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General Notice to all Delegates of the OSICON-15

1. All Delegates will be allowed entry into the conference venue only if they have a valid **photo ID** issued by their respective organizations. Upon registration, delegates will be issued **OSICON-15 delegate card** which must be visibly worn at all times during the conference. Tea and food will be served only to those wearing the OSICON-15 delegate card.

2. Health advisory: In view of the prevalence of Swine Influenza in the country, all delegates are advised to take necessary precautions. If you have any symptoms of Influenza, including cough, fever, or sore throat please avoid attending the OSICON-15. Goa is relatively safe with very few cases reported.

3. Conference Venue

The main venues for the conference are within NIO campus and called **Cardium** (auditorium) and **Seminar Hall**.

2. Registration will be in Cardium foyer and starts 14:30 hrs on 22nd March 2015.

Poster presentation, working lunches, tea, and one conference dinner will be near the Cardium.

3. Waiver of Registration Fees: There is no registration fee waiver to any participating delegate.

4. Travel grant: A limited amount has been earmarked as travel grant. This will be provided to "**students**" who do not have any funding. Research Fellows have to submit a letter in original from their respective research guides that they do not have funds for travel in their contingencies or project. An advance request can be sent by e-mail.

5. Transportation: Delegates have to make their own arrangement for transport from railway station/ airport to Hotel.

Transport from select hotels (Hotel Solmar, Campal Beach resort, Goa University Guest House, International Centre) to OSICON-15 venue would be arranged for registered delegates.

6. Accommodation: Goa being a popular tourist destination, hotel tariffs are generally very high. NIO's guest houses are under renovation and are not available for general delegates. The hotels or guest houses with rates less than Rs. 1500 are very basic. We have got good discounted rates from some Hotels near NIO for OSION-15 delegates. The arrangement for accommodation is as follows:

- i. **Invited Speakers:** The NIO guest houses (CSIR-Science center and VIP Guest House) are under renovation and only a limited number of rooms are available. These rooms will be allotted only to invited speakers and guests. The Science Center has two dormitories with a total of 12 beds. These will be allotted to Female student delegates without any source of funding (see section iv).
 - ii. **Delegates:** Attractive discounts have been specially obtained from Hotels within walking distance from NIO (Hotel Pastina, Hotel Justa, Hotel Swimsea,). The rates are around Rs. 3000 on single/twin sharing. The newly built Hotel Pastina which is about 250 m away from the main gate of NIO is recommended. Delegates with spouse or those wishing to stay alone and willing to pay full amount may indicate their preference; we will try to accommodate. Delegates can also opt for other hotels with lesser rates (eg. Hotel Solmar or Campal Beach Resort located 3 km away from the venue where the charges for a room are Rs. 1800 and Rs. 1500 respectively) on payment of full charges or room-sharing with a delegate.
 - iii. **Research Fellows, PDF's etc.:** Research fellows who can get accommodation reimbursement from their contingencies will be provided subsidized accommodation*. (Hotel Solmar and Campal Beach Resort) Half the hotel charges, for a maximum of **3 days**, will be borne by OSICON subject to a maximum of Rs.600 per day. The student delegate has to pay half the amount to the hotel
 - iv. **Students:** For students who do not have any funding, OSICON will pay for their accommodation in Goa University GH or Seaview lodge (near NIO). They have to give a declaration that they have no source of funding for travel/accommodation. Goa University GH (non AC for students) is about 3 km from NIO and a bit desolate. Transport for those staying in Goa University GH will be provided. Seaview Lodge has a limited number of AC rooms. Student delegates can also avail of the subsidy being provided to Research Fellows and stay in better hotels on payment of half the hotel charges.
- **Example: Rates of Hotel Solmar in Miramar Goa, is Rs. 1800 per day for two students. OSICON pays Rs. 900 to the hotel directly and the students should pay Rs. 450 each per day to the Hotel.*

- No change of rooms, hotel, GH or dormitory will be done after allotment..

Recommended Hotels near NIO. Details can be obtained from website

S. NO	Name of Hotel	Approximate discounted Charges for room per day (two persons can stay)	Approximate Distance from Venue
1	Hotel Pastina	Rs. 2900	0.25 kmm
2.	International Center	Rs. 2500	2.5 km
3.	Hotel Seaview	Rs. 650	0.25 km
4.	Hotel Seapol	Rs. 1350	0.5 km
5.	Hotel Swimsea	Rs. 2900	0.8 km
6	Hotel Campal Beach Resort	Rs. 1500	3.0 km
7.	Hotel Solmar (Miramar)	Rs. 1800	3.0 km
8	Hotel Justa	Rs. 3000	1.0 km
9	Goa University Guest House	Rs. 200 for each students Rs. 600 for each Teacher	3.0 km