

# World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES), Inc.

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## Fifth International Conference:

### “India’s Intellectual Traditions In Contemporary Global Context”

**July 9 – 11, 2004**

**University of Maryland**

Shady Grove Campus (Rockville, MD)

Washington, DC, USA

### Call for Papers And Participation

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### About the Conference

The Conference aims at bringing together persons having 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.

**World Association for Vedic Studies**, known by its acronyms ‘WAVES’ is a multidisciplinary academic society with members of 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 other four conferences held before were: *International Conference on Revisiting Indus-Sarasvati 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. These conferences, in the past, were attended by persons from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Caribbean, China, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, UK, and USA, etc.

### CALL FOR/SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

*Papers on any aspect of Indian studies can be sent for presentation. These will include those 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.*

Please send abstracts, in about 200 words each, of the papers to be presented to Professor BhuDev Sharma, at the address given below. Paper for a symposium may be submitted to symposium organizer.

**Deadline for receiving abstracts: June 15, 2004.**

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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 several aspects of Indian Studies |                           |
| 8. Parallel Youth programs                       | 9. Poster Presentations   |

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**Ayurveda: The Art & Science of Healthy Living -**

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**Hinduism and the Clash of Civilizations:** Dr. Madan

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**Indian Influences on Contemporary Western Culture -**

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**Note 1:** Special sessions devoted to topics, like, *Ayurvedic Medicinal Plants, India’s Development Decade, Mahabharata*, etc.

**Note 2:** For organizing a symposium/sessions, please write to Prof. BhuDev Sharma, giving title of the proposed symposium, with names and addresses of expected participants. A symposium will normally have speakers – invited and others – ranging between 8 and 20.

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**Registration Form**

Name: .....  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: .....

Tel: 1 ..... Tel: 2 .....

E-mail: .....

Please tick any of the following: I will:

- Present a paper:- Title of the Paper .....  
(Separately send an abstract to [sharmawaves@yahoo.co.in](mailto:sharmawaves@yahoo.co.in))
- Persons (names/addresses attached) will be accompanying me /  
may be contacted for the conference.

**Travel Information:** (This information may be sent later, when travel plans are finalized):

**Arrival Information:**

Date Airline/Flight No. Airport Time of Arrival

**Departure Information:**

Date Airline/Flight No. Airport Time of Departure

**Registration Fee:** (In US dollars):

**Single:** \$135/150 before May 30/ after May 30, 2004

**Two in family:** \$225/250 before May30/afterwards

\* **Note:** Members of the WAVES, in good standing for 2003, will be entitled to a discount of \$25.00.

**Student:** \$60/75 before May 30/ after May 30, 2004

**One day:** \$75.00 (Day’s breakfast, souvenir, dinner included.)

**For persons not registering for the conference:**

**Banquet:** \$50, Cultural Program: \$25, Lunch \$15, Breakfast \$5.

**Note:** Full registration charges will include: Conference material, 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches (on July 9, 10, 11), Banquet, cultural program, dinner on the day of cultural program.

**Amount Enclosed:** Send all payments, in US dollars, payable on a bank in USA, in the name of ‘World Assn. For Vedic Studies’ to the Treasurer, Mr. Dhirendra A Shah, 780 Ullswater Cove, Alpharetta, GA 30022, USA, (770)664-8779; Fax (770)664-8780; [siaram@aol.com](mailto:siaram@aol.com).

**Accommodation:** Organizers have reserved accommodation for delegates at conveniently located Hotels. For details please see the next column.

*Participants are free to make their own arrangements.*

**TRAVEL INFORMATION:** Washington, DC, the Capital of USA, is a major International airport of the world, with feeding airport at Baltimore. It can be reached by air from any part of the world and in USA and Canada by rail, bus and other ground transport means. Washington (Dulles) should be your preferred airport.

**Hotel and Transportation**

**Hotel Rooms:** A block of rooms and suites have been reserved at:

**Quality Suites (Suits) and at Sleep Inn (Rooms)**

3 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850

Tel: 301-840-0200 Fax: 301-258-0160,

[www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com)

The hotels are about 1 mile from the conference site. Transportation to and from hotel to conference site will be provided on a continuous basis. There are no hotels within the walking distance of the conference site.

