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# International Cotton Genome Initiative ICGI-2004 Workshop



October 10-13, 2004

at **Hotel Taj Krishna**

Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India

(Optional Study Tours, October 14, 15, 16)


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## ► About the ICGI Workshop

INTERNATIONAL COTTON GENOME INITIATIVE (ICGI) was founded by a small group of researchers on cotton at Canberra, Australia during the year 2000. ICGI initiated with the major purpose of increasing the knowledge of structure and function of the cotton genome for the benefit of global community (<http://icgi.tamu.edu>). Aims are to facilitate global communications, collaboration and education, increase knowledge, and resource integration, enhance technology and resource development and help coordinate research planning in the areas of cotton genomics. Meetings were held in Canberra, 2000 (Australia) and Montpellier, 2001 (France).

The last meeting was the first Scientific ICGI Workshop and was held in Nanjing, China hosted by Nanjing Agricultural University. It was attended by more than 90 researchers from 14 countries and contributed 105 oral and poster presentations. The proceedings were published and are available on website of ICGI <<http://icgi.tamu.edu>>

The ICGI made announcement in the World Cotton Research Conference – 2003 held in South Africa about holding of 4<sup>th</sup> ICGI Workshop in India in 2004. ICGI functions through formalized structure and an International Steering Committee. Dr. David Stelly is the Chair of ICGI presently. There are new chairs and co-chairs for the 5 work groups that comprise ICGI's main organizational architecture. The five working groups are Structural Genomics, Functional Genomics, Germplasm and Genetic Stocks, Evolutionary and Comparative Genomics and Bioinformatics.

## Each of these work groups are charged with executing the ICGI mission by:

1. Formulating long-term collaborations;
2. Identifying the strategic research goals;
3. Identifying shared resources;
4. Reporting activities and results to the ICGI community;

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## ► Important Information

### Arrival and Departure Assistance:

Our special teams that would be kept at Mumbai and New Delhi shall provide all assistance needed in transit (like airport transfers, hotel accommodation for stay and escorting back to the airports) at arrival time in India as well as at departure time from India, apart from post-workshop tours. Hotels are the same as given under the study tours.

**The international delegates are requested to book their air tickets from starting country airport to Hyderabad (India) airport for both onward and return journeys via Mumbai or New Delhi.**

The international delegates should send travel plan regarding arrivals and departures to the Local Working Committee Chair, Mr. P Vidyasagar sufficiently in advance though e-mail, preferably before the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2004.

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### Hyderabad-Site of the Meeting

The ICGI-2004 Workshop will be held at Hotel Taj Krishna, Hyderabad, India from October 10-13, 2004. It is recommended that the delegates should reach Hyderabad preferably on morning of Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2004 so as to get acclimatized with the environment of Hyderabad. Hyderabad being a tourist attraction and excellent centre of education, research and business is very well connected with Mumbai, New Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore and Kolkatta. Delegates arriving from outside can very well arrive via Mumbai or New Delhi. The climate in October will be slightly warm and humid with night and day temperatures ranging between 20°C to 27°C. A business suit is preferable for the meeting. However, for other programmes cotton clothing is recommended.

## Hotels at Hyderabad

The ICGI meeting venue, the Hotel Taj Krishna, is a Five Star Deluxe Hotel. Several excellent star hotels are also available in the range of US \$ 85-160 per day. Reservations should be made directly with the hotels as early as possible to get choice of rooms.

The Room Tariffs are as follows:

Accommodation	Single US\$	Double US\$
<b>TAJ KRISHNA</b>		
Superior	105	130
Taj Club Room	160	190
Deluxe	115	140
<b>TAJ RESIDENCY</b>		
Single	85	100
Residency	95	110



Note: Applicable taxes as in October 2004 – Extra  
*Check-out and Check-in time 12.00 hrs*

Above rates are inclusive of Buffet Breakfast. All bills must be settled either by cash or on approved traveler's cheque / credit card.

Booking to be done directly by the participants only On-Line for above Taj Group of Hotels:

E-Mail: <[reservations.hyderabad@tajhotels.com](mailto:reservations.hyderabad@tajhotels.com)>

International participants arriving with Spouses may also book accordingly.

## Visas

A valid passport and visa are required for most nationalities entering India. Indian Embassies and Consulates are being notified of the event and advised to expedite visa procedure.

## Registration

Participants are requested to register directly through on-line registration  
see link <<http://icgi.tamu.edu>>.

### Registration fees

- Within due date (30<sup>th</sup> July 2004) Rs. 2500 (for Indian participants), US\$ 150 (for outside India participants) US\$ 50 (for accompanying spouse)
- After due date (after 30<sup>th</sup> July 2004): Rs. 3,000 (for Indian participants), US\$ 180 (for outside India participants), US\$ 60 (for accompanying spouse)

### Payment Method for Overseas Participants:

On-site payment by cash / by credit card at Hyderabad

For on-line payment via credit cards (MC, Visa, Discover, Am.Expr., only) look for a link at the meeting web-site: <<http://icgi.tamu.edu/meeting/2004/>>

### Payment Method for Participants from India:

#### Registration On-Line

May send the registration fee by Bank Demand Draft in favour of the Indian Society for Cotton Improvement payable at MUMBAI (Bank Commission to be borne by Participant). Cheques will not be accepted.

