

(22nd-24th December 2015)

Regional Museum of Natural History ODISHA ENVIRONMENT CONGRESS 2015

ENVIRONMENT: HEALTH & NUTRITION



Background of OEC:

Started in the year 2010, Odisha Environment Congress (OEC) is being organized uninterruptedly for last five years by Human Development Foundation (HDF)-Centre for Development Action and Research (HDF-cDAR), Bhubaneswar & Centre for Environment and Development (CED), Thiruvananthapuram; in collaboration & support of Forest & Environment, Department Govt. of Odisha, Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Bhubaneswar, Regional Centre for Development Co-operation (RCDC) etc. Since then it has become an annual scientific event. OEC has been providing a unique opportunity to academicians, researchers, scientists, planners, policy makers, students and practitioners for learning, interaction and also has been providing forum for dissemination of technology in the theme area. OEC also provides scope for publication and presentation on Odisha specific research based articles in the chosen theme. Themes for previous years were "Water and Environment" in the year 2010, "Forest and Environment" in 2011, "Energy and Environment" in 2012, "Agriculture and Environment" in 2013 and "Climate Change and Environment" in 2014.

Since last five years OEC has been successfully organized under the patronage and support of various departments of the Govt and various other non-govt agencies. Many scientists/researchers of repute from Odisha and outside had attended the previous OECs. Apart from 3 day long deliberations and paper presentations on the given theme, there have been other activities which include various competitions among school and college students, exhibitions, regional workshops, young scientist awards, children's environment congress etc. Over the past years the successful conduction of OEC has established itself as a unique and important platform for the cause of protection and conservation of environment in the state of Odisha. The previous years' OEC was attended by Chief Minister, several Ministers, Senior Bureaucrats, and experts/personalities of national and international repute.

Theme of OEC-2015: Environment: Health and Nutrition

The environmental factors are root cause of a significant burden of death, disease and disability - globally and particularly in developing countries. They range from poor water quality and access, vector-borne disease and air pollution to toxic chemical exposures, climate change and degraded urban environments. The resulting impacts are estimated to cause over 25% of death and disease globally. Much of this burden rests upon the shoulders of the poor and vulnerable. Further, environment has a far more pervasive implication for nutrition than perhaps was evident earlier. It is in this context impact of environment on nutrition and health has a special relevance to Odisha. The envisaged objective of the OEC 2015 is to bring together academicians, activists, policy makers, industry and media houses to discuss, debate and deliberate on environment and its impact on health and nutrition and come up with implementable solutions. The issues pertaining to the theme needs to be taken to larger public domain, specifically to the young masses, OEC 2015 plans out various other activities apart from invited paper presentations by experts/scientists and junior researchers on specific topics related to focal theme - "Environment: Health and Nutrition" with relevance to Odisha.



Objectives of OEC 2015:

- To provide a platform for interaction among the researchers, policy makers and leading experts in the field of 'Environment: Health and Nutrition' so that they come up with innovative and creative ideas which would help address key challenges emerging out of environmental impact on health and nutrition particularly in reference to Odisha.
- To enhance the networking between various research organizations, government and non government organizations working in the field of environment, health and nutrition and encourage them to work towards mitigating the challenges.
- To generate specific knowledge base on impact of environment on health and nutrition.
- To generate awareness about environmental impact on health and nutrition and come up with strategies based on scientific and rational approach involving different stakeholders.
- To offer an open forum for community members to interact with scientific community.

Call for papers:

Full papers based on original research on the focal theme are invited from researchers/experts/academicians/activists working in the area of health and nutrition in the context of environment.

The sub-themes of the congress on which papers are invited include the following broad areas. However, we encourage authors to write papers on topics of relevance to the theme in the context of Odisha which can be published after the review of editorial team which are not limited to Sub-themes only.

Sub Themes:

1. Environment and Public Health.
2. Environment, Food and Nutrition
3. Environment and Occupational Health
4. Environment, Health Education and Awareness
5. Impact of Climate Change on Health and Nutrition
6. Health Care and Environment

Guidelines for preparation of papers and posters:

Full papers with an abstract (not exceeding 300 words) should be submitted in triplicate in A4 size paper together with soft copy. The paper should not exceed 6 pages (Times New Roman, 10 points normal, 1.5 line space and with adequate margins) including figures, tables etc. Innovative posters are also invited on the theme. The size of the poster shall be 1mX1m and only one poster per person shall be allowed.

