Department of Science and Technology (DST), New Delhi sponsored National Facility for Culture Collection of Fungi will be conducting second national workshop at Agharkar Research Institute, Pune. The aim of the workshop is to develop trained manpower in thrust areas of taxonomy (conventional and molecular), and ex situ conservation of fungi (incl. lichens). In addition, selected industrial application of fungi will also be covered during workshop. Two week intensive theoretical and practical training will be provided by experienced and distinguished resource persons and staff of national facility to 16 young researchers (Ph.D./Post Doc Researchers/College and University Teachers/Ph.D. students, etc.). Applications duly endorsed by head of the department/institution enclosing bio-data, list of publications and one page write-up explaining relevance of the proposed workshop for the applicant’s future plans must reach to the following address latest by 22 October 2012. After scrutinizing the applications selected candidates will be intimated by 30 October 2012 to pay the workshop fee of Rs 5000. Selection will be solely at the discretion of the organizer and no further correspondence shall be entertained in this regard. Detailed information and application form can be downloaded from ARI website: www.aripune.org

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The Department of Biotechnology, Govt of India, has established a ‘National Plant Gene Repository (NAPGER)’ at National Institute of Plant Genome Research, New Delhi. The National facility will serve as a back up for clones (cDNA, ESTs, Genomic, Promoter), recombinant constructs and DNA libraries (E. coli and BAC) of plant origin generated by various investigators in India for their collection, long-term storage and distribution among researchers. The web enabled database and information regarding the available material will be established after deposition of the resources. All researchers are encouraged to utilize this facility. Further information about the facility is available at http://www/nipgr.res.in/facilities/facilities_napger.php