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World Research Conference of Tamilological Studies, London 2013

*Coinciding with the Centenary Celebrations of
Dr. Rev. Fr. Thaninayagam Adikalar*

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You are kindly invited to participate at this Conference. Please fill the appended Registration Form and send it to us before 31st May 2013.

If you would like to present a paper at the Conference, please send it to submission@worldtamilologyconference.org before 15th June 2013.

Please forward this email to your friends or colleagues who you feel might be interested to attend this conference.

We eagerly look forward to your participation in this conference.
Thank you.

Secretary

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Tamil is our language. It is one of a few ancient living languages of the world. Though several centuries old, it is still a vibrant language, retaining its individuality and identity. Tamils are a great race with a hoary past and inimitable life style. Today the Tamils inhabit all parts of the globe and yet continue to take all efforts to preserve and maintain their language, culture and individuality.

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World Research Centre for Tamilology kindly invites researchers and scholars all over the world who are involved in the advancement of Tamilological studies to contribute their mite to the said conference by submitting research papers as well as related creations.

Given below are the chosen themes or subjects on which research papers and creative materials are invited:

THEMES (Categories)

- 1. Linguistics and Literature**
Linguistics; Literature; Dialects; Word bank; Semantics; and Lexicography, etc.
- 2. Religious and Cultural Memories**
Religion; Religious education; Mythology; Beliefs; Rituals; Prayer Procedures and Religious practices, etc.
- 3. Architecture and Design**
Architecture; Town planning; Rural Planning; Homes and shapes; Idol making or sculpture; construction and pottery etc
- 4. Science and Technology**
Astrology; Astronomy; Meteorology; Marine technology; Agriculture; Irrigation; Textile industry; Metallurgy; Mathematics; Industries, etc.
- 5. Law and Society**
Business traditions; Educational traditions; Legal traditions; Philosophical traditions.
- 6. Home and Lifestyle**
Food and drinks; Furniture; House-hold utensils; Decoration; Clothing and jewelry, etc.
- 7. Arts and Arts related activities**
Folklore; Traditional dance; Traditional drama; Traditional sports and games; Art and Design; Films, etc.

8. **Ethno Medicine**
Traditional Medical systems; Siddha medicine; Medical herbs; Veterinary Science, etc.
9. **Social Structure, Genealogy, and Kinship**
Relationships; Family histories; Gender differences; Social structure; Caste systems; Individual biographies; Human Behavioral Science, etc.
10. **Archaeology and historiography**
Historical locations; Archeological locations; Numismatics; Paleography; Inscriptions; Historical trends, etc.
11. **Ethnography and Race Relations**
Ethnography; Displacement; Emigration; Migration; Social changes etc
12. **Villages and communities**
Villages; Towns; small towns; communities, etc.
13. **Institutions and Organizations**
Educational institutions; Religious institutions; Theatre Sheds; Libraries; Associations; Political organizations; Media organizations, etc.
14. **Landscape, Environment and Biodiversity**
Land shapes; Geography; Science of displacement; Environmentalism; Botany; Zoology etc
15. **Archives and Libraries**
Documentation and archives; Libraries and library science; Collections and Databases; Media and publications, etc

As the year 2013 happens to be the centenary year of Rev. Fr. Thaninayagam Adikalar of Srilanka who was the author of the concept of International Association for Tamil Research as well as the organizer of the first ever International Conference/Seminar of Tamil Studies held in Malaysia in the year 1966. In grateful recognition of his yeoman service to Tamilology, we invite research contributions on the theme "**Rev. Thaninayagam Adikalar's Contribution to Tamil Research and Tamilology**".

Stipulations and Time limits for Research Papers and other Creations

1. Research papers:

Any researcher or Research students or Post Doctoral researchers or scholars who belong to any Institution or not may submit Research Papers falling under the categories enumerated above and having reference to Tamilology. The paper could be either in Tamil or English. It should be in "Unicode" or ".doc" form and should not exceed 8 pages of A4 size. The font size of the characters used should not exceed 10 points. Only those papers which have been accepted and admitted by the Selection Panel of the Seminar Committee will be included for reading at the Conference. The research paper should be sent to submission@worldtamilologyconference.org

2. Posters

The organizers of the conference invite and welcome illustrated posters/pictures relating to the various categories of themes enumerated above.