Papers for Young Scientists Award:

Papers from young researchers (age 35 and below) alone will be considered for inclusion in the award session. In case of multiple authorships, the first author will be considered for the award and he/she shall present the paper. Interested author (s) shall also have to give undertaking that the work has not been presented elsewhere or has not been submitted for publication/award. Communication to the authors will be made after scrutiny regarding the acceptance of the paper/abstract.



Other Activities:

Besides, keynote and invited paper presentation a series of pre-congress activities will be conducted including regional and zonal level workshops, state, district and block level competitions of school children on essay, story writing, painting, debate and quiz through eco-clubs and district environmental societies. During the congress, State level Children's convention, Display of Models and Exhibitions, cultural activities will be undertaken. In addition to this grass root level persons/CSOs those have done exemplary work in the field of environment, health and nutrition will be rewarded with 'Environment Ambassadors of Odisha 2015' award.

Deadlines for submission are as follows-

1. Abstract submission : September 30th 2015.
2. Notification of acceptance of abstract : October 15th 2015
3. Final paper submission : October 31, 2015
4. Author's registration : November 05, 2015
5. OEC-2015 Congress : December 22nd -24th, 2015

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Submission methods:

Electronic submission: MS-Word documents
Please submit the abstract not exceeding 300 words for each paper. All abstracts must be submitted by September 30th, 2015 in the following address or post (electronically)

Registration fee

Delegates	:Rs 500
Students/Research scholars	:Rs 300
Additional fees for spot registration	:Rs 100
(Registration fees will include breakfast, lunch and dinner for 3 days).	

About the Organizers

HDF-cDAR-Human Development Foundation –Centre for Development Action & Research (HDF-cDAR), a not for profit Trust has brought together a group of academicians, development thinkers and practitioners to facilitate participatory development initiatives towards empowered community. It works as a Think Tank as well as undertakes various research, advocacy and action projects in the area of Health, Education, Livelihood and Governance which influence the human development indicators to a large extent. It strives to promote people's institutions and platforms to ensure responsive governance system. Odisha Environment Congress (OEC) is one such platform which brings together researchers, scientific community and grass root workers to discuss, deliberate and find out solutions to various environment challenges. HDF-cDAR has been engaging itself with various Govt, Non Govt. & UN Agencies to bring about changes in favour of people's centric policies & reducing implementation of gaps.

Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH) Bhubaneswar, is an Eastern regional centre of the National Museum of Natural History, under the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The goal of the museum is to impart non-formal environmental education to the public in general and the student community in particular in order to inculcate the awareness about the importance of flora, fauna and subsequent conservation of our natural resources.

An aesthetically designed building and landscape sets the tone for an informal and joyful learning experience about our natural heritage and the importance of its conservation. It offers an exciting opportunity for hands on and minds on activity to interact with the exhibits under recreated environment to attain the knowledge about the harmony of plants and animals and their interrelationships in nature.

Centre for Environment and Development (CED) is an autonomous R&D institution and is the Centre of Excellence on Solid and Liquid Waste Management of the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India. CED has its headquarters at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and has established its Eastern Regional Centre at Bhubaneswar. The major Program Areas of CED are (i) Natural Resource Management, (ii) Water, Environmental Sanitation and Health (iii) Coastal Systems Research, (iv) Climate Change and Energy Studies (v) Information and Knowledge Management and (vi) Policy Studies and Institutional Design. CED has completed a large number of R&D, Consultancy and Training projects sponsored by various national and international agencies. CED has a multi-disciplinary team of around 250 scientists and engineers. CED has been organizing the Kerala Environment Congress in Kerala since 2005 as part of its multifaceted Outreach programs.

Regional Centre for Development Cooperation (RCDC) is engaged in addressing environment and people-centred issues from natural resource management, sustainable livelihoods development, to climate justice – its thematic domains - in the state of Odisha. As a think tank RCDC is striving to address social problems; making critical difference to people's lives in different poverty stricken tracts of Odisha and India, focusing on results and effectiveness. It is working in 1035 villages, spanning across 37 Blocks in 15 districts of Odisha and some pockets in central and south Indian states. The organisation has been able to generate significant and praise-worthy achievements in its thematic domains through synchronising efforts in terms of policy research, advocacy and campaigns, field based interventions, consulting and communications. RCDC has been partnering with OEC actively since 2014.

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