

12th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON FOSSIL ALGAE
Lucknow, India, 16-24 September, 2019

International Fossil Algae Association (IFAA)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Following the 11th International Symposium on Fossil Algae held in Okinawa, Japan in 2015, the 12th Symposium will be held in Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Lucknow, India from Monday 16 to Tuesday 24 September, 2019.

MAJOR THEMES

Presentations on any aspect of calcareous algae, calcified microbes, silicified and other groups of algae are desirable:

- Biomineralization and algal- or microbe- induced sedimentation
- Stromatolites
- Taxonomy, Systematics and evolution of calcareous algae
- Silicified marine and fresh water algae (diatoms)
- Marine and fresh water Cyanobacteria
- Morphology vs. molecular evidence in determining algal taxonomy and phylogeny
- Evolutionary history
- Living vs. fossil
- Biostratigraphy
- Biogeography and palaeoclimatology
- Palaeoenvironment/Palaeoecology
- Taphonomy and diagenesis
- Sedimentology: algae and carbonate platforms, facies analysis
- Significance of algae in hydrocarbon and mineral resources formation
- Proposals for additional themes or special sessions are welcome

PROGRAMME

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| 16 September, 2019: | Registration and Ice Breaker |
| 17-18 September, 2019: | Scientific sessions |
| 19 September, 2019: | Local sightseeing |
| 20-24 September, 2019: | Post-symposium field trip |

- **Scientific sessions will be held at Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow.**
- **Post-symposium field trip: Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Mio-Pliocene outcrops and underwater Recent marine algae).**

REGISTRATION FEE

- Attending foreign delegates: 100 US\$ (~90 €)
- Student foreign delegates: 75 US\$ (~70 €)
- Accompanying foreign person: 75 US\$ (70 €)
- Attending Indian delegates: INR 2000
- Student Indian delegates: INR 1500
- Accompanying Indian person: INR 1500

(Registration Fee includes conference materials, abstract volume, ice breaker, lunches, dinners, teas and coffees on conference days)

Registration fee can be paid by demand draft in favour of “Director, BSIP, Lucknow” or in cash on site. The Registration Fee also can be paid through online NEFT and SWIFT transfers in favour of “Director, Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Lucknow” in SB Account No: 187301000001666, IFS Code: IOBA0001873, Swift Code: IOBAINBB207, Indian Overseas Bank, BSIP Branch, 53 University Road, Lucknow – 226 007, U.P., India.

A copy of the online transaction receipt should be e-mailed to: ifaa.india2019@gmail.com

POST-SYMPOSIUM FIELD TRIP FEE

850 US\$ (about 750 €) per person for foreign participants and INR 60,000/- for Indian participants. It includes all expenses viz., air fares, transport, accommodation (with single occupancy) and food for 5 days.

ACCOMODATION

There are wide ranges of hotels near the conference venue i.e., BSIP, Lucknow. Approximate hotel tariff per night in Lucknow is 70 US\$ (60 €), INR 3000/- to INR 7500/-.

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LANGUAGE OF THE SYMPOSIUM

The official language of the symposium is English.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts for both oral and poster presentations should be sent according to the following guidelines:

- Send no later than Friday 15 March, 2019
- The abstract should be informative, typed in 12 point Times New Roman font in double space, mentioning the title, name(s) of the author(s) with their affiliation(s)
- Include an email contact information for all authors.
- Word limit: 300 words or less.
- Extended abstract with relevant maps, figures and references are also welcome.
- Abstract must be written in English.
- Submit as a word processing document, Microsoft Word (.doc, .docx or .rtf).
- Send abstract by e-mail to Dr Amit Kumar Ghosh: ifaa.india2019@gmail.com or akghosh_in@yahoo.com
- All references in the text must appear in a reference list.
- All references must follow the following format:

Braga, J.C., Martín, J.M., Riding, R., 1996. Internal structure of segment reefs: Halimeda algal mounds in the Mediterranean Miocene. *Geology* 24, 35–38.

Orszag-Sperber, F., Poignant, A.F., Poisson, A., 1977. Paleogeographic significance of rhodolites: some examples from the Miocene of France and Turkey. In: Flügel, E. (Ed.), *Fossil algae. Recent Results and Developments*. Springer-Verlag, Berlin, pp. 286–294.

Woelkerling, Wm J., 1988. *The Coralline Red Algae: An Analysis of the Genera and Subfamilies of Nongeniculate Corallinaceae*. British Museum (Natural History) and Oxford University Press, London and Oxford. xi + 268 pp.

Do not worry about formatting. The IFAA 2019 abstract editor will assign uniform formatting to all the abstracts.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for submission of registration form: 28.02.2019
Last date for submission of abstract: 15.03.2019
Last date for confirmation of participation in the symposium: 28.02.2019
Last date for confirmation of participation in the Post-symposium field trip and payment: 15.03.2019

Link for Registration form: <https://goo.gl/forms/H67hVgBL4yIFjuUb2>



The Lucknow City

Lucknow is the capital of the fourth largest state (Uttar Pradesh) of India with an area of 349 square kilometers (135 sq miles) and well connected from the capital of India (New Delhi). Flying time from New Delhi International Airport to Lucknow International Airport is only 45 minutes.



Lucknow has always been known as a multicultural city and famous for its hospitality that flourished as a North Indian cultural and artistic hub. Historically, Lucknow was the capital of the Awadh region, controlled by the Delhi Sultanate and later by the Mughal Empire. It still continues to be an important centre of governance, administration, science and technology, education, commerce, aerospace, finance, pharmaceuticals, design, culture, tourism, music and poetry. September has been chosen as the best month to hold the symposium mainly because of the weather here in Lucknow during this time of the year remains moderate (24°C to 34°C).