

Asia Pacific Midwives Conference - 2009

19th – 22nd November, 2009
Hotel Marriott, Hyderabad, India



**Setting standards for safe childbirth:
empowering women, enabling midwives**

Hosted by

**Society of Midwives - India
Academy for Nursing Studies
Hyderabad, India**



Welcome to Hyderabad!

The City of Nizams, the place for Pearls!

Once India's biggest and richest princely state, Hyderabad is known for its courtly speech and manners, historic monuments and distinct cuisine. Today, Hyderabad is India's fifth-largest city and is one of India's leading centres of Information Technology. Founded in 1591 by Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah, Hyderabad was built on the banks of the Musi River with the help of Iranian architects.

Hyderabad is known for its rich history, culture and architecture - its multilingual culture making it a meeting point for North and South India. Hyderabad is also the gateway to ancient Buddhist sites of learning and meditation at Nagarjunakonda and Amaravati. Hyderabad cuisine has a reservoir of culinary forms of which the Hyderabad Biryani is a delicacy that delights every tourists.

Hyderabad has become a preferred conference venue in India as well as the world due to high quality facilities and attractions. The city houses institutions of national and international repute. The City is home to the world's largest film studio- the Ramoji Film City, as well as the second largest film industry in the Country, *Tollywood*. Hyderabad is also known as a sporting destination.

Both the host organizations - SOMI and ANS - have their headquarters in Hyderabad.



Charminar, the icon of Hyderabad

Conference Organizing Committee		
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The Society of Midwives, India (SOMI) and Academy for Nursing Studies are thrilled to join hands and invite you to participate in the Asia Pacific Midwives' Conference to be held at Hyderabad, India from 19th to 22nd November, 2009. When SOMI was officially registered in 2000, we dreamt of working with midwives not only from India but the Region for benefit of women, their babies and midwives. Its a privilege to come close to realizing this dream.



*Bandana Bhattacharya,
President SOMI*



*Prakasamma,
Director, ANSWERS*

Planning and organizing this major event is a massive task. But the colourful and heterogenous picture of hundreds of midwives who will come to this historical city gives us courage to continue. We have tried to put together sessions, workshops, expert presentations that will provide stimulation to all of you. As we progress in our planning we will scan for intellectually challenging papers, practically stimulating projects and emotionally charging debates on a panorama of professional subjects to satisfy you.

This Conference is an opportunity to discuss and find solutions to common problems in the developing socio economic scenario of the Asia pacific Region. It is time that we as midwives raised our voice in unity for the entitlements of women, for autonomy of midwives and for the survival and health of babies in a threat free and healthy world.



*We welcome you to join
us in this effort*



Objectives of the Conference

The goal of the Conference is to foster sharing and networking for equitable human development. The objectives of the Conference are to:

- ◆ Exchange information and skills for providing high quality services to women, babies and their families
- ◆ Learn from experiences of associations in shaping and strengthening midwifery profession in different countries
- ◆ Share a vision and formulate actions for equitable access to services for women and their babies.

Outcome of Conference: A Midwives' Manifesto

This Conference places emphasis on the rights of women and capacity and autonomy of midwives to meet the needs of communities. The Conference organizers hope to generate interest among participants to deliberate on the key issues and actions that will become the Midwives' Manifesto.

A glance at the proposed Scientific Programme

- ☞ 72 Scientific papers on topics related to the theme and subthemes
- ☞ 48 Poster displays and presentations related to different projects and interventions for improving maternal and newborn health
- ☞ 24 displays of midwifery associations showcasing, organizational development of the association and midwifery strengthening
- ☞ 8 Symposia on critical concerns in midwifery profession
- ☞ 8 Workshops for skill building and sessions on specific issues related to midwifery practice
- ☞ 3 Plenary sessions with presentations from experts



Subthemes of the Conference

1. Mainstreaming midwifery practice in clinical and public health areas of countries

- ◆ Responsibilities of a practicing midwife - competencies for midwifery practice; documentation and reporting, case studies of different midwifery practice settings.
- ◆ Midwifery as an independent profession – issues of autonomy and regulation, right to practice, barriers to practice, expanding scope of practice and legal support for practicing midwives.
- ◆ Aids to autonomy- midwifery act, protocols and manuals, referral guides, social recognition, supportive policies.
- ◆ Professional partnership and linkages, role of midwifery organizations in strengthening practice.

2. Women's awareness, choices and decisions for safe childbirth

- ◆ Women's rights and entitlements related to maternity and maternal health, barriers to safe motherhood, decision to seek care, pregnancy termination, gender-related hurdles.
- ◆ Women's knowledge, perceptions, practices regarding pregnancy, childbirth and related complications.
- ◆ Community and family support for maternal health – role of birth companion and TBA, male participation and active involvement for maternal health.
- ◆ Health education and counseling of pregnant women/family members, birth preparedness, and parental education.



3. Improving standards of maternal and newborn care

- ◆ Maintaining standards in midwifery practice settings – labour rooms and antenatal clinics, postpartum care units, family planning centres, MTP centres and adolescent centres.
- ◆ Interventions for saving life and preventing disability during pregnancy related complications including rational use of drugs and interventions.
- ◆ Bio-medical waste management and maintaining universal precautions and standards for infection control.
- ◆ Newborn care – immediate assessment, resuscitation, routine newborn care, breast feeding, care of newborns with special needs.

4. Enabling midwifery practice through education, training and research

- ◆ Midwifery education – content and quality, gaps and strengths for enabling practice, curricula review and strengthening.
- ◆ SBA training and other in-service training programmes for midwives for upgrading skill, updating knowledge and enhancing commitment.
- ◆ Interventions and teaching designs to enhance the quality of midwifery education, research for improving quality of care
- ◆ Preparation of midwifery teachers, models of tutor training.



