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The 11th International Conference on Public Communication of Science & Technology (11th PCST-2010)

Pre Conference Seminar "Towards a Scientifically Aware & Attitudinally Rational World" - Khajuraho, December 04-05, 2010

Main Conference "Science Communication Without Frontiers" - New Delhi, December 06-10, 2010

Post Conference Workshop "Bringing Scientists & Media Together for Better Science Communication" - Jaipur, December 10-11, 2010

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Press Release

Global Concern for Low Science Literacy

New Delhi, December 1st: Over 500 scientists from 50 countries will be in India next week to participate in strategic talks at the 11th International Conference on Public Communication of Science & Technology (11th PCST-2010) aimed at addressing issues and policies intended at dissemination and linking scientific research to common public and finding ways and means to enhance the abysmally low level of science literacy amongst masses in the world.

His Excellency Former President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam will be inaugurating the conference in New Delhi on December 7th. Dr. T. Ramasami, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology will preside over the inaugural function at NASC Complex, New Delhi. The conference will be held under the aegis of National Council for Science & Technology Communication (NCSTC), Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India in association with International Network on Public Communication of Science & Technology (PCST-Network) and Indian Science Communication Society (ISCOS) from December 04 to December 11, 2010.

Dr. Kamal Kant Dwivedi, Adviser & Head, NCSTC and Chair, 11th PCST-2010 International Advisory Committee told in a Curtain Raiser today that this International Conference would be held in three phases i.e. at Khajuraho, Delhi and Jaipur. The Inaugural Session of the conference (Pre Conference Seminar) will be held at Khajuraho from December 04 to December 05. The Main Session of the Conference will take place in New Delhi from December 06 to December 09. The Post Conference Session will be held at Jaipur during December 10-11, 2010.

Dr. Manoj K. Patairiya, Convener, 11th PCST-2010 has told in a press briefing that over 400 papers will be presented in the Main Conference spread over 40 parallel sessions and 24 workshops. The conference being held for the first time in India shall be attended by eminent science communicators, practitioners, analysts and scientists from all across the world involved in the emerging field of science communication. They will present their research findings apart from taking part in reflective sessions related with the burning issues in hands. The topics, such as science communication in the present global scenario, balancing knowledge deficit and knowledge abundance, scientific literacy, developing scientific temper, science fiction and cultural constraints associated with science communication would be discussed in length. A plenary discussion aimed at establishing science communication as an independent discipline of knowledge will also take place. The conference will begin at Khajuraho with participants involved in discussion related to the theme of 10th Science Communication Congress "Towards a Scientifically Aware & Attitudinally Rational World". The conference will be concluded with a workshop at Jaipur on "Bringing Scientists & Media Together for Better Science Communication".

A "New Delhi Declaration 2010 on Science Communication" will be issued as an outcome of the 11th PCST-2010 conference incorporating major recommendations.

(Manoj K. Patairiya)
Convener, 11th PCST-2010