



16th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON NATURAL PRODUCT CHEMISTRY

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INVITATION

It gives us an immense pleasure to invite you to attend the 16th International Symposium on Natural Product Chemistry (ISNPC-16) to be held in Karachi, Pakistan, during February 17 – 20, 2025. Over 800 eminent scientists and young researchers from 60 countries are expected to participate in this symposium which is recognized as one of the most prestigious international events in the field of natural product sciences.

Pakistan is a fascinating country, full of vitality, cultural diversity, rich history, natural beauty and culinary delights. From Forbes to solo bloggers, Pakistan has been enlisted as one of the top destination for global tourism. We hope the dynamic and magical spirit of Pakistan's largest city, Karachi will be conducive to provide milieus, stimulating exchange of scientific knowledge between scientists in the field of chemical sciences from all over the world. It is also hoped that this symposium will foster stronger research ties between the scientists representing different regions.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we wish to extend you all, a very warm welcome to Karachi in February, 2025.

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VENUE

The symposium will be held at the beautiful campus of the International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS) at the University of Karachi. The ICCBS campus is located at about 20 minutes drive from the Jinnah International Airport and about 40 minutes driving distance from the largest shopping area in the center of the city. Bank, post office, stores, restaurants, and travel agencies are also located within short distance of the symposium venue. Evening bus shuttles will run during the symposium for the scientists, staying on-campus, to take them to various shopping centers and other attractions in the city.

SCOPE

The aim of the symposium is to bring together leading experts in the field of natural products sciences from all around the world and forge global partnerships for sustainable utilization of natural resources for the common benefit of humanity and rapid development of the countries in the south. Following aspects of natural product sciences will be covered:

- Isolation and structural elucidation of natural products
- Synthesis/ biosynthesis of natural products
- Pharmacology and bioassay evaluation on natural products
- Biotechnology for natural products development
- Advances in spectroscopic techniques for structure elucidation
- Rational drug designing
- Medicinal plants cultivation and conservation
- Chemistry of marine- and micro-organisms
- Chemical studies on natural products/herbal medicines
- Standardization, efficiency, and safety of natural remedies

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- It will serve as a platform for a large level of interactions of over 150 foreign scientists from some 45 countries with over 600 Pakistani scientists. This level of interaction is equivalent to hundreds of visits of Pakistani researchers to prominent institutions abroad.
- Most importantly this major event will expose Pakistani researchers with the best of science and technologies in the world in the exciting field of natural product sciences, as well as contribution of natural products in modern drug discovery and development.
- The event will provide a life changing opportunity for hundreds of young Pakistani researchers to meet with most eminent scientists of the world and explore opportunities for trainings and study visits abroad.
- The event will provide a platform to exchange ideas, and develop research linkages and foster collaborations in the field of natural product sciences.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee includes entry to scientific lectures, poster sessions, exhibition, full set of abstracts, a copy of the symposium program, daily refreshments (tea/coffee), symposium banquet, cultural/musical evening, welcome mixer and free transportation from hotels and guest houses to the venue of the symposium.

Please note that accompanying persons can attend the welcome mixer, conference banquet, and cultural/musical evening, but they may not attend any of the technical sessions.

Desk registration is also possible but accommodation and entry to social events will not be guaranteed.

In the case of cancellation before January 31, 2025, the fees will be refunded after a deduction of US\$ 100. No refund on cancellation will be made after this date. A 10% discount will be given to IUPAC members.

Registration Fees: (Foreign Participants)	BEFORE Jan. 24, 2025 (U.S. \$)	AFTER Jan. 24, 2025 (U.S. \$)
Academic Faculty	400	500
Students	200	300
Accompanying Person	200	300

Registration Fees: (Pakistani Participants)	BEFORE Jan. 24, 2025 (Rs.)	AFTER Jan. 24, 2025 (Rs.)
Private Organizations	10,000	12,000
Academic Faculty	8,000	10,000
Students	3,000	5,000
Accompanying Person	5,000	7,000

For further details, please visit the website: www.iccs.edu

TRAVEL

Karachi has a modern international airport, which provides connections to all major cities of the world. Most of the major airlines of the world have frequent flights to Karachi, since the city provides a major route linking with the Far East as well as with the Middle East, Europe, and USA. Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) is the national flag carrier.

CLIMATE

Karachi is usually sunny and pleasant in February with average day temperature of 25 °C and the night temperature falling to 15-20 °C. Winters from November to February have chilly nights and bright sunny days.

VISA

You are requested to apply for a visa to the nearest Pakistani Embassy or High Commission. Citizens of over 80 countries can also apply for on-line visa (<https://visa.nadra.gov.pk/>). Participants from countries with no Pakistani diplomatic mission should also write to the Secretariat at least three months in advance. A formal invitation letter would be required from the Co-chairperson, Organizing Committee (Prof. Dr. Farzana Shaheen) for this purpose.

ACCOMMODATION

All plenary and invited speakers will be accommodated in the International Scholars Lodges of the ICCBS, which has excellent accommodation facilities.

FOREIGN CURRENCY

Registration fee at the symposium desk can be paid in cash. Currency conversion to Pakistani Rupees will be available upon request.

PAPERS/POSTERS

Abstracts for papers and posters must be in English. The poster board area will be 1.2 m x 1.8 m. Kindly send your abstracts on following e-mail address: raheelhej@gmail.com

PAKISTAN'S BASIC FACTS

Area	8,03943 sq. km
Population	250 million
Capital	Islamabad

Provinces:

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK)
Punjab
Sindh

Provincial Capital

Peshawar
Lahore
Karachi

Balochistan
Gilgit Baltistan
Azad Jammu & Kashmir
(Autonomous region)

Quetta
Gilgit
Muzaffarabad

Principal Cities:

Karachi, Lahore, Hyderabad, Peshawar, Sukkur, Quetta, Multan, Bahawalpur, Faisalabad, Sialkot, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, Islamabad.

Hill Resorts:

Murree, Nathiagali, Abbottabad, Kaghan, Skardu, etc.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference will be English.

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