

INVITATION

Dear Colleagues

It is a matter of great pleasure for me to invite you to NATCON 2016: 71st National Conference of Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases at Chandigarh, the City Beautiful. The conference is being jointly organized by the Department of Pulmonary Medicine at Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, Academy of Pulmonary Sciences, and Tuberculosis Association of Chandigarh.

Department of Pulmonary Medicine at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research at Chandigarh (www.pgimer.edu.in) is a pioneer in pulmonary sciences in India with its postdoctoral (DM) course in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, and provides an excellent academic environment.

NATCON has evolved over the past few years into a preferred platform for pulmonologists and allied professionals in India to share their experiences, update their knowledge, and interact with each other. We propose to hold the conference at the Institute campus itself to provide a more serene and professional ambience. It will be our endeavor to attain the highest academic standards, and also provide a most conducive environment to enjoy the same. As a part of the academic feast, we expect to have a galaxy of distinguished faculty, renowned both nationally and internationally.

During the month of December, Chandigarh has a pleasant welcoming weather. We all keenly look forward to welcome you in December 2016.

Dr. D. Behera
Organizing Chairman, NATCON 2016
Professor and Head
Department of Pulmonary Medicine
PGIMER, Chandigarh

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The three-day conference will have a rich feast of academics, focusing on all major areas of topical interest in the field of tuberculosis and respiratory disorders. The conference will lay special emphasis on interactive sessions, to improve participation by delegates. Many leading authorities of national and international repute will share their expertise with the participants.

The main highlights of scientific programme are:

- Postgraduate Workshops
- Orations of Tuberculosis Association of India
- Keynote Addresses and Guest Lectures by leading luminaries
- Debates on current controversies
- Panel Discussions on important issues related to diagnosis and management
- Symposiums covering a wide range of clinical and research topics
- Poster discussions of selected research abstracts

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Registered delegates to the conference can participate in the workshops by paying additional registration fee for the same. Each registered delegate can attend one workshop only.

The following workshops are planned:

- Modern diagnostic techniques in tuberculosis
- Pulmonary function testing
- Non-invasive ventilation
- Diagnostic thoracic endoscopy

Workshop seats are limited and registration is subject to availability of seats. Please confirm availability of workshop slots from the conference secretariat before making payment.

REGISTRATION

Registration fee

	Up to 30/09/16	Up to 30/11/16	After 01/12/16
Delegates	Rs. 5000	Rs. 6000	Rs. 7000
Accompanying Person*	Rs. 4000	Rs. 5000	Rs. 6000
Postgraduate Students**	Rs. 2500	Rs. 2500	Rs. 3500
Foreign Delegates	US\$ 300	US\$ 350	-
SAARC Delegates	US\$ 150	US\$ 200	-
Workshops	Rs. 2000	Rs. 2500	Rs. 4000

Registration requests after December 1, 2016 will be entertained only in case of availability of space, and delegate kit shall be provided to these participants only if available. Similarly, workshop participation will be limited to a reasonable number, on a first-paid-first-served basis.

* Accompanying persons, including spouses of delegates, shall not attend/visit the scientific sessions and Exhibition.

** Postgraduate students should submit a certificate from their Head of Department/Institute.

Payment method

Kindly send your Draft / Multicity Cheque in favour of "Academy of Pulmonary Sciences" payable at Chandigarh.

Cancellation

Refund of Registration fee (after deducting 25%) will be made for requests received till November 30, 2016 only. Payments will be made only after the end of conference.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dates of Conference

Workshops: December 16, 2016
Scientific Meeting: December 17-18, 2016

Deadline for Early Bird Registration

September 30, 2016

Regular updates on the scientific programme, and abstract submission, will soon be available at our website (www.natcon2016.in)

REGISTRATION FORM

Registrant Information (please print clearly)

Title: Prof Dr Mr Mrs Ms

(Last Name)

(First Name)

(Middle Name)

(Date of Birth)

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(Mailing Address)

(City)

(State)

(Pin code)

(Phone / Fax / Mobile with city codes)

(E-mail)

Registrant Category: Delegate
 Accompanying Person
 Postgraduate Student*
 Foreign Delegate
 SAARC Delegate
 Workshop

* Please submit certificate from Head of Department

Payment Details:

Cheque / Draft number and date

Total Amount

Kindly make Cheque/Demand Draft favouring "Academy of Pulmonary Sciences" payable at Chandigarh.

Please mail the registration form, along with payment & other documents, to Dr. Ashutosh N. Aggarwal, Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh 160012.

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts related to original research, or novel/interesting aspects, on tuberculosis and other pulmonary diseases are welcome. Please send your abstract through e-mail to the Conference Secretariat, no later than October 31, 2016. The abstract should be limited to 250 words, and should be structured to include Title, Objective, Methods, Results and Conclusions. Please provide names and current affiliations of the presenting author and all other co-authors, as per template available on the conference website. All submitted abstracts will be peer-reviewed before acceptance. It is mandatory for presenters to register for the conference.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Registration is mandatory for all faculty, delegates and those presenting posters.
- For postgraduate registration, a certificate is needed from Head of Department/Institution.
- Registration cannot be transferred.
- Spot registration will be by cash payment only.
- Registration fee does not include travel and/or accommodation, which should be arranged by the participants themselves. The organizers will provide help and guidance in case of any difficulty.
- Please visit www.natcon2016.in for additional information and updates.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

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First Announcement

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Under the aegis of

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