**OR** On-site payment by cash / by credit card at Hyderabad

**Cancellation: No provision**

## ▶ Workshop Programme

### ▶ Sunday, Oct 10, 2004

- |       |    |                                       |
|-------|----|---------------------------------------|
| 04.00 | PM | INAUGURAL SESSION                     |
| 05.30 | PM | High Tea                              |
| 06.00 | PM | Registration at Hotel Taj Krishna     |
| 07.00 | PM | Cultural Programme and Welcome Dinner |

### ▶ Monday, Oct 11, 2004

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|-------|----|--|
| 08.00 | AM | Registration Continues   |
| 08.30 | AM | SCIENTIFIC SESSION I: STRUCTURAL GENOMICS<br>Chair: Dr. John Z. Yu, Co-Chair: Dr. Tianzhen Zhang |
| 10.30 | AM | Tea Break and Poster Viewing   |
| 11.30 | AM | SCIENTIFIC SESSION I (Continues)   |
| 01.30 | PM | Lunch  |
| 02.30 | PM | SCIENTIFIC SESSION II: FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS<br>Chair: Dr. Norma Trolinder                         |
| 04.30 | PM | Tea Break and Poster Viewing   |
| 05.00 | PM | SCIENTIFIC SESSION II (Continues)  |
| 06.30 | PM | Adjourn  |
| 07.00 | PM | Dinner   |

### ▶ Tuesday, Oct 12, 2004

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| 08.30 | AM | SCIENTIFIC SESSION III: GERMPLOSM AND GENETIC STOCKS<br>Chair: Dr. Richard Percy, Co-Chair: Dr. Shuxin Yu             |
| 10.30 | AM | Tea Break and Poster Viewing  |
| 11.00 | AM | SCIENTIFIC SESSION III (Continues)  |
| 01.30 | PM | Lunch   |
| 02.30 | PM | SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV: EVOLUTIONARY AND COMPARATIVE GENOMICS<br>Chair: Dr. Curt Brubakar, Co-Chair: Dr. Andy Paterson |
| 04.00 | PM | Tea Break and Poster Viewing  |
| 04.30 | PM | SCIENTIFIC SESSION V: BIOINFORMATICS<br>Chair: Dr. Andy Paterson, Co-Chair: Dr. Jun Zhu                               |
| 07.00 | PM | Dinner  |

### ▶ Wednesday, Oct 13, 2004

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| 08.30 | AM | SPECIAL SESSION I: SEQUENCING OF COTTON GENOME<br>Chair: Dr. Jeff Chen, Co-Chair: Dr. A B Dongre       |
| 10.00 | AM | Tea Break and Poster Viewing   |
| 10.30 | AM | SPECIAL SESSION II: COMMERCIAL PERSPECTIVE OF ICGI<br>Chair: Dr. David Stelly, Co-Chair: Dr. C D Mayee |
| 01.00 | PM | Lunch Break  |
| 02.00 | PM | BUSINESS MEETING OF ICGI<br>Chair: Dr. David Stelly, Co-Chair: Dr. R J Kohel                           |
|       |    | CLOSING SESSION  |
| 04.00 | PM | Tea Break  |
| 04.30 | PM | Local Shopping   |
| 08.30 | PM | Banquet Dinner   |

## ► Post-Workshop Tours

### ► Thursday, Oct 14, 2004

- 09.30 AM **OPTIONAL TOURS OF HYDERABAD**
- Visit to ICRI SAT and Shopping
  - Visit to Golconda, Charminar, Birla Temple, Shilparamam, Salarjung Museum etc.
  - Cotton Hybrid Seed Production and Processing

The tours will terminate at 04.30 PM

Contact Person: Mr. P Vidyasagar: E-mail: <[pvsagar@sify.com](mailto:pvsagar@sify.com)>

### Delhi-Agra Tour

Two nights stay at Five Star Hotel

- Arrival in Delhi by evening 14<sup>th</sup> October 2004
- Night Halt at Jaypee Vasant Continental
- Delhi Tour on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct and night halt at Agra at Jaypee Palace Hotel
- Agra Visit (Tajmahal and Agra Fort) and back to Delhi
- Recommended departure from International Airports on Oct 17 in the early morning hours (e.g 1-2 AM)

Total Tour Cost: Rs. 6,600 (US\$ 150 approx.) Single  
Rs. 10,500 (US\$ 250 approx.) Double

