FIRST CIRCULAR

At the outset, let me take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks on behalf of the ISBS to you for your active support and valuable cooperation to make the 18th Annual Conference a success at the Kalyani University, Kalyani (WB) during September 28-30, 2018.

I feel pleasure to inform you that the Indian Society for Buddhist Studies is holding its 19th Annual Conference at Prachya Vidyapeeth, Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh during October 11-13, 2019.

Professor Arvind P. Jamkhedkar, Chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi has kindly consented to the General President of this conference and will deliver the Key-Note Address.

The following broad areas/fields are being proposed for deliberations during the Academic Sessions of the Conference:

1. Pali Language and Literature
2. Buddhist Sanskrit Language and Literature
3. Buddhism in Apabhramsha Literature
4. Central & East Asian Language and Literature (including Tibetan, Japanese, Thai, Sogdian, Kuchean etc.)
5. History of Buddhism in India & Abroad (including Art, Architecture, Archaeology etc.)
6. Buddhist Philosophy
7. Contemporary and Applied/Engaged Buddhism
8. Buddhism in the Comparative Light
9. Indian Himalayan Buddhism
10. Buddhist Tourism

Please feel free to write on a topic of your choice concerning the areas cited above. Use of references from Pali/Prakrit/Sanskrit/Tibetan/Chinese sources will be more appreciated.

As a matter of our policy, we always try to highlight Buddhism in the region/place of conference. So we shall sessions on Buddhism in Madhya Pradesh and Buddhism & Jainism: A Comparative Study with Special Reference to Socio-Historical and Philosophical Aspects. However, other areas of Buddhist Studies hitherto uncovered can also be explored for deliberations. I earnestly hope that other colleagues, who become members of the ISBS, would be able to attend the session and contribute meaningfully through their research papers.
ENROLMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP

Only members can of course, become delegate at the session. Please fill up the enclosed Membership Form and remit membership fee by Bank Draft (any bank) in favour of the Indian Society for Buddhist Studies, payable at Jammu. It may also be remitted by cheque payable at par, or in cash.

Fee Structure

The Fee structure is as follows:

For Indian Citizens:

i. Annual: Rs. 500/-

ii. Life: Rs. 2000/-

iii. Donor: Rs. 3100/- or more (inclusive of Life Membership)

iv. Institutional (Annual): Rs. 2000/-

If the Annual membership is renewed after the due date, an additional amount of Rs. 200/- will be levied as Late Fee.

* Direct Life Membership has been withheld for the time being.

A member, who attends three Annual Conferences consecutively and contributes to the Conference meaningfully through his/her research paper, can apply for the Life Membership the next year. His/her Application will be placed before the Office Bearers, and if approved, Life Membership may be granted to the applicant.

For Foreign Citizens: ##

(A) SAARC countries (B) Other countries

Annual US$ 50 US$ 100

## Members from countries other than India will have right to cast their votes, but they will not be eligible to contest for Executive Committee or for any of the post of Office Bearers. However, their suggestions will be welcomed.

Please remit your membership fee by cash/DD/cheque payable at par only latest by June 30, 2019. Membership will not be granted after that date for the session. Any member whose remittance is received after the last due dates (i.e. June 30, 2019) may not be able to vote at the session, even if otherwise eligible. He/she can, however, still be a delegate and participate in the academic proceedings of the session.

Please send your correct address, Phone No., Email address etc., if there is any change in your address.

DELEGATES TO THE SESSION

Due to cost constraints and limited number of hotels/guest houses, we may not be able to accommodate guests accompanying the members. So please avoid bringing your family members. They may be allowed, however, in exceptional cases and the members will have to pay the same amount per person what they are supposed to pay for themselves. Every Delegate is required to remit the Delegate Registration Fee @ Rs. 2000/- (US$ 250/-for a foreign delegate) till June 30, 2019. Delegate Registration Fee may, however, be acceptable in exceptional cases till July 31, 2019 with a late fee of Rs. 500/- per head. Those who fail to remit the Membership Fee and the Delegate Registration Fee even by the said date, will not be allowed to attend the Conference.

