

CENTRE FOR ECOLOGICAL SCIENCES INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

ANNOUNCES A WORKSHOP ON

NOCTURNAL POLLINATION: PATTERNS AND PROCESSES (23–27 MARCH 2009, INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, BANGALORE)

Aimed at Young Indian Researchers at graduate, post-graduate, post-doctoral or lecturer level (candidates in final year B.Sc. to lecturer-level may apply).

The nocturnal realm is full of fascinating and as yet undiscovered phenomena. The aim of this workshop (which is the first of its kind ever) is to provide young researchers an opportunity to interact with an international group of resource persons and to bring together pollination ecologists, sensory biologists, behavioural ecologists and botanists to discuss plants, animal pollinators and their specialized nocturnal relationships. The workshop will encourage interdisciplinary interactions that make this research area so fascinating. The workshop will have a mixture of theory (evolution; historical, biogeographical and phylogenetic patterns; mechanisms, i.e., processes) and practical demonstrations (e.g. sampling and analysis of plant volatiles, measurement of light spectral reflectance curves and ambient light levels, characterization of pollinator optics and olfaction, behavioural observation methods, experimental design and analysis).

Interested individuals may apply giving biodata (with date of birth), passport size photograph and full contact address including e-mail and fax (if available), nature of research work and/or teaching being undertaken, reasons for interest in the workshop and names of two referees to:

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Workshop Co-organizer: Almut Kelber, Vision Group, Lund University, Sweden. Workshop currently sponsored by: Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), Department of Science and Technology (DST), CSIR, Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF), Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

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Last date for receipt of applications is **15 February 2009**. Successful applicants will be notified by **24 February 2009**.