Call for Abstracts

The Scientific Committee of the Asia Pacific Midwives' Conference invites participants to submit abstracts for presentation.

Criteria for abstracts

- ◆ Abstracts should pertain to one of the four sub themes of the conference
- ◆ The size of the abstract should be between 300-350 words only
- ◆ All abstracts will be reviewed by an abstract review committee
- ◆ The Scientific Committee reserves the right to accept or reject the abstract on the basis of the recommendations of the Reviewers and to allocate the abstract to either oral or poster presentation
- ◆ Dates to remember:
- ◆ The last date for receiving abstracts is - 30th June, 2009
- ◆ Last date for informing candidates about acceptance - 16th July, 2009
- ◆ If abstract is accepted, presenters should register for the conference latest by 30th September. After this date, the abstract will be replaced by another abstract in the waiting list.

Note: Please use the following format for submitting your abstract

Format for submission of abstract

Title

Name of author or authors with contact details

Name of the presenters

Address for correspondence including email IDs

Name of sponsor or sponsoring institution, if relevant

Content - objectives, methodology, findings, discussions and conclusions

Email submission of the abstract is encouraged.

Please look at the website of SOMI for further information.



Registering for the Conference

1. All applications should be made using the prescribed registration format only and accompanied by the requisite fee and 50% of the accommodation charges for four nights in the form of DD or wire transfer in favour of Academy for Nursing Studies, Payable at Hyderabad, India
2. Registered participants are eligible to attend all sessions, obtain conference kits and materials, visit exhibition stalls and other programmes organized by the conference organizers. Lunch, tea and snacks are provided as part of the registration package on 20th, 21st and 22nd Nov, 2009. Candidates are also eligible for Opening Dinner on 19th
3. Cancellation: Registration may be cancelled with refund of 50% of registration fee upto 31st October, 2009. Accommodation advance is non refundable.

Format for Registration

Name : _____
Designation : _____
Country : _____
Organization : _____
Prof. Qual : _____
Address : _____
Email : _____

Boarding, lodging and local travel requests

The conference organizers are contacting local hotels ranging from budget to five star for group booking at reduced rates. List of hotels with details are given in the website.

Accommodation required Yes No

Put the serial number of the hotel from the website in the box



Registration Fee

	Indian delegates	Foreign delegates
Early Bird Registration upto 30 th September, 2009	INR. 9,000/-	USD 300
Late Registration 1 st October to 31 st October, 2009	INR.12,000/-	USD 350
1 st November onwards including Spot Registration	INR. 15,000/-	USD 400

Method of payment: Wire transfer/DD

Swift/Routing Number for sending Remittance in USD

Pay to (Name and Address of our correspondent Bank)	Bank of America, New York (Swift code BOFAUS3N) Via chips ABA 0959 for Account UID 002473 or via Fedwire 026009593
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Attractions at the Conference

Special space for midwifery associations of the region

This conference plans to provide special facilities for midwifery associations to exhibit their projects and products in a corner specially arranged for them.

Associations requiring space may register on payment of US \$100 per day provided they are registered to participate in the Conference. This facility is available only on prior request.

Exhibition Booths

Agencies and publishers are invited to book space to exhibit their products. Please contact conference organizers for size of stalls and rates.

Note: The conference organizers do not support tobacco, alcohol, baby foods and other products that cause environmental hazard.

Visits and tours on 23rd November, 2009 (available only on prior booking)

- ◆ Field visits to midwifery practice sites in rural areas on payment of US\$50 (inclusive of lunch and travel)
- ◆ Exposure visits to hospitals and educational institutions on payment of US\$30 (inclusive of lunch and travel)
- ◆ City Tours to historical sites on payment of US\$30 (inclusive of lunch and travel but does not include entry tickets)



Conference Organizers



SOMI, the Society of Midwives, India was registered in 2000 in Hyderabad with the objective of strengthening midwifery for safe motherhood. SOMI works with midwives all over India through 20 state chapters



ANSWERS, the Academy for Nursing Studies and Women's Empowerment Research Studies was launched in 1994 for research, training and advocacy in nursing, midwifery, public health and women's empowerment and rights.

Conference Venue

Hotel Marriott Convention Centre is an ideal location for conferences with spacious halls and beautiful lawns. The Hotel offers high quality facilities and breath taking views of the Hussain Sagar Lake - Hyderabad's famous landmark



Hyderabad Highlights!

Salar Jung Museum: This museum houses one of the biggest one-man collections of antiques of the world by Mir Yousuf Ali Khan, Salar Jung III. The objects d'art include Persian carpets, Moghal miniatures, Chinese porcelain, Japanese lacquerware and a superb collection of jade.



Charminar: Mohammed Quli Qutb Shah, the founder of Hyderabad, built Charminar in 1591 as a charm to ward off a deadly epidemic. Four graceful minarets soar to a height of 48.7m. above the ground. Visitors can view the architectural splendour inside the Charminar and shop at old Hyderabad's bazars for bangles, silver and pearls.



Golconda Fort: The origins of the fort can be traced back a 1000 years and to several dynasties. The fort is famous for its acoustics, palaces and ingenious water supply system. The glorious past of Golconda Fort is narrated with matchless Sound and Light effects every evening.



Shilparamam - The Arts & Crafts Village: This 30 acre space showcases the rich arts and crafts of the Country to encourage traditional artisans. It exhibits exquisite traditional handicrafts from different parts of India and hosts folk theatre, classical arts and craft demonstrations regularly.



Hussain Sagar popularly known as Tank Bund: This large artificial lake built in 1562 lies between the twin cities - Hyderabad and Secunderabad. One can enjoy the ferry ride to the Buddha Statue - the largest monolithic statue in the world.



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