



SOCIETY FOR VECTOR ECOLOGY

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Greetings from SOVE, India and ICMR-VCRC!!!!

The Society for Vector Ecology (SOVE), Indian Region in collaboration with ICMR-Vector Control Research Centre, Puducherry will organize its **SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE** from 13th to 16th March, 2023 at ICMR-VCRC, Puducherry, India. Regrettably, this conference had to be deferred from 2021 to 2023 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of this International Conference is to bring together students, researchers, programme managers, industry, NGOs and policy makers from across the globe on one platform who have interest in the vectors and vector-borne diseases, which continue to pose threats to the global health.

As in the first conference, delegates from India and abroad are expected to enrich the conference experience. It is expected that public health experts, academicians, scientists, researchers and research scholars and programme implementers will exchange views and share their experiences in the field of Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs). A gamut of issues surrounding Malaria, Filariasis, Visceral Leishmaniasis, Scrub typhus and other emerging viral pathogens like, KFDV, dengue, chikungunya and Zika will be addressed. The conference will provide an interdisciplinary platform for different streams of researchers, vector ecologists, biologists, microbiologists, molecular biologists, immunologists, public health experts and medical entomologists to discuss concerns and present their most recent findings, innovations, trends, as well as practical challenges faced and solutions adopted in the domain of VBDs. This would set tone for scientific deliberations on the current status of VBDs and need for a change in approaches to solve key/persisting problems of VBDs.

The meeting will also provide opportunities to debate and deliberate on contemporary advancements in artificial intelligence, digital and drone technologies for vector surveillance and control of VBDs. The deliberations during the conference will focus on broad thematic areas to address a range of significant issues in an effort to finding sustainable solutions in the management of VBDs. Some of the key areas addressed would be COVID and VBDs, biosecurity, impact of climate change on VBDs, One Health approaches, and cutting edge science and technological solutions related to the VBDs. The recent emergence and spurt of dengue, chikungunya, Zika, KFD, scrub typhus etc. are worrisome and sound alarm bells and also call for preparedness and rapid response to such outbreaks and epidemics which threaten

public health and economic progress of the nation. While addressing these issues succinctly, there is also need to keep a watch on invasive vector species at our points of entry such ports, airports and ground crossings.

Indian subcontinent and many countries in the India's neighbourhood have made significant progress in the control/elimination malaria, filariasis and Kala Azar (Leishmaniasis) in the recent decades. While learning from their rich experiences, this international conference will be devoted to finding tangible solutions to the above listed VBDs and will try to explore the usefulness of "new tools and technologies in the context of emerging pathogens, elimination campaigns and discuss the way forward".

Through this announcement, the executive committee of SOVE (Indian Chapter) cordially invite you to attend the 2nd International conference and contribute to the ever challenging and growing field of Vector Borne Diseases.

Please block your dates to meet in Puducherry, India: 13th -16th March 2023 and soon you will be receiving a detailed brochure for registration and participation.