The **Sleep Inn** have large rooms and have two double beds. Room cost is \$69 plus 12% tax inclusive of continental breakfast. While the **Quality Suites** have 2-room suites with sofa bed and have kitchenette facility and can accommodate up to 6 people. The suites cost \$99 plus 12% tax and includes breakfast buffet. The rooms and suites are reserved for the nights of Thursday, Friday and Saturday (July 8, 9 and 10). The rooms must be reserved at least 14 days prior to the arrival date, otherwise regular rent applies, which could be very high in Washington, DC area in the month of July.

**For reservations call (301) 840-0200,  
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Please mention WAVES group to get these rates. All reservations must be received and guaranteed with a major credit card or one night's advance deposit on or before the release date (14 days prior to July 8). One night's room and tax will be charged if cancelled 7 days prior to arrival.

**Share a room:** If you want to share a room, please contact Dr. Prasad Reddy (Tel: 301-340-8953, email: [Prasad.Reddy@nist.gov](mailto:Prasad.Reddy@nist.gov) . Please give Dr. Reddy as much details to match the right person.

**International guests:** We have made arrangements for our international guests to stay with local families. Please inform Dr. Lalji Mishra (Tel: 301-972-6329 e-mail: [laljim2000@yahoo.com](mailto:laljim2000@yahoo.com) ) if you need accommodation. Dr. Mishra is taking care of all international hospitality.

**Transportation:** Washington, DC is served by 3 international airports. (1) Dulles International (IAD) is about 20 miles from the Hotel or the conference site. This is preferred airport. The taxi is about \$25 for a shared ride, \$45 for 4 in a taxi. The preferred taxi numbers are given below. (2) Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA) is near downtown, Washington, DC., about 20 miles from the Hotel or the conference site. And is very well connected to Metro (train) service. Metro right from airport will bring you to Shady Grove Metro Station which is only 1.5 miles away from the hotel and

about 2 miles from conference site. Ride on buses are available. Arrangements could be made for one of us to pick you up. The taxi is about \$21 for a shared ride, \$43 for 4 in a taxi (3) Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI) is about 40 miles from the Hotel or the conference site. Single taxi rate is about \$70 and shared rate is about \$38.

**Taxis:** Maryland Shuttle: 301-230-0000, Von Voyage: 301-571-1771

Please contact Dr. Hari Har Singh (Tel: 301-428-0428 e-mail [hsingh1@yahoo.com](mailto:hsingh1@yahoo.com) for transportation help or logistic including accommodation related help. If you have additional needs or questions, please contact Dr. Singh.

**Area attractions:** *Washington, DC*: 17 miles - Fine Dining, Smithsonian, White House, US Congress, Monuments, Memorials, etc. Easily accessible via bus from hotel to metro to DC.

*Baltimore Inner Harbor:* 40 Miles, Aquariums, Harbor, Boat and Ship, fine dining. Civil War Battle Ground – 15 Miles Many more if you have time.

**Tentative Outlines of the Program**

**Friday: July 9, 2004**

- 8:00- am Registration begins
- 9:30-11-30 Inaugural Session
- 11:30-12:00 Tea Break
- 12:00 – 12:45 Keynote address
- 12:45 – 2:00 Lunch Break
- 2:00 – 4:00 Paper Reading Parallel Sessions
- 4:00 – 4:30: Tea Break
- 4:30 – 6:30 Paper Reading Parallel Sessions
- 6:30 – 8:00 Dinner
- 8:00 - 8:45 Public Lecture
- 8:45 – 10:15 Cultural Program

**Saturday: July 10, 2004**

- 7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 – 10:30 Plenary Session
- 10:30 – 11:30 Paper Reading Sessions
- 11:30 – 12:30 Keynote Address II
- 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:30 Plenary Session
- 2:30 – 4:30 Paper Reading Parallel Sessions
- 4:30 – 5:00 Tea Break
- 5:00 – 6:30 – Paper Reading Sessions
- 7:00 – 10:00 Public Lecture and Banquet

**Sunday: July 11, 2004**

- 7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 – 10:30 Plenary Session
- 10:30 – 12:30 Paper Reading Sessions
- 12:30 – 2:00 Lunch
- 2:00 – 3:30 Valedictory session

Conference concludes by 4:00 pm. on July 11, 2004