AIDSCON - 13

..towards AIDS Free World

Concept Note

The Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society is hosting AIDSCON – 13 – Towards an AIDS Free World on March 14th & 15th, 2024, at the Dr. P.N. Chhuttani Memorial Indian Medical Association (IMA) Complex in Sector 35-B, Chandigarh – 160022.

The event will convene professionals from both medical and social sectors to deliberate on the most recent advancements in combatting HIV and AIDS. It will encompass a diverse range of presentations and panel discussions covering themes like prevention tactics, available treatments, and assistance programs for individuals impacted by the illness.

Since 2011, Chandigarh SACS has effectively organized twelve AIDSCON conferences. These conferences are designed to provide valuable insights, disseminate pioneering research, and facilitate the exchange of experiences among a diverse range of attendees. This commitment to excellence is reflected in consistently high levels of participation. In the previous year's AIDSCON-12, over 400 delegates engaged in the conference, which was conducted in a physical format.

For this year's event, Chandigarh SACS has opted for a fully in-person conference format. We kindly urge you to register for the conference as soon as possible. Attached is the AIDSCON-13 concept note, providing comprehensive information about the conference, including registration fees and the registration form. Please review the document at your earliest convenience and take any required steps to secure your participation. Thank you, and we anticipate your involvement in AIDSCON-13.

Registration Guidelines

1. Attendance at the conference is limited, and registrations will be accepted on a 'first come, first served' basis.
2. Registration forms are available for download on the official website of Chandigarh SACS.
3. Alternatively, the form can be photocopied for submission.
4. The registration fees for the conference are as follows:

	Up to 7th March 2024	**8th March 2024 onwards and Spot Registration**
Students, NGOs & staff of peripheral units of SACS*	500	700
Other delegates	700	1000
*Students, NGOs & staff of Peripheral Units of SACS must submit valid photo-identity card along with the registration form wherever applicable		

5. Delegates have the option to submit their registration form along with the registration fee directly at the Chandigarh SACS office to complete their conference registration.

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Delegates have the option to submit the registration form along with the registration fee via Cheque or Demand Draft payable at Chandigarh. Outstation cheques will not be accepted. The Cheque or Demand Draft should be made in favor of "AIDSCON - Chandigarh SACS" and can be sent through post to the office of Chandigarh SACS.

OR

Delegates also have the option to submit the registration fee online to the account "AIDSCON- Chandigarh SACS" at SBI, Sector 16, Chandigarh. The Bank Account Number is 39760390777, and the IFSC code is SBIN0050736. This can be done through NEFT. After the transaction, delegates are required to send a scanned copy of the registration form along with the UTR number and date of the transaction, as well as a scanned copy of the details of fee submission, to the email address chandigarhsacs@gmail.com

6. The registration fee is non-refundable under any circumstances once paid.
7. Conference registration is non-transferable.
8. Certificates will be distributed on the final day of the conference.
9. For any inquiries, please contact us via email at chandigarhsacs@gmail.com or call our official phone numbers during office hours (10:00 am to 4:30 pm) on all working days (Monday to Friday).

Abstract Submission Guidelines for Oral and Poster Presentations

1. Abstracts must be written in English.
2. Submission deadline for abstracts is on or before March 1st, 2024.
3. Abstracts should be submitted via email or mail with the subject clearly indicating "Abstract submission for AIDSCON - 13".
4. Abstract Format:
   a) **Title:** Should be concise and clear, without abbreviations.
   b) **Authors & Co-Authors:** List the names of all authors and co-authors.
   c) **Abstract Text:** Should not exceed 250 words and include background, objectives, methods, results, and conclusions.
   d) **Presenting Author:** The presenting author must register for the conference and pay the required registration fee. Only one person will be allowed to present and will receive a certificate of presentation.
5. Poster presentation size should be 3 ft. (width) x 4 ft. (Height)
6. Abstracts will be reviewed by the technical committee, and selected abstracts will be allocated presentation slots during the conference. Delegates may register for the conference in advance and submit abstracts later but no later than March 1st, 2024.
7. Tentative themes to be covered during the conference include: Blood Safety, Preventive Services, Epidemiology & Surveillance, Injecting Drug Use and HIV/AIDS, Dynamics of Transmission of HIV & STIs among high-risk groups, Care, Support & Treatment, Mainstreaming, Current and Future Challenges, etc. The focus will be on achieving the 95:95:95 target by 2025 and ending the epidemic by 2030.
8. All abstracts (oral or poster) submitted for the conference will be the property of Chandigarh SACS and may be used by Chandigarh SACS as needed.

