



16th WORLD SANSKRIT CONFERENCE



Bangkok, Thailand 28 June–02 July 2015

In honour of
Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn
on Her auspicious Diamond Jubilee Birth Anniversary
organised by
Sanskrit Studies Centre, Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
&
International Association of Sanskrit Studies (IASS)

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

At its 14th World Sanskrit Conference held in Kyoto (Japan) in 2009, the International Association of Sanskrit Studies (IASS) gave its first approval of hosting the 16th World Sanskrit Conference in Bangkok (Thailand) under the auspices of the Sanskrit Studies Centre, Silpakorn University. It was at the 15th World Sanskrit Conference in New Delhi that the final announcement was made of hosting this mega academic event on Sanskrit and Sanskrit related subjects in 2015.

The 16th World Sanskrit Conference has 23 theme-based sections (to be run through parallel sessions) with specialist conveners for each section. The conveners are responsible for their respective sections including the academic standard of each paper and giving initial approval of the papers to be presented. Therefore, each section has joint conveners who would assist them in the smooth running of the particular section. All these conveners are also the Editors of the papers submitted to facilitate the publication of the volumes at the earliest.

The Secretariat would then pass on the abstracts to the concerned conveners of the section. The time allowed for each paper is limited to 20 minutes. Scholars wishing to present a paper should prepare an abstract (*not exceeding 300 words*). **Presentations can be made either in Sanskrit or English.**

The submission of the abstract should be done **online** on a Prescribed **Registration Form** made available on the website of the Sanskrit Studies Centre, Bangkok (<http://www.sanskrit-silpakorn.org/registration-form-wsc.php>). The complete details of the Conference can be also accessed through the IASS website (www.sanskritassociation.org).

Papers are invited for the following sections:

Sections and Conveners

1	Veda and Vedic Literature	Bhagyalata Pataskar • Hans Henrich Hock • Shrikant Bahulkar
2	Rāmāyaṇa and Mahābhārata	John Brockington • Rajendra Nanavati
3	Purāṇa Studies	McComas Taylor • Elizabeth Rohlman
4	Āgama and Tantra	Raffaele Torella • Judit Törzsök
5	Linguistics	Jan E.M. Houben • KN Sharma
6	Vyākaraṇa	George Cardona • Hideyo Ogawa
7	Poetry, Drama and Aesthetics	G. Boccali • Radhavallabh Tripathi • S. Chakraborty
8	Buddhist Studies	Asanga Tilakaratne • MM Laohavanich
9	Jaina Studies	Nalini Balbir • Peter Flugel
10	Vaiṣṇavism and Śaivism	Bettina Baeumer • Ute Huesken
11	History of Religions & Ritual Studies	Knut Axel Jacobsen • Vasudha Narayan
12	Sanskrit in Southeast Asia	Chirapat Prapandvidya • Hla Tun • Amarjiva Lochan
13	Philosophy	Gianni Pellegrini • Ashok Aklujkar
14	History, Art and Architecture	G. Buhnemann • Nandana Chutiwong • Simona C. Ferraro
15	Epigraphy	T.P. Verma • D. P. Dubey
16	Sanskrit in relation with Regional Languages and Literatures	C. S. Radhakrishnan • Edi Sedyawati • Hari Dutt Sharma
17	Sanskrit, Science and Scientific Literature	K. Ramasubramanian • Vijay Pandya
18	Sanskrit Pedagogy	Ram Karan Sharma
19	Contemporary Sanskrit Writings	PC Muraleemadhavan • Godavarisha Mishra
20	Sanskrit and the IT World	Vineet Chaitanya • Amba Kulkarni
21	Yoga	T. S. Rukmani • Stuart R. Sarbacker
22	Ayurveda	Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha
23	Sūtra, Smṛiti and Śāstra	Shashi Prabha Kumar • Uma Vaidya
24	Manuscriptology	Gaya C. Tripathi • Wendy P. Rodriguez

The *Sanskrit Kavi Samavāya* will be the highlight of this World Sanskrit Conference and we also encourage non-Indian Sanskrit Kavis to join the Goṣṭhi. A session of Śāstracarcā is also planned.

To give a wider academic platform to Sanskrit Studies, the following independent panels have been accepted:

1. **Vrātya Culture in Vedic Sources** (Tiziana Pontillo & Moreno Dore)
2. **Sanskrit and Distance Education** (Ramakant Pandey)
3. **The Carakasamhitā as a Mirror of South Asian Cultural History** (Karin Preisendanz & Philipp Maas)
4. **One God, one śāstra: philosophical developments towards and within Viśiṣṭādvaita Vedānta between Nāthamuni and Veṅkaṭanātha** (Elisa Freschi & Marcus Schmücker)
5. **The transmission of Sanskrit texts: Practices, methods, and dynamics in pre-modern and modern South Asia** (Cristina Pecchia)
6. **Nāṭyaśāstra and its various Dimensions** (Radhavallabh Tripathi)
7. **Vedic Mathematics** (James Glover)

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Abstract Submission:	Date is Over!
Early registration Fee ends:	January 30, 2015
Late registration Fee begins:	February 02, 2015
No Registration Fee after:	May 31, 2015
Pre/Post Conference Trip Payment ends:	FULL/ NO MORE AVAILABLE
Third Announcement:	April 06, 2015
Final Announcement:	June 02, 2015

CONFERENCE TOURS (FULL/ NO MORE AVAILABLE)

Pre-conference Ayuthaya Tour is being organised (June 27, 2015 morning to 17:00 return) and also a **4 DAY-/3 NIGHTS post-Conference tour to Angkor Vat, Cambodia (July 03-July 06, 2015; 16:50 return to Bangkok) Airport**). For their details, please see **Second Announcement**.

REGISTRATION FEES

Local Participants	Overseas Participants	Participants from weaker currencies
Early Registration IASS Member: US\$ 200 Non-IASS Member: US\$ 250	Early Registration IASS Member: US\$ 250 Non-IASS Member: US\$ 300	Early Registration IASS Member: US\$ 200 Non-IASS Member: US\$ 250
Late Registration IASS Member: US\$ 250 Non-IASS Member: US\$ 300	Late Registration IASS Member: US\$ 300 Non-IASS Member: US\$ 350	Late Registration IASS Member: US\$ 250 Non-IASS Member: US\$ 300
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The registration fees cover inaugural gala dinner, lunches, coffee/tea breaks, kit bags, entry to the National Museum and a cultural evening at the conference venue. **It does NOT include other dinners, accommodation, cost of ANY pre and post-Conference tours.**

Money Transfer Account Details

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The Siam Commercial Bank Pcl., Thaprachan Branch, 17, 19 Prachan Road, Pranakorn, Bangkok 10200,
Thailand.

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A List of Hotels is available at the Second Announcement.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chair: **Dr. Chirapat Prapandvidya**

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