

**12<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON FOSSIL ALGAE**  
**Lucknow, India, 16-24 September, 2019**

**International Fossil Algae Association (IFAA)**

*Organized by:*

**Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences**  
*(An Autonomous Institute under Department of Science & Technology, Government of India)*  
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

**TECHNICAL SESSIONS/THEMES:**

- I. Precambrian palaeobiology: Evolution and biostratigraphy**
- II. Biostratigraphy, diversity and ecology of calcareous algae in time and space**
- III. Taxonomy, diversity and ecology of diatoms of the past and present**
- IV. Biostratigraphy and palaeoenvironmental implications of nannofossils and dinoflagellates cysts**
- V. Carbonate sedimentology, geochemistry and facies analysis**
- VI. Applied aspects of algae including molecular systematics**

**PROGRAMME**

Time	MONDAY 16.09.2019	TUESDAY 17.09.2019	WEDNESDAY 18.09.2019	19.09.2019 - 24.09.2019
10:00 – 11:15		Opening Ceremony	Technical Session III	Local Sightseeing (optional on 19.09.2019)
11:15 – 11:45		Tea Break	Tea Break	
11:45 – 13:30		Technical Session I and II	Technical Session IV and V	
13:30 – 14:30		Lunch Break	Lunch Break	
14:30 – 16:00		Technical Session II Contd.	Technical Session V Contd. and VI	
16:00 – 16:30	Registration	Tea Break	Tea Break	
16:30 – 18:00		Poster Session	Closing Ceremony and IFAA Business Meeting	Departure from Lucknow on 19.09.2019 for Post Symposium Field Trip and arrival at Lucknow on 24.09.2019
19:30 – 21:30	Ice Breaker	Cultural Evening and Conference Dinner	Dinner	

## SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

### Poster presentation:

The maximum size of a poster is 841 x 1189 mm i.e., 33.1 x 46.8 inches (A0 Size) in landscape mode.

### Oral presentation:

All the equipments will be provided including PC, Laptop and LCD projector. The maximum time for oral presentation is 15 minutes and 5 minutes for discussion. For key note/special lectures allocated time is 25 minutes and 5 minutes for discussion.

- **Scientific sessions will be held at Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow.**

## 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”. 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: Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Mio-Pliocene outcrops and underwater Recent marine algae).**

## POST-SYMPOSIUM FIELD TRIP FEE

**Post-symposium field trip: Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Mio-Pliocene outcrops and underwater Recent marine algae).**

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.

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## **LANGUAGE OF THE SYMPOSIUM**

The official language of the symposium is English.

## 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).

### 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/-.

#### **Renaissance Lucknow Hotel**

Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 226010

Ph no.: 0522 405 5555

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lkobr-renaissance-lucknow-hotel/>

#### **Taj Mahal Lucknow**

Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 226010

0522 671 1000

<https://www.tajhotels.com/en-in/taj/taj-mahal-lucknow/>

#### **Clarks Avadh, Lucknow**

8, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Narpatkhera, Hazratganj, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 226001

<https://www.hotelclarks.com/avadh-lucknow/>

#### **Gemini Continental, Lucknow**

10 Rani Laxmi Bai Marg, Near, Parivartan Chowk, Hazratganj, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 226001

Ph. No.: 0522 401 1111

<http://www.geminicontinental.com/>

#### **Radisson Lucknow City Center**

24, Cantonment Rd, Kaiserbagh Officer's Colony, Qaisar Bagh, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 226001

Ph. no.: 0522 429 9999

[https://www.radisson.com/lucknow-hotel-up-226001/indrloc?s\\_cid=os.apac-IN-rad-INDRLCC-gmb](https://www.radisson.com/lucknow-hotel-up-226001/indrloc?s_cid=os.apac-IN-rad-INDRLCC-gmb)

There are several other hotels of different categories (makemytrip, goibibo, Trivago etc.)

## HOW TO REACH

To reach **BSIP, Lucknow**, please use the following directions:

Please refer to **BSIP, Lucknow** in Google maps

(Copy & paste: VW8Q+VP Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh; <https://goo.gl/maps/aboESeZsNNopX4eo7>)

### 1. From Airport

Take a prepaid taxi (or UBER, OLA cabs) from the counters. Ask for destination "Lucknow university Gate NO. 4". The distance is about 18 km. Follow the google map for directions.

### 2. Arriving by Metro

Metro timings: 06:00 to 22:00 hrs (every 5 -10 mins)

Take metro trains bound towards Munshipulia and get down at Vishwavidyalaya (14<sup>th</sup> stop from CCS Airport and 5<sup>th</sup> stop from railway station i.e., Charbagh). Tickets (Rs 50/- from CCS Airport and Rs 20 from Charbagh) can be booked at the station itself. It takes around 36 mins from CCS Airport and 17 mins from Charbagh.

After getting down at Vishwavidyalaya stop walk straight towards the north for 180 m and you can see a sky blue colour building on your left (BSIP) with the Indian Overseas Bank at the entrance.

## BANKING AND CURRENCY

The currency in India is known as the Indian Rupee and is marked by the Rs/ sign. The country does not accept other types of currency, so it's important to exchange money or take out local cash when visiting. There are main seven banknotes in India, ranging from Rs 10/- to Rs 2000/-. There are also several coins, including a Rs 10/- coin.

Currency exchange facilities are available in most banks, hotels and airports and operate in normal business hours. Credit cards are accepted at most of the restaurants, hotels and shops, the most widely used being Mastercard and Visa.

## ELECTRICITY

In Lucknow electrical current is 220 V. If your appliances are of different than this, you will need a voltage converter.

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