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Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT),
Bhubaneswar, Odisha, INDIA



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A Brief History of UNESCO Kalinga Prize (Including list of UNESCO Kalinga Prize Laureates):

The UNESCO Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science is an international award created following a donation from Shri Biju Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha and Founder President of the Kalinga Foundation Trust, Bhubaneswar to UNESCO, Paris in the year 1951. The Prize is being administered by UNESCO, Paris since 1952.

The purpose of the Prize is to reward the efforts of a person who has had a distinguished career as a writer, editor, lecturer, radio/television programme director or film producer, which has enabled him/her to help interpret science, research and technology to the public. He/She is expected to be knowledgeable of the role of science, technology and general research in the improvement of the public welfare, the enrichment of the cultural heritage of nations and the solutions to the problem of humanity.

The UNESCO Kalinga Prize Awardees receives a Cash Prize of US\$ 20,000 and a UNESCO Albert Einstein Silver Medal and a Citation. The recipient is also awarded the "Kalinga Chair", introduced by the Government of India to mark the 50th anniversary of the Kalinga Prize. As holder of the Kalinga Chair, the winner travels to India for a period of two to four weeks as the guest of the Government of India and delivers talks on Popularization of Science at various educational institutions. The Chair also comprises a token honorarium of US\$ 5,000.

A Brief History of Kalinga Foundation Trust, Bhubaneswar, Odisha:

Kalinga Foundation Trust (KFT) was founded by the Legendary Late Sri Biju Patnaik, Hon'ble former Chief Minister of Odisha and former Union Minister, Govt. of India. The innovative idea of extracting petrol from coal was the brain child of Shri Patnaik and he implemented this project through KFT by sending six bright meritorious young Indian students to Paris for research on the subject. The objectives of the society are Public Charitable & Literary, viz: To diffuse useful knowledge in arts, science, scientific research, engineering, technology and promotion of literature, political education and allied subjects both inside and outside the Indian Union; To organize relief works in times of flood, famine, earthquake, cyclone, fire, tempest, epidemic and such other calamities; To promote, encourage foreign studies and researches by Indian students; To provide medical and welfare facilities and other amenities to children, disabled and infirm persons, the destitute and the orphans; To make arrangements for poor and deserving persons for free medical treatment and to provide stipends, scholarships, grants for enabling meritorious and deserving students to prosecute higher studies in India or abroad etc. All the above objectives are being implemented by KFT for the last 60 years. For details, the Website of Kalinga Foundation Trust (www.kalingafoundationtrust.com) may please be referred.

About Odisha:

Odisha is situated on the Eastern coast of India along the Bay of Bengal. The state occupies 1, 55,707 Sq.Kms. area and 3.67 Crores as population, out of which 85% rural and 15% urban Population. The state has been gifted with nature's bounty, a 482 km. stretch of coastline with golden beaches, serpentine rivers, mighty waterfalls, forest-clad blue hills of Eastern Ghats with rich wild life. Odisha is quite rich in its heritage that houses many remarkable monuments of ancient times. The entire length and breadth of Odisha is marked with remarkable tourist places and each place of India has a tale to tell to its tourist.

Sight Seeing:

Odisha has many places of Tourist attraction. Some of the important tourist destinations are: UNESCO World Heritage Site - Sun Temple Konark, Dhauligiri White Pagoda, Khandagiri Jain Caves, Puri Sea Beach, Lord Jagannath Temple, Pipli, Chilika Lake, Buddhist Monuments like, Ratnagiri, Lalitgiri & Udayagiri, Nandan Kanan Botanical Garden & Zoo, Similipal Biosphere Reserve, Bhitarkanika and the City of Temples Bhubaneswar etc. Delegates may avail the rare opportunity to visit these places of interest during their stay at Bhubaneswar.

Weather/Temperature/Humidity:

Bhubaneswar will have a pleasant weather during the month of January. The temperature will be 25⁰ C (Max) and 11⁰ C (Min). Humidity will be around 60%.

Publication of Souvenir:

A Souvenir is planned to be released on the occasion on 4th January, 2012. Articles on Popularization of Science in English are invited from the Authors and Popular Science Writers from India and abroad for publication in the Souvenir as per the following :

- Global Challenges on Popularization of Science
- Role of Youth in Popularization of Science
- History of Science : Science & Technology as vehicles of interaction among civilizations
- Science Journalism
- Science Popularization: Way forward























Last date of receipt of articles is 31st October, 2011. The articles may be sent to the Director, NISER, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India in the address furnished under Contact Details.

Programme:

Programme for the two days International Conference will be detailed out in the 2nd Circular planned to be released during September, 2011.












