

National Conference on Biodiversity of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants: Collection, Characterization and Utilization

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Organized by

Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Association of India,
Anand, Gujarat



In association with
Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research
Indian Council of Agricultural Research
Biodiversity International



Registration fee

Delegate categories	Early Registration	Late Registration
Foreign nationals	\$100	\$120
Univ./institute/industry	1500	2000
Life Member of MAPAI	1000	1500
Students	800	1000

Participants who would like to become a member of MAPAI can download the life membership registration form at <http://sites.google.com/site/mapaindiaorg>.

How to register and pay registration fee?

A signed copy of the Registration Form should be sent by e-mail or by post to Organizing Secretary on or before October 30, 2010 along with registration fee. The payment should be made to the Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Association of India, Anand either by DD/e-transfer. Participants are encouraged to register and make his/her payment online to association A/C No.457010100084598, AXIS Bank, Anand and send transaction details at e-mail address: ncbmap.secretary@gmail.com for confirmation of receipt of the amount paid.

Location and climate

Anand is known as the Milk Capital of India, well known for Amul dairy and centre for white revolution. The city is approximately 36 km from Vadodara and 65 km from Ahmedabad. The weather during November is usually pleasant (temperature ranges from 26 to 33°C).

Accommodation

Accommodation will be arranged on payment for the participating delegates in hotels and guest houses at Anand. The tariff in the hotel ranges from Rs. 600/- to Rs. 3000/- per day according to the room categories. The delegates have to send 50% accommodation charges (non refundable) in advance along with registration fee.

Registration of the delegates is restricted to 100 delegates only.

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Introduction

Globally, medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) constitute one of the integral parts of the biodiversity, ecosystem and biological heritage. Medicinal and aromatic plants are being used since ancient time for the treatment of many diseases in traditional and recognized systems of healthcare and for therapeutic, fragrance and flavoring products in pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries besides as sources of natural dye, fat and oil, essential oil, biopesticide, carbohydrate, resin, protein, vitamin, condiment, spice, timber, fiber and other useful substances. Plants are also considered to be the prime source of drug and aroma molecules and their precursors in modern medicine.

India is one of the twelve mega-diversity countries in the world and extremely rich in biological diversity with high level of endemism. Out of 34 biodiversity hotspots- earth's biologically richest place- India houses the major parts of three important biodiversity hotspots namely the Himalayas, Western Ghat and Indo-Burma with about 45000-50000 plant species and 4,900 endemic species of flowering plants. Thus we have tremendous opportunities to convert them into the useful bioresources by adopting sustainable collection, characterization, documentation, conservation and utilization for the food, environmental and health securities through strategic participatory research, developmental and promotional approaches to deliver the end products to the society for their utilization.

Loss of biodiversity is a global phenomenon. More than one decade after the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the recognition of biodiversity loss has gained lot of attention at global, national and regional levels. The United Nations proclaimed 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity and people all over the world are working to safeguard this irreplaceable natural wealth and reduce biodiversity loss. Realizing this target in the biodiversity of medicinal and aromatic plants, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Association of India in collaboration with Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research (ICAR), Anand, Gujarat is organizing a National Conference by providing opportunities to the researchers to share, lead and contribute in research, development and promotions of MAPs for the benefit of India and celebrate 2010 International Year of Biodiversity.

Invitation

The organizing committee cordially invites you to participate in the National Conference on **Biodiversity of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants: Collection, Characterization and Utilization** going to be held at the Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research (Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Govt. of India), Anand, Gujarat during November 24-25, 2010 on behalf of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Association of India (MAPAI), Anand to celebrate the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity.

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Thematic areas

- Plant genetic resources in MAPs (MAP-PGR)-Authenticity of the MAP species, its documentation, conservation and sustainable collection
- Characterization of the wealth of PGR in MAPs using morphological, biotechnological and phytochemical tools
- Utilization of MAP-PGR following Good Agricultural Practices
- Quality assessment and value addition in MAPs
- Legal issues and policies related to IPR management in MAP-PGR

Important dates

Event	Deadlines
First Circular	:May 2010
Second Circular	:July 2010
Abstract/full paper submission	:Oct 15, 2010
Notification of acceptance	:Oct 20, 2010
Registration & accommodation	:Oct 30, 2010
Forms with fee & accommodation	