The proposals/abstracts of such posters/ pictures should be sent to submission@worldtamilologyconference.org

3. Demos

By demos we mean demonstrations that are capable of explaining the activities or the various phases relating to the themes enumerated above. The proposals/ abstracts of such demos should be sent to submission@worldtamilologyconference.org

4. Workshops

An individual or a group could submit his or its proposals for workshops relating to the themes enumerated above, to be conducted during the conference. These workshops could be carried out at the exhibition centre of the Conference. The proposals of such workshops should be sent to submission@worldtamilologyconference.org

5. Exhibition.

An individual or a group could display exhibitions relating to the themes enumerated above. The proposals of such exhibition should be sent to submission@worldtamilologyconference.org

6. Software Applications

The term Application here may include softwares and other applications which have a bearing on the themes enumerated above. Any submission relating to softwares or applications will be examined by scholars of the relevant field and popularized. The proposals for such softwares and applications should be sent to submission@worldtamilologyconference.org

7. Videos

An individual or a group could submit any short film or documentary or animations or other videos relating to the themes enumerated above which are his or its own creations.

Completed files should be burned on a compact disk (CD) and sent by post to the following address: 299 – 303, Ley Street, Ilford, Essex. IG1 4BN.
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8. Audios

An individual or a group could submit audios or songs relating to the themes enumerated above and which are his or its own creation. Any such creations should be burned on a compact disk (CD) and sent by post to the following address: 299 – 303, Ley Street, Ilford, Essex. IG1 4BN. United Kingdom

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9. Photographs

An individual or a group could submit photographs relating to the themes enumerated above to which he or it could claim ownership or creatorship. An individual could submit any number of photographs and he or it could upload the photographs on the following link: submissions@worldtamilologyconference.org

All these photographs will be exhibited with the creative commons rights.

NB: A person who submits a proposal should unfailingly mention the theme under which such proposal falls. Any submission which fails to comply with this requirement may not be considered for acceptance or inclusion.

The research papers that are accepted after examination will be compiled in the form of a Conference book. Those scholars whose papers are accepted for presentation at the conference will be presented with copies of the Conference book. Anyone who requires an additional copy can have it on payment of a reasonable price.

Submissions

1. Paper submissions and other submissions.

Research papers should be submitted in the format size and length stipulated above.

2. Examination and the acceptance of submissions.

All submissions received will be carefully screened for acceptance by the selection panel of the seminar committee. It's decision will be final.

3. Notification of acceptance of submissions.

If a submission is accepted by the screening committee, the author of such submission will be notified of such acceptance by means of email.

Registration process, Food & Lodging

1. It is a prerequisite that the Paper presenters, researchers, invited speakers and special guests to register their names in advance to attend the conference. Registration Form in English and Tamil is appended with this Announcement. It will be appreciated, if you will kindly send the completed form at your earliest convenience.
2. Invited Researchers, Speakers, Special Guests, Paper Presenters and authors of creations will be provided with food and lodging during the period of the conference.

Important Dates:

- Last Day for the submission of research papers and creations : **15.06.2013**
- Last date for the announcement of the Acceptance of Papers and creations: **15.07.2013**
- Conference : **[14.08.2013 - 18.08.2013]**

Contact Details:

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The World Research Conference of Tamilology is hardly four months away. We fully understand that the researchers and creators are given a very short notice. The Invitation and the Announcement are released very late and it may cause inconvenience to the public and the participants. However, we sincerely hope that Tamil scholars, artists and creators who are interested in the promotion and advancement of Tamil research will be kind enough to give their utmost co-operation to make the proposed Conference a real success.

Prof. A. Sanmugads
(For and on behalf of
World Research Centre for Tamilology)
30.04.2013

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REGISTRATION FORM

DATE:

1. NAME :
2. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION :
3. OFFICE / INSTITUTION ADDRESS :
4. PERMANENT / CONTACT ADDRESS:
5. MOBILE NO. :
6. E-MAIL ADDRESS :
7. LODGING : I NEED / I DO NOT NEED
8. TITLE OF THE PAPER / CREATION :
9. SIGNATURE :

NB.

1. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND SEND IT TO THE CONFERENCE ADDRESS.
2. PAPER PRESENTERS AND CREATION SUBMITTERS , ALONG WIT THE COMPLETED FORM, ARE REQUESTED TO SEND A PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH AND A SHORT NOTE ABOUT THEM IN NOT MORE THAN 20 LINES.
3. RESEARCH STUDENT HAS TO SEND THIS FORM THROUGH HIS OR HER SUPERVISOR WITH HIS OR HER RECOMMENDATION.