

# FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

## **World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES), Inc.**

(A Multidisciplinary Academic Society - Tax Exempt in the US)

**Tenth International Conference on**

### **“Vedic Cultures –Epic and Pauranic Phase”**

**July 13-15, 2012**

**In Collaboration with Center for Indic Studies, UMass Dartmouth**

**at**

**University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, MA.**

**Web site: [www.wavesinternational.net](http://www.wavesinternational.net)**

#### **About the Conference**

The Conference aims at bringing together persons having academic interest in diverse areas of Indian Studies. These will include scholars, academics, authors, writers, journalists, media-persons, artists and others interested in Indian / Vedic Studies.

**World Association for Vedic Studies**, known by its acronym ‘WAVES’ is a multidisciplinary academic society with members of different religions, often of different scholarly views and varied interests. It welcomes persons engaged/interested in studying in any field of Vedic/ Indian studies. *The word ‘Vedic’ is used in a wide sense to include, not only Vedas, but all different areas as well as past, present and future of traditions and people based on Vedas.*

Other nine conferences held before were: **“Int’l Conference on Revisiting Indus - Saraswati Civilization & Ancient India”**, Atlanta (GA), **October 4-6, 1996**, **“International Conference on New Perspectives on Vedic & Ancient Indian Civilization”**, Los Angeles (CA), **August 7-9, 1998**, **“International Conference on Contemporary Views on Indian Civilization”**, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, (NJ), **July 28-30, 2000**, **“India’s Contributions and Influences in the World”**, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth (MA) **July 12-14, 2002**. **“India’s Intellectual Traditions In Contemporary Global Context”**, **July 9– 11, 2004**, University of MD, Washington, DC area. **“Vedic Ideas for Global Harmony and Peace in the Modern Context”**, July 8-10, 2006, University of Houston, Houston, Texas. **“Vedic heritage for Global Welfare of Next**

**Generation**", June 27-29, 2008, Orlando, FL, "**Vedic Knowledge for Civilizational Harmony**", August 4-7, 2010, Trinidad, West Indies. "**Varna Jati and Kula – A conference on India's caste system**", July 29-31, Piscataway, NJ.

These conferences, in the past, were attended by persons from Australia, Austria, Bali (Indonesia), Belgium, Canada, Caribbean, China, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Surinam, UK, and USA, USSR, etc.

WAVES conferences in the past sixteen years have always been a meeting point of leading scholars, researchers and research /teaching institutions, dedicatedly deliberating on Vedic studies.

WAVES-2012 is scheduled for three days. The deliberations in the conference will cover a wide array invited lectures and paper presentation sessions around the various themes.

Poster sessions, special sessions focused on Vedic sciences and research, youth committee presentations, Hindu temples presentations, Non-roman script Digital technologies for web representation and online education of Vedic studies, Audio-visual exhibits, Practical Vedic religious performances and learning workshop, exhibits and book-shops are other interesting parts of the conference.

Suggested topics can cover a wide area including: Insider/Outsider perspectives on Vedic culture, Origin of Vedic knowledge, Changing paradigms on Vedic knowledge, etc.

### **SUBMISSION OF PAPERS**

*Papers on any aspect of Indian studies may be sent for presentation. Papers will include topics on Archaeology & Anthropology; History & Social Sciences; Language, Literature & Linguistics; Science & Technology; Vedas; Upanishads; Smirities; Puranas; Epics – Ramayana & Mahabharat, Gita; Contemporary Works and Issues; Dharma – Shastras, Ethics & Rituals; Agriculture, Plant Science & Ecology; Inter-Religious Dialogue; Health, Yoga & Martial arts; Business, Economics & Administration, etc. The proceedings will be published before the conference. Therefore, you are requested to send an electronic copy of your completed paper by the due date or earlier. The presentations are required to be in Power Point format. Direct reading of papers is strongly discouraged.*

Please send the abstract (about 200 words) of your paper to be presented to the organizing committee at [waves.conference@gmail.com](mailto:waves.conference@gmail.com) or to the address given below on or before the deadline. If you have any questions, you may contact any member of the Organizing committee near your area. You are requested to contact them through e-mail.

#### **Deadlines**

**For receiving abstracts: March 1, 2012;**  
(Acceptance will be notified through e-mail by March 15, 2012)  
**For full length papers: May 15, 2012**

## Main Features

1. Keynote Addresses
2. Paper Reading Sessions
3. Invited talks
4. Panel Discussions
5. Public Lectures
6. Cultural Programs
7. Academic symposia on several aspects of Indian Studies
8. Parallel Youth programs
9. Poster Presentations
10. Community workshops

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