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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
**LAND USE CHANGE, BIODIVERSITY AND
CLIMATE CHANGE**

6th to 7th October 2008

ORGANISED AND HOSTED BY

Departments of

Tourism

Botany

Physics

NESAMONY MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
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About the Conference

To address the issue of land use change and climate change in Kanyakumari and its adjacent areas of Tamil Nadu, it is imperative to have a common platform where members of all disciplines come together and discuss its impact on earth. To provide a forum we propose to organize an International Conference on “Land Use Change, Biodiversity and Climate Change” from 6th to 7th October March 2008 at Marthandam in Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu. This seminar will focus on global change due to land use change, biodiversity and climate change with special emphasis on South India. It will also study the human response to various ecological changes. It will further concentrate on all aspects of sustainability. Land use change builds bridges among all sciences. It is hoped that the conference will break new ground and foster research among scientists in land use change, biodiversity and climate change.

Major Theme of the Conference:

International Conference on Land Use Change, Biodiversity & Climate Change.

Sub Topics

- Land use Change : Physical, Chemical and Biological processes.
- Land use Change : Social, Economic and Political Processes.
- Land use Change Monitoring : Role of Remote sensing GIS and GPS.
- Impact of Land use change on Biodiversity.
- Impact of Land use change on Climate change.
- Tourism Development and Land use change.
- Climate change – Adaptation and Mitigation.
- Climate change and Coastal Environment.
- Land Resource Management for Sustainable, Biodiversity Development with Reference to Tamil Nadu, India & world.

Goals of the Conference:

- Disseminating information on land use change, biodiversity and climate change, methodology, practice and policies.
- Facilitating the exchange of information across disciplines and among individuals, groups and institutions.
- Reaching out to develop collaboration through strengthening the networks and research groups.
 - Highlighting the positive contribution of land use change, biodiversity and climate change, research policy and practice.

Location

Once called the Alexandria of the East, ‘Cape Camorin’, presently Kanyakumari, located on the Southern end of Indian Subcontinent, derived its name from the Virgin Goddess Kanniyakumari. It is a land of harmony where St.Thomas, one of the disciples of Christ, visited and where Swami Vivekananda meditated and enlightenment.

The host town : Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu

Steeped in tradition, folklore and history, Marthandam tastes sweet thanks to honey that the bee-hives yield round the year, going round the world in bottled majesty. Ever-flowing and never-drying river, *Thampiraparani*, would have already injected goodness into

the good old village called *Nalloor* that stands high among the rocks and the palm-fringed banks of the river. One kilometer away from the river, there stand the tall and lofty Church that harmoniously links the caste-ridden inglorious past with the enterprising, educational ENDEAVOURS of the present. Nesamony Memorial Christian College (NMCC), Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, is a testament of educational FAITH to the ceremoniously neglected, underprivileged sections of society... And already, it has sent from its womb hundreds of brilliant, talented, confident youth to conquer greater heights of social glory.

The Host College: Nesamony Memorial Christian College (NMCC), (Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli) Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu

- Established in 1964.
- Courses UG & PG (Aided & Self supporting).
- Co-educational
- Students' strength – 2750.
- Well qualified faculty and well equipped laboratories.
- A light to the people of remote and rural regions.
- Located near National Highways (NH47), between Nagercoil and Tiruvananthapuram.
- Nearest International airport - Tiruvananthapuram (45 Kms).
- Nearest Railway station – Kulithurai (1 Km.).

Participants

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| ▪ Academicians | ▪ Technicians |
| ▪ Research Scholars | ▪ NGOs and |
| ▪ Practitioners | ▪ National and International experts |

Papers

- ◆ Papers are invited for presentation in the seminar.
- ◆ The abstract of paper should be typed with double space in Times Roman (12 Font Size), title of the paper, name of author(s), affiliation, text, and references not exceeding one page in MS Word format.
- ◆ The manuscript should be sent to the convener as e-mail attachment latest by August 20, 2008.
- ◆ Poster presentations should be indicated in the registration form, the size of the poster should not exceed A0.
- ◆ The programme includes talks and discussions followed by deliberations for recommendations.
- ◆ Poster sessions will be organized during the seminar.

Field Trip (October 8 – 10, 2008)

A three day field visit is organized specially for foreign delegates (Interested Indian delegates can also participate) The field trip is inclusive of the panoramic view of Western Ghats of India, boating, animal watch at Thekadi, and sight seeing in Vempanad Lake and its islands (one island whose land level is lower than the water level outside approximately 5 feet and it is separated by a natural bund) and

one –night stay at Boat House in Kumaraham of Kerala state. The trip ends at Kovalam Beach, Thiruvananthapuram.

The fee for the trip is US \$400, which includes transportation, food and accommodation.

Itinerary for field trip

Date	Departure		Arrival		Places of visit
	Place	Time	Place	Time	
08.10.2008	Venue of the Conference	7 : 30 am	Thekadi, Kottayam Dist, Kerala	5.00 pm	Halt at Thekadi Boating(Mulaiperiyar Lake) & Animal Watch between 7.00 am and 9:30 am on 09.10.2008
09.10.2008	Thekadi	10 am	Kumaraham, Allepey Dist.	3.00 pm	Sight seeing of Vempanad and Lake islands by boat and one night stay at Boat House
10.10.2008	Allepey	8.00 am	Thiruvananthapuram	12.00 pm	Veli & Kovalam

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**(When returning this form please write clearly in block letters or type.
One registrant per form. Please photo copy to register additional participants)**

1. Personal details

Name :
Postal Address :

City Country Telephone
Fax E-mail
Organization

Will some one accompany you, who will participate / not participate in the seminar
If so please indicate his/her name Male Female

Name :

Please indicate if you have any special dietary needs

Vegetarian Non Vegetarian Diabetic

2. Abstract Details

I am interested in attending the international Conference and propose to submit the following paper.

Title of paper:

Author(s):

An abstract of 200 words is enclosed/will be send by August 20, 2008.

Please specify the area of your interest from the given theme to attend the Conference.

Title of Poster:

Any other information

3. Field trip

Delegates, who are interested in field trip

Name

Will some one accompany you in the field trip

Name Sex Male Female

Date :

Place : Signature

4. Seminar Registration Fee

The registration fee will cover the proceeding launches, refreshments, cocktails and seminar kits.

Category	Amount
Individual Foreign Delegate	US \$100
Indian Delegates	Rs. 500
Students Delegates / Research Scholars	Rs. 200
Field Trip Fee: Individual Foreign Delegates	US \$ 500

Payment for registration, accommodation and field trip should be send through DD on in favor of Organizing Secretary, IGU conference on Land Use Change, Biodiversity and Climate Change, Martandam, Tamil Nadu, India : Payable at State Bank of Travancore, Martandam Branch, Tamil Nadu, India.

Please return the completed form to the Convener:

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Note: It is a first circular for the International Seminar. Other details of seminar and final circular will be issued soon.