

## World Council of Elders of Ancient Traditions & Cultures

4<sup>th</sup> International conference and gathering of the elders 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> march 2012

Call for papers and Second Announcement

Theme for the Conference

**“Nourishing the Balance of the Universe”**

**Venue: Dev Sanskriti Vishva Vidyalaya Campus, Haridwar, India**

**Jointly Organized by:**

International Center for Cultural Studies Inc. USA  
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Dev Sanskriti Vishva Vidyalaya, Haridwar, India

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ICCS proudly announces the 4<sup>th</sup> International conference and gathering of the elders under the forum “World Council of Elders of Ancient Traditions & Cultures” from 3<sup>rd</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at Haridwar, Uttarakhand, India.

World council of the elders is a non-political, non-religious, non-profit socio-cultural forum, which intends to provide a platform for the Elders of the Ancient Traditions and cultures of the world. There are over 1000 members of the world council representing more than 75 different cultures of the world from over 40 different countries.

### **Aims and Objectives of the World Council of Elders of the Ancient Traditions:**

1. To provide a platform to the Elders to come together and discuss respective traditions, exchange ideas & thoughts.
2. To explore the possible similarities between the traditions.
3. To create a positive image of these traditions, have extensive collaboration within the Elders and derive some commonalties, which will be useful to the humanity at large.
4. To encourage the possible transfer of the values of life and ways of life to the next generation of our respective traditions.
5. To exchange various ideas, experiments that were conducted to preserve and propagate respective cultures and traditions and to enrich others by one's own experiences and experiments.
6. To publish related books, literature, journals, giving positive approach to human life.
7. To organize conferences, seminars, symposium, lectures on ancient cultures and traditions, bring people of diverse backgrounds together to propagate positive values and ethos of life useful to understand the creation of the God (nature, environment, plant and animal kingdom) and the humanity at large.
8. To revive the ancient eco- friendly traditions and rituals to pass on to the future generations.
9. Audiovisual recording of the oral history of the traditions, myths and charms of the surviving ancient traditions.
10. Revive the ancient and sacred locations and build up monuments or reconstruct these were to the inspiration to the coming generations.

The First Conference of the Elders was organized from 4th Feb to 9th Feb 2003 in Mumbai, India. The conference was attended by 257 delegates from 32 different countries, followed by the second one in Jaipur in 2006 and the third one at Nagpur in 2009. The fourth conference and gathering of the elders will be from 3<sup>rd</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012, at Haridwar, India. Several organizations are cosponsoring the event. We are also looking for your organizations to cosponsor the program and conference as well. As a cosponsored event from your organizations, five delegates from your organization will get free registrations worth of 1250 US\$.

The theme of the conference will be

## “Nourishing the Balance of the Universe”

Ancient traditions and cultures of the world bring entirely holistic perspectives in various aspects of human life. ICCS refers to all the traditions and cultures which have existed for more than 2000 years as ancient traditions and cultures such as over 1000 cultures of Africa, over 500 Cultures of Native Americans and indigenous traditions of Australia (Aboriginals) , New Zealand (Maoris) and Indigenous traditions present in different parts of the world.

All these traditions think about total humanity and human being in totality. In some way all these traditions believed that there is a natural balance within the universe and it is the duty of the human generations to nourish this balance within the universe.

They refer to balance between the

1. Human beings and their families
2. Balance between Human being and environment
3. Balance between human beings and the Greater spirit or God and its creation
4. Balance between the living and non living manifestations of the divinity.

A simple saying by our Native American relatives "Treat the earth well: We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children" is a great guideline for the environmental crisis face by the humanity. Similar wisdom is proclaimed by many of the elders worldwide who belong to different ancient traditions and cultures.

The fourth conference is an attempt to bring all this great wisdom from the traditions to the forefront of the knowledge.

The conference will have several parallel paper presentations sessions.

The program will also include presentation of traditional ceremonies, prayers and cultural programs to share the wisdom and knowledge as well as an opportunity to learn from each other and contribute to the renaissance of the ancient traditions and cultures worldwide.

### **Abstract and Paper:**

The date of submission 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012; if you submit the full paper before 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012, it will be included in the CD which will be given to all the participants as a part of the registration kit. You can submit your abstract and paper on line on our website at [www.iccsus.org](http://www.iccsus.org) or e mail to [info@iccsus.org](mailto:info@iccsus.org)

**Ceremonies:** The elders and researchers who are attending will be performing traditional ceremonies in the morning sessions. If you wish to perform traditional ceremonies and if you need some special things to perform the ceremonies please send the detailed request to [info@iccsus.org](mailto:info@iccsus.org) Attention: Ceremonies

**Resolutions:** Several resolutions will be passed during the conference related to the theme of the conference. There will be a special session for resolutions. Resolutions related to ancient

traditions and cultures will be considered, Please send your draft of resolution as soon as possible to [info@iccsus.org](mailto:info@iccsus.org) Attention Resolutions.

