

# FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

**World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES), Inc.  
&  
Hindu University of America, Orlando, Florida**

**The Seventh International Conference**

**“WAVES 2008”**

The theme of the conference is

**“Vedic Heritage for Global Welfare of the Next  
Generation”**

**June 14 – 16, 2008  
Orlando, Florida, USA**

## **About the Conference**

**World Association for Vedic Studies**, known by its acronym ‘WAVES,’ is a multidisciplinary academic society with members from 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.*

The Conference aims at bringing together persons having an academic interest in diverse areas of Indian studies. These will include scholars, academics, authors, writers, journalists, media-persons, artists, etc., and of course the common man interested in past, present, and future of Indian/Vedic Studies.

The six previous conferences focused on the following themes: *“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 Maryland, Washington, DC area. *“Vedic Ideas for Global Harmony and Peace in the Modern Context”*, **July 8-10, 2006**, University of Houston, Houston, Texas.

Previous conferences have attracted participants from many countries around the world, including Australia, Austria, Bali (Indonesia), Belgium, Canada, Caribbean, China, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, UK, and USA.

## **CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION**

WAVES-2008 conference is tentatively scheduled to be a three-day event. The conference events will consist of a total of sixteen invited lectures and approximately 150 paper presentation sessions/poster presentations on this year's theme.

Other activities scheduled to take place during the conference include the following: Poster sessions, special sessions focused on Vedic sciences and research, youth committee presentations, Hindu temple presentations, non-roman script digital technologies for web representation and online education of Vedic studies, audio-visual exhibits, practical Vedic religious performances and learning workshops, exhibits, and book-shops.

Below is a list of suggested topics that can be used as a guide for paper and panel presenters.

### **What constitutes and qualifies for the classification as Vedic heritage**

- What constitutes Vedic heritage? Oral – Scripted? How do we validate the text of traditions?
- What is the role of Vedangas in preservation and propagation of Vedic heritage?
- Tradition of Vedic heritage transmission, Gurukulas
- Tradition of Vedangas heritage transmission
- Tradition of Upaveda heritage transmission
- Veda – yoga – Tantra Ayurveda interrelations in heritage transmissions
- Vedic languages- a study
- Vedic manuscripts, scripting, and printing traditions of Veda/vedanga

### **What is the scope of Vedic Global Welfare- How to deliver it in current period? How to validate the same?**

- Deployment of Veda Upaveda, Vedanga for global welfare of health, protection, wealth, harmony, and peace.
- Role of temples and religious institutions
- Vedic Brahmins, priests, and Yogis as deliverers of Vedic welfare
- Monks and orders of renunciation – authorities on Vedic guidance
- Mimaamsaa - the traditional ‘yajna’ discipline of Vedic ritual
- Historical practices and cultural practices of welfare connected with Veda
  - -Vedic Philosophies
  - -Vedic scholars of past, present, and future

### **Transmission of Veda and modes of delivering Veda /Vedic welfare for the next generation**

- How is the next generation reckoned in Vedas – concepts of vamsha, kula, gotra, rishi parampara, sampradaya?
- How does the next generation receive the continuity of text, traditions, and practices of Veda?
- Moving from limited schema of varna – ashrama Vedic beneficiaries to a global society?
- Digital technologies and Vedic texts – Vedic digital library
- Health and Veda – Validation paradigms and models, and spiritual health parameters compared to physical health parameters
- How should the next generation learn Vedas – models of instruction as IE linguistics –Aryan history model or traditional model?
- Vedic education references and resources building
- Vedic education – voice traditions, Schooling and beyond to experiential traditions.

## **SUBMISSION OF PAPERS**

Papers on any aspect of Indian studies may be sent for presentations. 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 conference proceedings will be published before the conference. Therefore, you are requested to send an electronic copy of your completed paper at the earliest. The presentations are required to be in Power Point format. Direct reading of papers is strongly discouraged.

In order to improve the quality of the conference, we suggest you send the full paper to Dr. B. V. K Sastry at the address given below and a copy to [waves2008@yahoo.com](mailto:waves2008@yahoo.com) on or before the deadline. If you are not able to send the completed paper before the deadline, you may send the abstract of the paper (about 200 words). If you have any questions related to your abstract or the paper, you may contact Dr. Sastry via email. You are also requested to contact the respective organizing committee chairman who will be handling logistical issues of the conference. Please contact the respective chairman through e-mail only, and call only in the case of an emergency.

### **DEADLINES**

**Abstracts: Sept. 30, 2007**

(Acceptance will be notified through e-mail by Oct. 15, 2007)

**Full papers: Nov. 15, 2007**

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## Main Features

### The conference shall feature

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| 1. Keynote Addresses                             | 2. Paper Reading Sessions  |
| 3. Invited Talks                                 | 4. Panel Discussions,      |
| 5. Public Lectures                               | 6. Cultural Programs       |
| 7. Symposia on Various Aspects of Indian Studies | 8. Parallel Youth programs |
| 9. Poster Presentations                          |                            |

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