

Workshop on pollination biology for research scholars and university/college teachers

World wide there is recognition of looming pollination crisis and there has been a mobilization of effort on several levels to address pollinator management and conservation. There has never been a more critical need for well-trained professionals to work on pollinator and related issues in India. As a small, but significant step to meet this need, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) is organizing an intensive workshop on pollination biology for 8 days starting from the first week of February 2007 in one of ATREE's field stations at Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR).

The main objective of conducting this workshop in a reserve forest is to have access to a diversity of flowering plants to conduct field demonstrations. The course will be conducted by a world renowned pollination biologist Professor Amots Dafni from University of Haifa, Israel and Prof. Shivanna along with other experts from India. The workshop will provide rigorous training in pollination biology as a separate discipline but will integrate conservation and management issues as well. Some of the aspects will cover floral morphology and development, temporal and spatial distribution of rewards, advertising strategies, ecological and evolutionary implications of the breeding system, pollinators their behaviour, adaptation and energetics and the co-evolution between flowers and their pollination. Each module will include an introductory lecture on theory and field techniques.

A set of 16–18 lectures will complement field demonstration and several exercises in the field that will expose students to concepts, and techniques of pollination biology. Each student will carry out an independent project and analysis followed by a presentation as part of the workshop. Participants will also have the opportunity to access the rainforest canopy in KMTR and have an exposure on the canopy pollination work of ATREE.

Applications are invited by eligible participants (preferably by e-mail) along with their biodata, which includes *name, address, e-mail address, date of birth, academic qualifications, research experience, relevance of this workshop to research/teaching program, and publications.*

Number of participants would be limited to 20

Workshop fee: The course fee is subsidized at Rs.3500 and includes boarding, lodging and course material. Travel expenses to and from Kalakad–Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu has to be borne by the participants.

Kindly send your application to Dr M. Soubadra Devy by email (soubadra@atree.org) or fax or post. The applications should reach ATREE latest by **20 January 2007**. Selected individuals would be contacted with further details (also see www.atree.org).

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