



## DST-SERB School in Avian Biology

26 December 2013–9 January 2014

**Venue:** Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON)  
Anaikatty (Post), Coimbatore 641 108, India

Avian biology asks questions in all aspects of bird life from phylogeny and biogeography to the role of physiological and ecological processes in the evolution of bird behaviour and life-history strategies. The Department of Science and Technology's Science and Engineering Research Board (DST-SERB) plans to conduct a series of schools in avian biology and the first School will be hosted by SACON, Coimbatore.

The School aims to train the participants in the fundamentals of avian biology and to provide them with exposure to current trends in ornithological research. The teaching faculty will include leading biologists and ecologists of the country drawn from different institutions. The course will comprise one orientation module and six core modules covering key areas of research in avian biology.

The programme is open to students of life/physical/environmental sciences, currently pursuing Ph.D. or Post-doc in India and young faculty members in their early research career. Applications from M.Sc. (final year) or M.Phil. students showing exceptional interest in avian biology may also be considered. Participants may apply with their CV (date of birth, complete postal address with e-mail id, educational qualifications with relevant details, training and professional experience in the research field, and a list of research publications), two recommendation letters, and a brief statement of purpose (in 250 words) to attend the School. A maximum of 25 participants will be selected and will be provided TA (max. AC III train fare) and local hospitality. There is no registration fee.

Applications must be sent on or before **24 October 2013** to **Dr Rajah Jayapal**, Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Anaikatty (Post), Coimbatore 641 108, Tamil Nadu, India or by e-mail to [jayapal@sacon.in](mailto:jayapal@sacon.in). Please visit [www.avianbiologyschool.org](http://www.avianbiologyschool.org) for further information.



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The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Bhopal ([www.iiserb.ac.in](http://www.iiserb.ac.in)), seeks applications for a postdoctoral research fellow (PDF) to work on aerosol source apportionment and assessment of aerosol radiative forcing for measurements made over locations in India.

For full consideration, please visit the Institute Home Page, click on 'Vacancies' (listed in the 'Bulletin Board') and visit the 'Post-Doctoral Fellows' tab. Read all instructions and send an application in the prescribed format to **The Coordinator**, Faculty Affairs, IISER Bhopal ([cofa@iiserb.ac.in](mailto:cofa@iiserb.ac.in)) copied to [coearth@iiserb.ac.in](mailto:coearth@iiserb.ac.in) and [ramyasr@iiserb.ac.in](mailto:ramyasr@iiserb.ac.in). Please write 'Application for PDF position in EES' in the subject field.