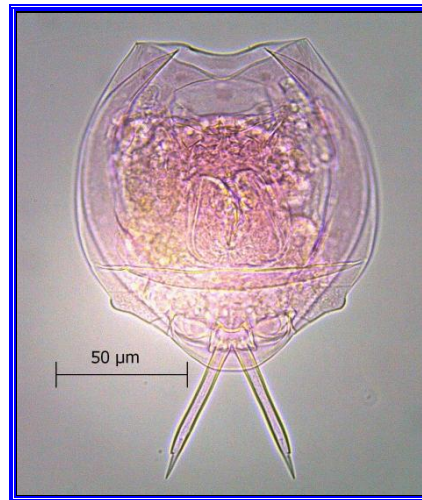


INTERNATIONAL ROTIFER SYMPOSIUM
ROTIFERA XIII
(November 18-24, 2012)



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Dear Rotiferologists,

We are pleased to announce that the **13th INTERNATIONAL ROTIFER SYMPOSIUM (ROTIFERA XIII)** will be organized by the **Department of Zoology, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong** from **NOVEMBER 18 to 24, 2012**. This symposium will provide an ideal platform for rotifer specialists from all over the world to interact, exchange views with the fellow researchers and experts, and discuss future research issues relevant to international priorities. We also intend to foster national and international research collaborations and training programmes at this global meeting.

We wish to extend a cordial invitation to all **Rotiferologists** to actively participate in this **first international symposium on Rotifera to be held in India**. We look forward to welcoming you to Shillong.

Major Themes of the 13th Rotifer Symposium

1. Taxonomy, Biodiversity, Zoogeography & Bar coding
2. Autecology & Population Ecology
3. Feeding, Trophic Interactions & Behaviour
4. Molecular Biology, Phylogeny, Genetics & Biochemistry
5. Aquaculture & Mass Production of Rotifera
6. Biotechnology & Bioinformatics
6. Ecotoxicology & Indicator Organisms
7. Sessile & Bdelloid Rotifera (Special Session)
8. Asian Rotifera-Biodiversity and Ecology (Special Session)

Workshops on selected topics can also be organised if participants wish. Please send proposals to the Convener well in advance.

Venue:

Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya state, is located at an altitude of 1496 m ASL. Tucked away in the Eastern-Himalayas, **Meghalaya (the abode of clouds)** is one of the most beautiful states of India. The state receives abundant rainfall, and has virgin forests, groves, ancient caves, high plateaus, waterfalls, hill-streams and meandering rivers. **The symposium will be held at the auditorium of the University's Guest House in the Permanent Campus, Umshing, Shillong-793022.**

How to reach Shillong?

Shillong is well connected to **Guwahati city** by rail, air and road (National Highway 40), and it takes 3-4 hours to cover the 103 km distance by taxi, which is readily available. Guwahati, a metropolis city, serves as the gateway to northeast India: it is well connected by rail, road and air. **Gopinath Bordoloi airport at Borjhar (Guwahati)** has several daily flights from and to the **Indira Gandhi International Airport (New Delhi)** and **Netaji Subhash Chandra Airport (Kolkata)**. Shillong also has a small airport at Umroi (Barapani), about 25 km away, where it receives some flights from Kolkata.

Weather:

Shillong is cold during November with temperatures ranging between 10 °C and 20°C. Warm clothing is recommended.

Currency:

Rupee (INR) is the official currency in India. It will be possible to exchange all major international currencies at the various government authorised banks in the city.

Visa requirements:

Delegates from various nations will require a visa to visit India. You are advised to contact the Indian Embassy/Consulate in your country for (multiple) visa and other requirements.

Accommodation:

Limited accommodation (twin-sharing basis) will be available in two Guest Houses and international hostels at the Permanent Campus of the University on first-come-first-served basis. Other participants can be lodged in hotels in Shillong city. The approximate cost of accommodation (**per person/ per day**) is as follows: 25 US \$ (Guest house standard); 50 US \$ (Guest house suite/ international hostels); 50-75 US \$ (City hotels); 100-130 US \$ (City hotels-deluxe); 150-200 US \$ (City hotels-luxury).

Food:

30-35US \$ (breakfast, lunch and dinner). Traditional Indian food will be served. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

Registration fee:

	<u>Before June 30, 2012</u>	<u>After June 30, 2012</u>
Foreign delegates	300 US \$	350 US \$
Accompanying persons	100 US \$	120 US \$
Indian delegates	6500 INR	7000 INR
Local delegates	3500 INR	4000 INR

Presentations:

Invited lectures, oral lectures and poster presentations will be organised in different technical sessions. Participants are requested to kindly indicate their preference for oral /poster presentations.

Awards:

We plan to felicitate selected senior **ROTIFEROLOGISTS** with ‘**RECOGNITION AWARDS**’ for their significant contributions to our understanding of the global Rotifera. Nominations for the same, along with the brief bio-data and research contributions of each candidate should be sent to **Prof. B K Sharma, Convenor, Rotifera XIII**. Prizes will also be given for the best oral lecture and poster presentation given by a **Young scientist** (below 35 years).

Deadlines:

First Circular	August, 2011
Preliminary registration of participation*	November 15, 2011*
Second Circular	January, 2012
Registration, remittance of registration Fee, and submission of abstracts	June 30, 2012
Acceptance of abstracts	July 31, 2012
Final Circular	August 30, 2012
Intimation of travel details and Confirmation of accommodation	October 15, 2012
Arrival of participants	November 18, 2012
Departure of participants	November 24, 2012
Submission of manuscripts (for peer-review):	January 30, 2013

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Foreign delegates are requested to submit a formal note of consent of their participation along with their name, address, affiliation and other contact details by **November 15, 2011 positively**. This information is required to seek a formal authorisation and permission from the different agencies/ministries of the Governmental India.

Publication of the Symposium Proceedings:

The proceedings of **Rotifera XIII** will be published as a special issue of an international journal. All manuscripts will be peer-reviewed according to the procedure set out by the Journal:

Special Guest Editors: Prof. B.K Sharma, Prof. H. J. Dumont and Dr. R. D. Gulati

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SECOND CIRCULAR will follow as per schedule. Please contact us for any information. Your suggestions and feedback are welcome.