



GII NEWS

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UPDATE ON GII REGISTRATION IN INDIA

As you all know, the application for the registration of GII in India has already been filed. The Pune team of GII has already started functioning from International Institute of Information Technology (I2IT). They are making a lot of changes to make the GII website more user friendly. Very soon the GII forum will also be reactivated.

It has also been decided to introduce membership fees. The money collected will be used to maintain its journal and also appoint manpower for the functioning of GII. The tentative membership fees will be as follows:

Annual Membership	Inland	Foreign
Professional staff*	Rs. 250	US \$ 50
Scientists/Faculty	Rs. 500	US \$ 100
Institutional members**	Rs. 2000	US \$ 400

Life membership	Inland	Foreign
Professional Staff*	Rs. 2000	US \$ 250
Scientists/Faculties	Rs. 4000	US \$ 500
Institutional Members**	Rs.16000	US \$ 2000

*Research Assistant/Associate/Post Doctoral Scholars etc.

**Academic / Scientific Organizations, Private companies, Funding agencies etc.

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HEARTY WELCOME

GII gives a hearty welcome to the newest member of its family, **Ms. Suruchi Dedgaonkar**. Suruchi is a software engineer. She completed her B.E. in Information Technology from M.I.T. College, Pune. She has joined I2IT as a Project Assistant and will be responsible for the web activities, website maintenance and for the smooth functioning of GII.



PERSEVERANCE AND PATIENCE RECOGNIZED



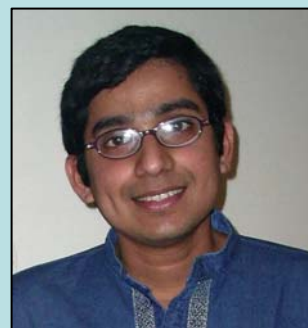
The teamwork of **Drs. Madhugiri Nageswara Rao** and **Jaya R. Soneji** is making a high-tech impact at the University of Florida's, Citrus Research and Education Center. They have been appraised and recognized by UF/IFAS International Programs for their contributions in the fields of population and conservation genetics, functional genomics, plant breeding and biotechnology. Their research has been aired by Fox News and is being noticed by International academic associations.

EXCEPTIONAL ENDEAVORS

GII congratulates **Prashanth Survajhala** for his exceptional endeavors. At the 2008 Bioinformatics Organization Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors elected him to join the Board. He has been a member of the Bioinformatics Organization since 2001.

“Host Pathogenesis and Lateral Gene Transfer Revisited: Challenges to Evolution”, a team project presented by Prashanth at Recomb2008, (Research in Computational Molecular Biology conference held on

March-30 to April 02 in Singapore) was recognized as one of the innovative works by International Society of Computational Biology for which they have been awarded travel grant. The other team members were Rohit and Venkat of Vellore Institute of Technology, India, Sandeep and Vishal of Birla Institute of Technology, Umesh of Precision Biotech and Dr. Rajib of Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi



MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS OF GII

FEATURED IN 2008 (March-June)

Dr. Hari P. Singh

Dr. Singh started his career as an Assistant Professor at the University of Agriculture and Technology, Faizabad, India in 2002. He joined Fort Valley State University, USA as a Research Professional as well as Adjunct Faculty in 2005. He can be reached at singhh@fvsu.edu



Dr. Hari D. Upadhyaya

Dr. Upadhyaya started his career in 1982 as a Scientist at G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, India. In 1983, he joined the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, India as an Assistant Professor. In 1991, he joined ICRISAT as a Senior Scientist. At present, he is a Principal Scientist at ICRISAT. He can be reached at h.upadhyaya@cgiar.org

Dr. Channapatna S. Prakash

Dr. Prakash started his career as an Assistant Professor in 1989 and currently, he is a Professor and Director of Center for Plant Biotechnology Research at Tuskegee University, USA. In 1996, he was a Visiting Scientist at Indian Institute of Science and University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, India. He can be reached at Prakash@tuskegee.edu



Dr. Prashanth Survajhala

Dr. Prashanth will soon be finishing his PhD at Roskilde University Centre, Denmark. He will be starting his career as a Scientist (Bioinformatics Engineer) at CDAC, Pune, India in September 2008. He can be reached at prash@ruc.dk

GENOMICS RELATED SYMPOSIA/CONFERENCES

1. The 13th Human Genome Meeting (HGM2008) will be held in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India during 27-30 September 2008

Web: <http://hgm2008.hugo-international.org/>

2. The 4th EMBO Conference: From Functional Genomics to Systems Biology will be held at EMBL Heidelberg, Germany during 15-18 November, 2008.

Web: http://www-db.embl.de/jss/EmblGroupsOrg/conf_82

3. International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, India and other scientific organizations is organizing Second International Symposium on Papaya at Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India during 9-12 December, 2008.

Web: <http://www.ishs-papaya2008.com/>



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