne diseases
   5. Vector control in disease elimination: Lessons learnt and the future course
   6. Vector surveillance and control at points of entry
   7. GenNext: Involvement of children and youth in vector suppression at home and school
   8. Public Health Entomology: Education for trained manpower, programme capacity building and skill development for trained human resource pool

   **Note : Authors must mention the Sub-theme of their abstract.**

   **Abstract Deadline: Nov. 1, 2018**

   1. Please indicate whether you would like your abstract to be considered for an oral or poster presentation. While the scientific committee will try to go by your choice, however the committee’s decision on mode of presentation will be final.
   2. Oral PowerPoint presentations must be in English (compatible with Office 2007 or later versions), no longer than 10 minutes with five additional minutes will be allowed for answering questions.
   3. “Poster size”: Size should be 36” width and 48” height with portrait orientation. Accepted posters shall be displayed in accordance with the programme schedule.

   **TRAVEL**

   Goa is well connected to the rest of the country by Air, Rail and Road.

   **AIR:** Dabolim Goa International Airport is about 35 km from Panaji, the capital city of Goa where conference will be held. International Flights arrive directly from and depart to Bahrain, Doha, Kuwait, UAE etc. Domestic Flights connect Goa to Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Mangalore, Mumbai, Srinagar and Thiruvananthapuram. Many connecting flights are also available practically from all over India. Overseas delegates may contact their travel agents for details.

   **TRAIN:** There are two main Railway Stations, Margao (38 km from Panaji) and Vasco da Gama (35km from Panaji). All the trains halt at Margao and only a few trains run upto and from Vasco da Gama terminal. Besides, on coastal Konkan Railways route some trains coming from North and South India stop at Thivim (35 kms from Panaji) and Karmali/Old Goa (12 kms from Panaji) stations.

   **Bus:** Panjim being the capital city, is connected by Semi Luxury, Luxury, Super luxury Bus Service with Bangalore, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Mangalore, Chennai & Pune. Please Note: Venue of the conference Hotel Fidalgo is in Panaji (Panjim).

   **AWARDS**

   1. ‘Padmabhushan’ Dr. V. P. Sharma Oration Award for Outstanding Research in Vector Bio-ecology and Control (To be awarded to an Indian Scientist)
   2. Prof. Mir Mulla Award for Excellence in Vector Biology and Control (To be awarded to an International Scientist)
   3. Dr. T. R. Ramachandra Rao Award for Outstanding Research in Medical Entomology
   4. Shri P. B. Deobhankar Award for Distinguished Work in Public Health especially in Municipal bodies and State Government programmes
   5. SOVE (Indian Region) Young Scientist Award (Woman) below 35 years of age for outstanding research and innovation in the field of vector bio-ecology/vector borne diseases
   6. SOVE (Indian Region) Young Scientist Award (Man) below 35 years of age for outstanding research and innovation in the field of vector bio-ecology/vector borne diseases

   Awards 1-4 are by nomination while 5 & 6 are by application. Form can be requested by sending an e-mail to sovecongoa2019@gmail.com

   For registration details visit www.soveindia.org

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**Main Theme:**

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