*(The tour cost includes accommodation, food and travel only)*

Contact: Hotel Jaypee Vasant Continental

E-mail: <[hvc@del3.vsnl.net.in](mailto:hvc@del3.vsnl.net.in)>

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### Mumbai-Goa Tour

Two nights stay at Five Star Hotel

- Arrival at Mumbai by 14<sup>th</sup> evening
- Night Halt at Hotel Kohinoor Continental
- Mumbai tour on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct and night halt at Bagmulla Beach Resort, Goa.
- Goa local visits on 16<sup>th</sup> and back to Mumbai.
- Recommended departure from International Airports on Oct 17 in the early morning hours (e.g 1-2 AM)

#### Mumbai (Tour cost):

Rs. 4000 (US\$ 90 approx) on single occupancy  
Rs. 4800 (US\$ 110 approx) on double occupancy

#### Goa (Tour cost):

Rs. 4200 (US\$ 95 approx) on single occupancy  
Rs. 4800 (US\$ 110 approx) on double occupancy

*(The tour cost does not include the airfare from Mumbai-Goa-Mumbai. This would be approximately US\$ 160 and US\$ 230 respectively for Economy Class and Business Class)*

Contact: Hotel Kohinoor Continental

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Besides, the above-mentioned tours there are tours to Jaipur, Kerala, Temple Tour of South India. Tailor-made itineraries to suit your specific requirements can also be made. Forward all queries to: Mr. P Vidyasagar E-mail: <[pvsagar@sify.com](mailto:pvsagar@sify.com)>



## About the ICGI-2004 Workshop Venue-Hyderabad

The city of Hyderabad is the capital of Andhra Pradesh, one of the most progressive states in India. Sultan Mohamed Quli Qutub Shah of the Shahi dynasty founded Hyderabad in 1589. Here Telugu, Urdu, Marathi, Kannada and Tamil have mingled and enriched the city famous for the Nawabi traditions of graciousness. The twin cities of Hyderabad-Secunderabad fusion is from the 18<sup>th</sup> century onwards and all the cultures that reigned in the twin cities since then have left indelible marks on them.

Hyderabad, agriculturally and industrially advanced city enjoys the reputation of accommodating major industries, educational institutions, several Universities, and International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), ICAR and other Government of India institutions and adds pride to the Deccan as this region is known.

Hyderabad city, a city of pearls has many historical monuments such as- Charminar: A magnificent edifice of 400 years standing strong.

Golkonda Fort: On isolated hill spread over a radius of 3km and represents the proud product of the world famous Kohinoor Diamond.

Tourist Attractions: There are innumerable locations like Qutub Shahi Tombs, Mecca Masjid, Salarjung Museum, Paigah Tombs, Osmania University, Lumbini Park, Falaknuma Palace, designed by Italian architect, Nehru Zoological Park, NTR Gardens, Hussain Sagar Lake, Birla Mandir, Birla Planetarium cum Science Museum, Durgam Cheruvu, Hitech city, Shilparamam, Ramoji Film City, Mahavir Harin Vanasthali Zoo Park, which attract large number of tourists and visitors. The 350 tonnes monolithic statue of Lord Buddha erected in the Hussain Sagar Lake and Necklace Road are great sights to see and enjoy.

Hyderabad and its region feature many important sites for research and education, including multiple Universities, making the city a unique center of advanced learning and research in Science and Technology. Some of the Research Institutions are:

- ICRISAT (located within 30km distance from heart of the city)
- The Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU)
- Directorate of Rice Research
- Directorate of Oilseeds Research
- National Research Center for Sorghum
- National Plant Protection Training Institute
- National Institute of Rural Development
- National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE)
- National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources Regional Station
- Center for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)
- AP-Netherlands Biotechnology Park
- Osmania University
- Central University of Hyderabad
- Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University
- Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD)
- National Institute of Nutrition

The Administrative Staff College of India and the National Police Academy are also located at Hyderabad.

Hyderabad is the "Seed Capital" of India and enjoys the pride of being the headquarters of most of the major seed companies and R & D facilities and seed processing facilities. Cotton is principal commercial crop of the state with nearly 8, 00, 000 to 10, 00, 000 hectares and contributes to about 15% of the national production. Hybrids and transgenic hybrids are grown extensively.

The first Afro Asian Games were held in this city in 2003 and also the World Billiards Championship in the same year. Mr. Bill Clinton, when he was President of the USA visited the city. Mr. Bill Gates of Microsoft, USA is also a visitor to this Hi-tech city, which can boast of IT Revolution in India. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has declared a part of the city as "Genome Valley" on the lines of Research Triangle (Biotechnology) in North California, USA. ICICI Knowledge Park and Shapoorji Palonji Biotech Park constitutes the most important landmarks making Hyderabad also a BIOTECH CITY in India.

The ICGI meeting venue, Hotel Taj Krishna, is a 5-Star Deluxe Hotel. Continental and international cuisines are available. Numerous 3-5 Star Hotels with accommodations and facilities that meet international standards can be found in Hyderabad.

