



8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MUSHROOM BIOLOGY AND MUSHROOM PRODUCTS AT NEW DELHI FROM 19-22 NOVEMBER 2014

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The Eighth International Conference on Mushroom Biology and Mushroom Products 2014 will be held in New Delhi, India by WSMBMP in collaboration with the Mushroom Society of India (Directorate of Mushroom Research, Solan, India). The National Centre for Mushroom Research and Training (NCMRT), now referred to as Directorate of Mushroom Research, was established in 1983 under the aegis of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. This Directorate is the only institute exclusively dedicated to mushroom research and development in the country. The Directorate has developed an array of technologies for cultivation of different mushrooms in various agro-climatic regions of the country. The Directorate is also the headquarters of All India Coordinated Research Project with 16 Centres across the country. The Mushroom Society of India (MSI) was established in August 1990. In the same year, MSI started publication of the journal "Mushroom Research". Since its establishment, the Society has organized conferences at regular intervals.

The cultivation of mushrooms is a relatively new phenomenon in India and has increased across the country only during last few decades. India has registered a 20-fold increase in production of mushrooms in the last four decades. In India, mushroom production systems are of mixed type i.e., both seasonal as well as high-tech, yearround cultivation. With varied agro-climatic conditions, abundant agricultural residues (c. 700 MT) and plenty of manpower, India has tremendous potential for cultivation of different mushrooms. Hosting this conference in India will give a boost to Indian mushroom R&D and also provide a chance for scientists and mushroom growers worldwide to see seasonal mushroom cultivation practices in India during winter months.

The program of the 8th ICMBMP will comprise plenary lectures by key mushroom researchers. Also, Ph.D. students and young scientists will be given an opportunity to present their research during the main session and as a poster. A trade exhibition will be held concurrently with the scientific programme from 19-22 November 2014 for organizations to showcase their services, products and technologies. The local organising committee consists of members of Directorate of Mushroom Research, Solan (HP), India that include Dr. Manjit Singh, Dr. R.C. Upadhyay, Dr. B. Vijay, Dr. V.P. Sharma, Dr. O.P. Ahlawat, Dr. Satish Kumar, Dr. Shwet Kamal and Dr. K. Manikandan.

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