Kindly remit the Delegate Registration Fee by A/C Payee DD payable at Jammu/cheque payable at par in favour of the Indian Society for Buddhist Studies, and addressed to Dr. Lalit Gupta, Secretary. Delegate Registration Fee must reach the Secretary latest by June 30, 2019.
You are requested to encourage and invite your colleagues to become members of the ISBS and pass on the enclosed Membership Form (or its Xeroxed Copy) to them. All its requirements (including providing of photographs and documentary evidence of degree etc.) may please be complied with. Please remember to send the form along with requisite enclosures to the Treasurer as per the following address:

Dr. Lalit Gupta
Secretary, ISBS
108 A (Private), Gandhi Nagar, Near Gole Market, Jammu-180004 (J&K)
M: +91-9419139950

LOCAL SECRETARY

Dr. Trapti Jain, Deputy Director, Prachya Vidyapeeth, Madhya Pradesh, will be the Local Secretary of this Conference. Her contact number is: +91-7987005612 and E-mail id is: rapi.tjain@gmail.com

TICKET RESERVATION
The ISBS takes no responsibility for managing ticket for any member/delegate. Please ensure your to and fro reservation well in advance. Please refer to the Railway Time Table for various train routes reaching Berchha/Maksi/Shajapur. Those reaching Indore by Air, may take road route by Taxi/ bus which take 2½ hours (approx.).

PAPER FOR THE SESSION
Members are requested to prepare research papers in English/Hindi/Pali/Sanskrit with Roman/Devanagari script in the light of the said thrust areas and submit the same as per the following deadlines:

Important dates:
Summary/Abstract of the proposed research paper: latest by May 31, 2019 (Pl. do not send any money as membership fee with your Abstract). Full Paper: latest by July 31, 2019.

If it is deemed that the Abstract is going to contribute meaningfully and is acceptable, the contributor will be intimated and confirmed by email/telephonically. Please be in touch with the undersigned/Treasurer. Only in case of acceptance of the Abstract, Membership and other fees can be remitted by June 30, 2019. Only such members shall be extended Formal Invitation Letter to attend the Conference.

While writing the paper, the following points must be taken into consideration:
• The paper must be research oriented and an original contribution to the knowledge of Buddhist Studies bearing notes, references etc. at the end only.
• Kindly ensure that your paper is computer typed in double space and does not exceed 8 to 10 pages.
• Please use the font Times New Roman for papers in English and Kruti Dev for papers in Devanagri Script. Hand written paper will not be accepted.
• We shall appreciate if your paper is sent to us with its electronic format. It will indeed help us in making correction, improvement and editing.
• Papers received after the last date may not be included in the printed list of the session.
• An Abstract of not more than 500 words should invariably be provided to the Secretary by June 30, 2019. The Abstracts of papers are going to be published and will be made available to the Delegates at the time of the Conference. So Abstracts of those delegates who fail to send the same by the given date will not be included in the volume.
HONOUR TO THE SENIOR SCHOLARS

The ISBS has been honouring senior scholars with the Mañjuśrī Sammāna for their outstanding contributions towards the promotion of Buddhist Studies and this year, the Honouree will be: Prof. S. R. Bhatt, Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research. In addition, the honouree is also honoured with the Kamladevi Jain Smrtri Samman which carries an amount of Rs. 5100/-. Five awards have been constituted (2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sponsored) on presentation of the best research papers as per the following specifications:

1. Ācārya Buddhaghosa Award on a paper purely on the linguistic, grammatical or literary aspect of Pali.
2. Ācārya Nāgārjuna Award on a paper on Buddhist Sanskrit or Mahāyāna Buddhism.
3. Mahākavi Svayambhū Award on a paper on Buddhism in Apabhramśa Literature.
4. Mahapandita Rahul Sankrityayan Award on a paper on Buddhist Philosophy.
5. Divjot Waak Shodh Samman on a paper by a woman delegate (no age bar). This award will carry Rs. 2500/-

These awards (except No.5) have been constituted/sponsored to promote young scholars and carry Rs. 1100/- each in cash with a Certificate of Appreciation and the upper age limit of the contestants will be 40 years on July 31, 2019 for the same. Interested scholars must send their papers, so that the same reaches the office of the Secretary on or before July 31, 2019 for consideration of the expert Committee.

One person will be nominated in one category only. A scholar who has been recipient of an award in a year will not be eligible to contest for the coming 3 years in any of the categories from the session; he/she has been recipient of any award. The documentary proof of age will be mandatory for such scholars. In case of any doubt, query or suggestion, please feel free to contact the undersigned by post or on phone No. +91- 94191-39950 (cell) or through email: mailtoisbs@gmail.com.

Queries may be made to the Treasurer Dr. Suresh Kumar on his Cell No. +91-8825012735.

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After Due Date i.e. June 30, 2019 late fee will be chargeable- Rs. 200 (Annual Membership) and Rs. 500 (Delegate/Life Membership)

Looking forward to welcome you at Prachya Vidyapeeth, Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh at our 19th Annual Conference.

With kind regards,

Cordially yours,

(Lalit Gupta)
Secretary