

14th

World Sanskrit Conference

Kyoto, Japan, 1(Tue.)-5(Sat.) September, 2009

As agreed by the International Association of Sanskrit Studies (IASS) at its 13th World Sanskrit Conference held in Edinburgh (Scotland, U.K.) in 2006, the 14th World Sanskrit Conference will be held in Kyoto (Japan) from the 1st (Tuesday) to the 5th (Saturday) of September, 2009. The conference will be hosted jointly by the IASS and the Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University.

Mode of operation at the 14th World Sanskrit Conference

The 14th World Sanskrit Conference will operate in 15 parallel sections (with five sessions running concurrently) chaired by the conveners specializing in their respective fields. The conveners will give a profile to their sections and select the papers for presentation. During the conference they will personally preside, as chairpersons, over the meetings of their sections and/or nominate additional chairs, if necessary, for this purpose.

The conveners of each section can modify the title of their section, for example by giving it a specific theme. To keep a high scholarly level of the conference, they are allowed to pre-select a proportion of the speakers in their section. Scholars wishing to present a paper should send the title and abstract of their paper to the secretariat in Kyoto; papers will be forwarded to the relevant conveners who will review and select all found suitable for the program. All conveners will act as editors of the papers presented in the sections when the volumes of conference proceedings are prepared.

The conveners operate in close collaboration and consultation with the secretariat of the conference. As the secretariat is responsible for practical arrangements, scholars wishing to participate in the conference are requested to send their query concerning practical matters not to the convener(s) but directly to the secretariat for the sake of uniform management.

Sections and conveners

The 15 sections and the conveners are listed below. Individual speakers and the titles of their papers will be announced on the web page of the conference and in the succeeding circulars.

1. Veda – Masato Fujii, Arlo Griffiths
2. Linguistics – Jared S. Klein, Kazuhiko Yoshida
3. Epics and Purāṇas – James L. Fitzgerald, Christopher Minkowski, Yuko Yokochi
4. Āgamas and Tantras – Shingo Einoo, Dominic Goodall
5. Vyākaraṇa – George Cardona, Ashok Aklujkar, Hideyo Ogawa
6. Poetry, Drama and Aesthetics – Gary A. Tubb, Yigal Bronner

7. Sanskrit and Regional Languages and Literatures – Takanobu Takahashi, Yoshifumi Mizuno
8. Scientific Literature – Dominik Wujastyk, Michio Yano
9. Buddhist Studies – Akira Saito, Helmut Krasser, Kazunobu Matsuda
10. Jaina Studies – Shin Fujinaga, Nalini Balbir, Fumio Enomoto, Peter Flügel
11. Philosophy (Indian logics, philosophy of language, theories of practice, etc.) – Shoryu Katsura, Mark Siderits, Kiyotaka Yoshimizu
12. History of Religion – Noel Sheth, Muneo Tokunaga
13. Ritual Studies – Yasuke Ikari, Shingo Einoo
14. History, Epigraphy, and Art History – Hans Bakker, Diwakar Acharya, Keiji Sadakane
15. Law and Society – Patrick Olivelle

Papers

The time allowed for each paper is limited to 30 minutes including discussion; the length of the written version for publication must be agreed with the conveners. Papers offered without special invitation will be selected on the basis of a one-page abstract (300–400 words). Abstracts must be submitted on paper, or preferably in electronic form by e-mail or on disk, by the end of December 2008 (note that anyone needing an early decision on acceptance should notify us and send the abstract before the end of September 2008). Information about acceptance or rejection of the paper will be given by the end of February 2009 (or by the end of October 2008, if the abstract has been received by the end of September). Invited speakers are requested to send their abstract of paper by the end of May 2009. The papers presented in the conference will be published in a series of volumes after the conference.

Conference fee and registration form

Conference fee will be ¥25000 for the participants who are not members of the IASS, ¥20000 for the members of the IASS, and ¥15000 for students (proof needed). If the fee is paid later than the end of February 2009, it will be increased by ¥5000. The cancellation fee will be ¥5000. Banking details will be given in the second circular.

The registration form and a sheet for abstract will be available on the website of the conference office in the near future.

Conference venue

The conference will be held in the Clock Tower Centennial Hall and the building of the Graduate School of Letters, both located inside Yoshida Campus of Kyoto University. Reservations for accommodation will be managed by the hotels that are tied up with Kyoto University. The detailed information about the accommodation will be announced in the second circular. Alternatively, participants can make their own arrangements for hotel accommodation.

Circulars

- First circular (this circular): general information + pre-registration form – August 2007
- Second circular: detailed information about the programme, accommodation, travel, etc. + registration form + accommodation reservation form – August 2008
- Third circular: provisional schedule, interim list of participants, and other updated information – April 2009

This circular and other information concerning the conference will be available on the conference website. The second and third circulars will be sent to those who have returned a completed pre-registration form.

Organizing committee

Chair:	Muneo Tokunaga
Honorary members:	Hemant Krishan Singh (Ambassador of India, Tokyo) Kazuo Oike (President of Kyoto University)
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Pre-registration form

(Please fill in and return this form by July 31, 2008)

(This form is also available on the conference website)

Surname

First name

Title

Address

e-mail

I would like to present a paper in section no.

Date

Signature

I prefer to have further circulars

- on paper (by post)
- e-mailed
- in both formats
- Do not send the circulars, I will consult your website.

Name of accompanying person(s), if any:

Surname

First name(s)

Other requirements/comments:

*Vegetarian food is not available in ordinary Japanese restaurants.

Are you a vegetarian? Please answer “yes” or “no”.

YES

NO

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