**Poster and Exhibition:** Posters introducing various traditions and cultures will be displayed. Please send your posters regarding your traditions to [Info@iccsus.org](mailto:Info@iccsus.org) Attention Posters, we can get it printed at Mumbai, so you need not carry with you. Your poster can be part of our international exhibition on ancient traditions and cultures. The poster should include history, proverbs, oral wisdom, ceremonies, some special attributes of God, prayers applicable to total humanity and thoughts of human being in totality, holistic views for humanity and similar information. ICCS will bear the expenses for printing. Please send us your poster with beautiful pictures and information.

**Cultural Presentation:** In the evening there will be traditional cultural presentation, please bring your costumes and presentations showing the diversity of human cultures globally.

**Social Interaction:** All the delegates will be visiting the schools and interact with the students to teach them about the world's cultural diversity. All delegates will be able to present about their cultures in front of the students in different schools. In previous conferences we have contacted over 35,000 students in the span of 4 hours from over 60 schools in Jaipur and Nagpur, India.

**Special Symposiums:** If you wish to organize any other symposium please contact immediately with suggestions of the theme. E mail: [info@iccsus.org](mailto:info@iccsus.org) Attention special symposium.

**Tour Program:** A special tour program is being organized for the foreign delegates starting from 25th Feb 2012 till 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012. All those who are interested in participating in the tour program should reach New Delhi on 24th Feb 2012 before evening. The tour program will include attractions from North India and the cost will depend on the number of participants. To be finalized by Feb 2012. Watch our website for the pre-conference tours.

**Conference Registration: US \$ 250.00.**

Several fellowships are available for the registration fees. Please do apply online for registration and request for registration fee waiver.

**Conference registration** will cover accommodation, food, and conference kit.

**Accommodation** will be dorm type sharing with other delegates. There are few independent rooms for families. These rooms will be given to participants on first come first served. The conference venue is 200 Km from the International Airport of New Delhi, India. The nearest airport for reaching the conference Venue is Jolly Grant Airport, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, which is 35Kms by road.

**Accommodation:** If you need alternative accommodation in hotel, arrangements can be done. Please request for your accommodation at our Delhi e mail address.

**Transportation to and from the airport** to Haridwar will have to be paid by the delegates. ICCS will try to arrange buses if enough delegates inform in advance about their arrival. The cost is approximately around 50 US\$ per person.

**Transportation Arrangements:** You are requested to reach New Delhi by 3<sup>rd</sup> March morning for the conference. You may choose to travel by the bus or train. A chartered bus may also be available provided we get the required number of participants to travel by bus and this will leave New Delhi for Haridwar by 4 PM on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012. You will be received by our karyakartas (volunteers). You will be able to go after the concluding function on 7th March 2012 after dinner. Please mail your arrival details to our New Delhi address and e-mail it.

Rail travel to the venue Haridwar is probably the most convenient one from New Delhi or Delhi station and one can book their tickets online- [www.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.indianrail.gov.in) Following are the most convenient trains for traveling to & from Haridwar from Delhi– Please mind that some trains depart from various stations in Delhi and the names are mentioned below.

Train No. & Name	Departure Station	Dep. Time	Arrival in Haridwar	Fare A/c 3 Tier	Train Fare A/C Chair car	Fare Non A/c Sleeper
12017 Dehradun Shatabdi	New Delhi	06-50 AM	11-25 AM		INR435	
12055 Jan Shatabdi	New Delhi	15-25 PM	19-30 PM		INR345	
14041 Mussoorie Express	Delhi S Rohilla	21-30 PM	05-50 AM		INR388	INR149

- There are more trains but the above mentioned are most convenient ones.
- There is luxury class available on some trains and one may book that also.

**Catering:** If you need any special food requirements, please inform immediately at our New Delhi e-mail address. Vegetarian food will be served throughout the conference and delegates are requested to refrain from alcoholic drinks and meat and smoking as the venue is a Dev Sanskriti Vishwa Vidyalaya campus and no such activities are allowed on the campus.

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Profession.....

Spouse (Optional).....

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Phone (H)..... (M).....

E-mail address:.....

Additional (Optional) Information:

Application for new membership:.....

Endorsed by: NAME.....Membership No.....

Signature.....Date.....

Membership Type: Patron/ Life/Active/Associate

Renewal of annual membership:

NAME .....Membership No.....

Dues: Any amount more than \$500.00 life member, for Patron \$1000.00

Please mail your check (Payable to ICCS) with completed membership form

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**World Council of Elders (WCE) of Ancient Traditions & Cultures Membership Form:**

Dear Brother/Sister,

I have a pleasure in associating myself as a MEMBER of the WORLD COUNCIL OF THE ELDERS OF THE ANCIENT TRADITIONS & CULTURES formed under the auspices of International Center for Cultural Studies.

I have read the aims and objectives of the WORLD COUNCIL OF THE ELDERS OF THE ANCIENT TRADITIONS & CULTURES and would like to contribute my efforts for the activities of the World council for the elders of the ancient traditions. I am enclosing herewith my brief resume for the purpose of preparing profiles of the members of the World Council. My address, Telephone- Fax Number and E-mail address is as follows:

Date:.....

Name:.....

Address:.....

Tel:.....

Fax:.....

E- mail:.....

Signature:.....