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&
40th ANNUAL REGIONAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE

Theme

GLOBAL ISSUES AND REGIONAL PRIORITIES

JANUARY 16 – 18, 2009

VENUE

INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, NIRMA UNIVERSITY
AHMEDABAD

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Ahmedabad
&
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Recent times have witnessed a profound transformation of the world economic, political and social order because of globalization. The growing integration of economies and societies around the world – has been one of the most hotly-debated topics over the past few years. Today, globalization appears to dictate development strategies at the national and sub-national levels resulting into renewed interest in regionalization. Globalization has generated significant opposition over concerns that it has increased inequality and environmental degradation. There is also need to re-look and deliberate on the conceptualization, roles, and position of "regional priorities" in a development scenario that is becoming very global.

40th Annual Regional Science conference and the International Regional Science Symposium will try to address these issues with a focal theme of **“Global Issues and Regional Priorities”**. It will bring together national and international scholars, researchers, policy/decision makers, and others interested in the regional aspects of development in the era of globalization.

Focal Theme

Global Issues and Regional Priorities

The following are the major sub themes of the conference:

Redefining and Locating "Regions" in a Global era

New Frontiers in Regional Science: Theory and Methodology
Regional Economic Modeling and Spatial Econometrics
Spatial Statistics and Econometrics
Geographical Information Systems and Spatial Analysis (GIS & RS)

Regional Issues (at Sub-national and/or Supra-regional levels)

Water and other resources New Technologies, Technology Transfer and ICT Agglomerations, Networks and Linkages
Regional Sustainable Development

Regionalization Vs Globalization: Governance and Sustainable Development

Globalization versus Regionalization
Regional Cooperation, Conflicts
Globalization and Regional Competitiveness
Infrastructure Sustainable Development and Global Warming
New Technologies and Innovation
New Forms of Territorial Governance
Governance of Urban Regions and Rural Areas

Call for Abstracts and Papers

Interested scholars are invited to write and present their papers in the conference. The last date for submission of Abstracts and Full papers is December 15, 2008. The paper should be in MS – word format in Times New Roman with font size 12. and should not exceed 15 pages. The abstract and full paper should be mailed to Dr. M. Mallikarjun, Organizing Secretary at mmallikarjun@imnu.ac.in. A copy of the abstract as well as full paper should be sent to Dr. C.R. Pathak, Secretary, Regional Science Association, India, CK – 134, Salt Lake City, Sector- II, Kolkata 700 091, INDIA. Email: cr_pathak@hotmail.com

Registration

All participants attending the conference are requested to register in advance by mailing across the filled in Registration Form to the Organizing Secretary by **December 15, 2008**. Registration fee is to be paid through Bank Draft drawn in favour of “**Institute of Management, Ahmedabad**” payable at Ahmedabad.

Registration Fees will be charged as follows:

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| (a) | Indian member delegate | Rs. 1000/- |
| | Non member delegate | Rs. 1200/- |
| | Accompanying spouse | Rs. 500/- |
| (b) | Foreign / NRI delegate | US \$ 200/- |
| | Accompanying spouse | US \$ 100/- |
| (c) | SAARC Countries delegate | Rs. 1000/- |
| | Accompanying spouse | Rs. 500/- |
| (d) | Senior citizen members of the association are exempted from Registration Fee. | |

Accommodation

Limited accommodation can be arranged in the University at subsidized rates. Hotel accommodation can be booked on behalf of the delegate on prior information.

Manas Chatterjee Award

Manas Chatterjee award will be presented to the Regional Scientist whose paper is adjudged the best paper presented during the conference. Second Walter Isard distinguished lecture in Regional Science will be scheduled.

Organizing Committee

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NIRMA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

In 1994, the founder of the Nirma Group of Industries and an internationally acknowledged entrepreneur, Dr. Karsanbhai K. Patel crystallized his long-cherished dream of establishing world-class institutions for professional education in Gujarat. He founded the Nirma Education & Research Foundation (NERF), which, in turn, has established many leading institutions offering undergraduate, post graduate and doctoral level programmes. Functioning under the aegis of Nirma Education and Research Foundation, the university presently

includes Institute of Technology, Institute of Management, Institute of Diploma Studies, Institute of Pharmacy, Institute of Science and Institute of Law. All these institutions have emerged as centers of excellence offering various programmes ranging from undergraduate to doctoral levels in technology and engineering, management, pharmacy, science and law.

Considering the quality of education being imparted the Nirma University of Science and Technology was established under the Act passed by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Gujarat in April 2003. This development witnessed the merging of all the Institutes under the NERF into a single entity of Nirma University of Science and Technology. The University has also been recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under section 2 (f) of the UGC Act.

INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT

Institute of Management was established with a mission to be one of the best B-Schools in the Asia-Pacific region by promoting excellence in management education. The institute ranks among the top 20 Business Schools of India. The Institute's flagship programme is the residential two year MBA programme. It also offers MBA in Family Business and Entrepreneurship, MBA (Evening) and Doctoral Programmes in Management. In addition, it offers Executive Diploma Programmes, Management Development Programmes, In-house Training Programmes, and Consulting Services.

The Institute has linkages with foreign institutes in USA, Australia, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, and Malaysia. The Institute has established close ties with the industry through its various programmes.

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Transport

The delegates are requested to arrange their own to-and-fro travel for participation in the conference.

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ABOUT AHMEDABAD

Ahmedabad, one of the liveliest cities in India and a major industrial center in India, has often been called the ‘Manchester of the East’. Ahmedabad is the largest city in Gujarat and the sixth largest city in India with a population of almost 5 million. The city is also known as Karnavati. Ahmedabad got its name from Sultan Ahmad Shah who founded it in 1411 AD. Situated on the banks of river Sabarmati, Ahmedabad is known for its beautiful monuments of historical and archeological importance. Today, the city has left behind its past and has turned and developed itself into a leading industrial centre and has become the economic capital of Gujarat.

Ahmedabad offers something to celebrate all year round that ranges from celebrations of ‘Deepawali’ and ‘Dushera’ to the all night long folk dance parties of ‘Ras Garba’ and ‘Kite Festival’. The city has many places to visit, like the Science City, Akshardham Temple, Gandhi Ashram, and Adalaj Wav (Step Well). The weather of Ahmedabad is very pleasant during the month of January with temperature around 14⁰–28⁰ C.

Gujarat attracts several tourists to visit spots like Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary (80 kms), Adalaj Step Well (20 kms), Lothal, 4500 years old Harappan settlement (85 kms), Sun Temple of Modhera (99 kms), Dakor, a place famous for Ranchod Rai Temple (49 kms). For more information, please visit www.vibrantgujarat.com, www.incredibleindia.com, www.gujarattourism.net.

Tours to these places, before or after the event, can be arranged on request at cost.