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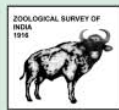
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## National level Hands-on Training Workshop on Principles and Practices of Animal Taxonomy with special reference to Insects

(Zoological Survey of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India)

### About the workshop

A one week National Level Hands-on Training Workshop on Principles and Practices of Animal Taxonomy with special reference to Insects is being organized by Zoological Survey of India, Western Ghat Regional Centre, Calicut, Kerala. The one week residential workshop is intended to educate and popularize Animal Taxonomy – the science of discovering, naming and classifying animals. To demonstrate and communicate the underlying concepts in taxonomy, the workshop will focus on standard techniques and procedures practiced in the science of Entomology. The subject area specialists of repute will deliver presentations/lectures and also impart hands-on training on collection, preservation, curation and identification techniques, with regard to significant insect groups like Lepidoptera (butterflies & moths), Odonata (dragon flies & damselflies), Mantodea (Praying mantids), Hymenoptera (ants, bees and wasps), Coleoptera (beetles), Diptera (flies), Orthoptera (Grass-hoppers) and Aquatic insects (including Hemiptera). A one-day field visit will be organized to Vanaparvam Biodiversity Conservation Park, Kakkavayal, Calicut, to get acquainted with the procedures and techniques related to inventorying insects. Modern trends in insect taxonomy like molecular systematics will also be dealt with. The medium of instructions will be English.

### Broad objectives

The workshop aims: · To introduce the Principles, Practices and Scope of Animal Taxonomy· To Impart practical/hands-on training in standard Taxonomic Procedures· To develop basic skills in Identifying the Insect fauna

**Target Groups:** Post graduates and young researchers in the field of Zoology, Wildlife Biology and Life Sciences.

**Venue and Dates:** The workshop will be conducted at Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Western Ghat Regional Centre (WGRC), Calicut-6, Kerala, from 27th February – March 3rd, 2012.

**Eligibility Criteria\* :** 1. Age: Applicants should be below 35 years as on 1.1.2012. 2. Educational Qualifications and Experience: Post Graduates in Zoology, Wildlife Biology and Life Sciences. At least one year research experience desirable \***Ph. D holders are not encouraged to apply.** A total of 25 participants will be selected on all-India basis, according to the above criteria. Selected participants will be asked to submit copies of their Certificates.

**Travel, Boarding and Lodging for the participants:** The participants will be provided a second class to and fro fare by train and the free dormitory accommodation.

**How to Apply:** Application form that is to be filled and submitted can be downloaded from [http://zsi.gov.in/right\\_menu/29.11.11/ZSI/Index.html](http://zsi.gov.in/right_menu/29.11.11/ZSI/Index.html). The duly filled application form should reach the Course coordinator on or before 10th January 2012, by email only.

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