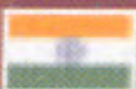










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1954	Waldemar Kaempffert		USA/Etats-Unis	
1955	Augusto Pi Suner		Venezuela	
1956	George Gamow		USA/Etats Unis	
1957	Bertrand Russel	Nobel 1950	United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni	
1958	Karl von Frisch	Nobel 1973	F.R. Germany/R.F. d'Allemagne	
1959	Jean Rostand		France	
1960	Ritchie Calder		United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni	
1961	Arthur C. Clarke		United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni	
1962	Gerald Piel		USA/Etats Unis	
1963	Jagjit Singh		India/Inde	
1964	Warren Weaver		USA/Etats Unis	
1965	Eugene Rabinovitch		USA/Etats Unis	
1966	Paul Couderc		France	
1967	Fred Hoyle		United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni	
1968	Gavin de Beer		United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni	
1969	Konrad Lorenz	Nobel 1973	Austria/Autriche	
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“ In my Dream of the 21st Century for the state of Orissa , I would have young men and women who put the interest of the state before them. They will have pride in themselves, confidence in themselves. They will not be at anybody's mercy, except their own selves. By their brain, intelligence and capacity, they will recapture the history of Kalinga. I would like my Orissa of the 21st century to have excellent artisans, superb craftsmen and sculptors, greatest musicians and poets. ”




Biju Patnaik

Shri Biju Patnaik,
Founder President, Kalinga Foundation Trust

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1973	Not awarded		
1974	José Reis		Brazil/Brésil 
	Louis Estrada		Mexico/Mexique 
1975	Not awarded		
1976	George Porter	Nobel 1967	United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni 
	Alexander Oparin		USSR/URSS 
1977	Fernand Seguin		Canada 
1978	Hoimar von Ditfurth		F.R. Germany/R.F. d'Allemagne 
1979	Sergei Kapitza		USSR/URSS 
1980	Aristide Bastidas		Venezuela 
1981	David F. Attenborough		United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni 
	Dennis Flanagan		USA/Etats Unis 
1982	Oswaldo Frota-Pessoa		Brazil/Brésil 
1983	Abdullah Al Muti Sharafuddin		Bangladesh 
1984	Yves Coppens		France 
	Igor Petryanov		USSR/URSS 
1985	Sir Peter Medawar	Nobel 1960	United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni 
1986	Nicolai G. Basov	Nobel 1964	USSR/URSS 
	David Suzuki		Canada 
1987	Marcel Roche		Venezuela 
1988	Björn Kurtén		Finland/Finlande 
1989	Saad Ahmed Shabaan		A.R. of Egypt/R.A. d'Egypte 
1990	Misbah-Ud-Din Shami		Pakistan 
1991	Radu Iftimovici		Romania/Roumanie 
	Narender K. Sehgal		India/Inde 
1992	Jorge Flores Valdés		Mexico/Mexique 
	Peter Okebukola		Nigeria/Nigéria 

“It is worth writing about Biju Patnaik for atleast two reasons. His long life can be read as something of a history of India back to the time when the country was run by British. And he gave Indian Politics a rare fresh of colour”

....The Economist

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1993	Piero Angela		Italy/Italie 
1994	Nikolai N. Drozdov		Russia/Russie 
1995	Julieta Fierro Gossman		Mexico/Mexique 
1996	Jirí Grygar		Czech Rep./Rep. Tchèque 
	Jayant V. Narlikar		India/Inde 
1997	Dorairajan Balasubramanian		India/Inde 
1998	Regina Paz Lopez		Philippines 
	Ennio Candotti		Brazil/Brésil 
1999	Marian Addy		Ghana 
	Emil Gabrielian		Armenia/Arménie 
2000	Ernst W. Hamburger		Brazil/Brésil 
2001	Stefano Fantoni		Italy/Italie 
2002	Marisela Salvatierra		Venezuela 
2003	Pervez Amirali Hoodbhoy		Pakistan 
2004	Jean Audouze		France 
2005	Jeter Jorge Bertoletti		Brazil 
2006			
-	Statute and Financial Guidelines were being revised		
2008			
2009	Prof Yash Pal		India 
	Trinh Xuan Thuan		Vietnam 

Registration Form

Name of the Participant : -----

Profession : -----

Mailing Address : -----

Phone, Fax, Mobile No. and E-mail ID : -----

Accommodation : All participants will be provided accommodation on payment basis on advance intimation of 60 days.

Registration Fee : Rs. 1500/- per participant (100 USD for Overseas Participants). Similar amount to be paid for accompanying spouse/ children. For online registration and E-Transfer of fee, visit the website www.niser.ac.in/unescokalingaprize

Payment of Registration Fee : Participants are requested to send their Registration Fee in the form of a Bank Draft / E-Transfer in the name of 'UNESCO Kalinga Prize' payable at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, INDIA by Speed Post /Courier/ Regd. Post along with filled in Registration Form in the following address. The cover of the envelope containing the Registration Fee and Filled-in Registration Form should be marked as "International Conference for Celebration of 60th Anniversary of UNESCO Kalinga Prize for Popularization of Science".

Last Date of Registration : 15th December, 2011

Spot Registration : Participants may also avail Spot Registration facilities on payment of Registration Fee of Rs. 2500/- by cash at the Registration Desk during the Conference.

(Signature of the Participant)

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