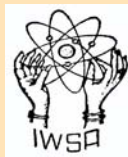


Symposium on
**Sustaining Global Pressures:
Women In Science And Engineering**
(SGPW 2008)

Next Generation Challenges and Opportunities

January 3-5, 2008
Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, India

Organised by



Indian Women Scientists' Association (IWSA)
Kalpakkam Branch

About IWSA

Indian Women Scientists' Association (IWSA) is a voluntary, non-political, non-governmental, social welfare organization founded in 1973. It has its head office in Mumbai and there are 10 branches all over India including Kalpakkam, near Chennai. The main objectives of IWSA are (I) To take science to the masses and develop a scientific temperament in society and (ii) To be a representative body for women working in natural and physical sciences, including applied sciences like engineering and medicine.

About the Symposium

The Symposium on Sustaining Global Pressures: Women in Science and Engineering (SGPW 2008) – Next Generation Challenges and Opportunities is organized by Indian Women Scientists' Association Kalpakkam Branch. The symposium will address important issues related to women professionals. The purpose of this symposium is to bring together a large inter – disciplinary community of women engineering professionals, scientists, entrepreneurs and academicians to enable discussions and exchange of ideas on specific issues related to women.

Around 200 delegates from Industries, Educational Institutions, Research and Development organizations including leading experts from several countries are expected to participate in this unique symposium.

The language for the presentations and the symposium proceedings is English. Each session of the symposium starts with a keynote address on a specific topic by an eminent person and is followed by contributory papers. The symposium papers in the form of a CD along with the book containing accepted abstracts would be made available to the delegates during the conference.

Relevance

- Women:**
- * Professionals in educational, research and national and international laboratories.
 - * Doctors and engineers in public and private sectors and students.
 - * Entrepreneurs in science and technology
- Industries:**
- * Any organization with a significant ratio of women employees.

Venue

The venue of the symposium is Kalpakkam about 65 Kms from Chennai city. Chennai (earlier known as Madras), the southern coastal city of India is the capital of Tamil Nadu state, and is the fourth largest metropolis in India. Chennai is rich in cultural heritage for both classical and modern forms of art and has many tourist attractions. The city has the unique distinction of having a large number of educational/research organisations. Ever growing and expanding, the vibrant city Chennai has a very important place in the development of modern India in terms of the contributions from medicine, information technology and various automobile, petrochemical and power generating industries.

Topics to be covered

- ◆ Women Scientists in Developed and Developing Countries: Diversities and Commonalities.
- ◆ Innovation and Creativity in the Next Generation
- ◆ Issues related to Women's Legislation.
- ◆ Women as Decision Makers: Pitfalls and Barriers
- ◆ Motivating the girl child to a career in Science and Engineering.
- ◆ Women Entrepreneurs in Science and Technology.
- ◆ Women and Environment

Call for Papers

Papers are invited on the topics outlined above and other subjects of interest to the theme of the symposium. Abstracts of about 250 words should be submitted to the Convenor of the symposium, both by e-mail address and hard copy. The abstract should contain the title of the paper, the author's name (s) and their affiliation including the mailing address, fax numbers and the e-mail of the corresponding author. It is important to note that the papers are accepted based on the understanding that the author or one of the authors will attend the conference. Guidelines for the submission of manuscript for review and the preparation of final camera-ready version will be communicated upon the acceptance of the abstract.

Important Dates

Abstract Submission	1st September 2007
Intimation of Acceptance	15th September 2007
Submission of Paper	1st November 2007
Deadline for registration	1st December 2007
Sponsors / Advertisement	15th November 2007

Registration

The participants are requested to register on or before December 1, 2007.

Fees:	Overseas	Delegate	US \$100
	Participants	Spouse	US \$75
	Indian	IWSA Member	Rs.1000/-
	Participants	Non-IWSA Member	Rs.1500/-
		Students	Rs.500/-
		Spouse	Rs.1000/-

The registration fee includes delegate kit, admission for all sessions, a set of conference materials (Book of abstracts, CD containing conference proceedings and the souvenir), lunch and snacks on conference days. The registration fee can be paid in the form of a Demand Draft drawn in favour of "SGPW-2008" payable at State Bank of India, Kalpakkam.

Sponsorship Opportunities

The symposium provides a unique opportunity for sponsoring organisations to promote their products/services to the focused international and national audience besides having an excellent opportunity to interact with engineers / scientists / academia during the entire symposium duration.

Category of Sponsorship	Amount for Indian Companies (Rs.)	Benefits
Golden Sponsors	1,00,000	Logo in website, souvenir and proceedings. One page profile in the souvenir. Full page colour advertisement in the souvenir. Free registration for five delegates
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Sponsors for Lunch	50,000	Announcement with logo in the lunch invitation card. One page advertisement in Souvenir (B&W) Free registration for two delegates Banner display during lunch
Sponsors for Dinner	50,000	Announcement with logo in the dinner invitation card One page advertisement in Souvenir (B&W) Free registration for three delegates Banner display during dinner
Sponsors for Cultural Programme	30,000	Announcement with logo in the invitation card Free registration for one delegate Banner display on stage during the cultural programme
Sponsors for each session	10,000	Announcement during beginning and end of each session Free registration for one delegate Banner display during the session

The detailed information regarding sponsorship and advertisements in the Souvenir can be obtained from the CONVENOR

Souvenir

A souvenir will be published to commemorate the event. This will carry articles by eminent people on contemporary topics related to Women's issues. Advertisements are solicited for insertions in the souvenir. The matter for advertisement may be sent to the Convener on or before November 15, 2007. Payment should be made in the form of a demand draft in favour of "SGPW 2008" drawn on State Bank of India and payable at Kalpakkam

Advertisement Rates for Souvenir

Page	Indian (Rs.)
Outside Back Cover	15,000
Inside Cover Pages	12,000
Special Colour Pages	10,000
Full Page (B & W)	5,000
Half Page (B & W)	3,000

Exhibition

Limited stalls are being made available where exhibitors can display relevant products at the rate of Rs.30,000/- per stall of size 3 x 2 metres. Each exhibitor is entitled to register two delegates free of cost.

Places of interest around Kalpakkam

Kalpakkam is surrounded by several places of historic importance. Mamallapuram is situated 5 km north of Kalpakkam on the shore of Bay of Bengal and was once a famous port of Pallavas (7-8 century AD). It is known for many marvelous monuments with sculptural panels, caves, monolithic rathas and temples, and it offers sunny beaches and beach resorts. Kovalam, a picturesque fishing village, which was originally a port, is about 48 km from Chennai. The remains of an old fort have now been converted into a luxury beach resort with facilities for wind surfing and swimming. Crocodile Bank about 12 km from Kalpakkam is a crocodile breeding and research center. The reptiles are kept in their natural habitat in open pools and can be viewed from safe proximity. Kancheepuram the 'Golden City of Temples' situated 25 km from Kalpakkam is an important seat of learning. The 2000 years old city was the historical capital of Pallavas between 6th and 8th century. Pondicherry, an old port city and earlier a French colony is about 80 km south of Kalpakkam. It has the famous Aurobindo Ashram, Auroville, beach, churches and temples attracting many tourists.

For more details please refer to web:

www.tamilnadutourism.org

**People behind
“SGPW 2008”**

A strong and devoted team of people are working for the successful organisation of SGPW 2008. The International Advisory Committee and National Organising Committee with eminent persons related to the theme of the symposium from India and overseas are being formed. The details will be made available in the next announcement.

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