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Guidelines for Oral Presentations during the Conference

1. Chandigarh SACS will provide audio-visual aids.
2. Delegates will have a maximum of 10 minutes for their presentation, including 8 minutes for the presentation itself and 2 minutes for discussion.
3. The session chair reserves the right to end any presentation that exceeds the allotted time.
4. Presenters are responsible for ensuring that their presentations do not violate any copyright or trademark laws.
5. Delegates must bring their presentation on a USB drive that is free from any viruses or malware.
6. Delegates should arrive at the venue well in advance and transfer their presentation to the audio-visual system with the assistance of the audio-visual assistant.
7. It is essential for the presenting delegate to be registered and to have paid the registration fee in full.

Guidelines for Reaching Chandigarh/Venue of the Conference

1. Delegates are responsible for their own travel, accommodation, and boarding arrangements for attending the conference. Chandigarh SACS will not cover any expenses related to these arrangements. However, upon timely request, Chandigarh SACS may assist delegates in facilitating booking of accommodation on behalf of delegates.
2. The conference venue is approximately 9 km from Chandigarh Railway Station and about 20 km from Chandigarh/Mohali Airport. It typically takes around half an hour to reach the venue from Chandigarh Railway Station and about one hour from Chandigarh/Mohali Airport.
3. For local transportation, delegates can utilize web-based cab services such as Ola cabs, Uber, etc., as well as other modes of transportation like buses and prepaid taxi services available at the airport.

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Popular tourist attractions at Chandigarh

Chandigarh, the capital of the northern Indian states of Punjab and Haryana, was designed by the Swiss-French modernist architect, Le Corbusier. Picturesquely located at the foothills of Shivaliks, it is known as one of the best experiments in urban planning and modern architecture in the twentieth century in India. Chandigarh derives its name from the temple of "Chandi Mandir" located in the vicinity of the site selected for the city. The deity 'Chandi', the goddess of power and a fort of 'garh' laying beyond the temple gave the city its name "Chandigarh-The City Beautiful". Besides many tourist locations, the following are the key tourist attraction in or around Chandigarh.

1.	**The Rock Garden** The Rock Garden is a sculpture garden. It is spread over an area of 40 acres. It is completely built of industrial and home waste and thrown-away items. It consists of man-made interlinked waterfalls and many other sculptures that have been made of scrap and other kinds of wastes (bottles, glasses, bangles, tiles, ceramic pots, sinks, electrical waste, broken pipes, etc.) which are placed in walled paths	
2.		**Sukhna Lake** Sukhna Lake is a reservoir at the foothills of the Himalayas. This 3 km² rain fed lake was created in 1958 by damming the Sukhna Choe, a seasonal stream coming down from the Shivalik Hills. People visit this place in the morning to enjoy the cool breeze and the beauty of nature. Chandigarh Sukhna Lake serves as a great picnic spot and an apt place for pursuing water sport activities like boating, yachting and water skiing etc. The atmosphere over here is very serene and thus apt for meditating. Also, you can savor the melodious humming of birds. People come here in the evening time to forget their worries and relax for a while. So, if you want to rejuvenate yourself, then Sukhna Lake is the perfect destination for you

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3.		**Chandigarh Bird Park** The Department of Forest & Wildlife, UT Chandigarh has developed Chandigarh Bird Park at Nagar Van behind Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh for creating awareness among general public towards bird conservation especially the young minds on nature education and conservation. Smt. Savita Kovind, Hon'ble First Lady of India inaugurated the Chandigarh Bird Park on 16th November, 2021. The Park have been created for the exotic birds which are commonly bred in India. https://chandigarhforest.gov.in/chandigarh-bird-park-2/
4.	**Pinjore Gardens** Pinjore Gardens, also called Yadavindra Gardens are 20 km from Chandigarh on the Chandigarh Shimla national highway number 21. Taxis and buses ply regularly between Pinjore, Kalka, Panchkula and Chandigarh. The fascinating Mughal Garden (now popularly called Pinjore Garden) covers a total area of 100 acres. A plants nursery, a Japanese garden, historic palaces and picnic lawns await tourists. Especially at weekends, fountains are switched on and after dusk, lights pick up the beauty of the palaces by night. Nawab Fadai Khan, a great architect and foster brother of the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb is said to have designed the idyllic gardens. He planned the Gardens on the classical Charbagh pattern, giving the area a central water way.	
5.		**Capitol Complex & Open Hand monument** Chandigarh Capitol Complex is located in the sector-1 of Chandigarh city. It is a government compound designed by the architect Le Corbusier and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is spread over an area of around 100 acres and is a prime manifestation of

		Chandigarh's architecture. It comprises three buildings, three monuments and a lake, including the Palace of Assembly or Legislative Assembly, Secretariat, High Court, Open Hand Monument, Geometric Hill and Tower of Shadows. It was added in UNESCO World Heritage Site List in 2016. The Open Hand Monument is a symbolic structure designed by the architect Le Corbusier and located in the Capitol Complex of the Indian city and union territory of Chandigarh. It is the emblem or symbol of the Government of Chandigarh and symbolizes "the hand to give and the hand to take; peace and prosperity, and the unity of mankind". The largest example of Le Corbusier's many Open Hand sculptures; it stands 26 meters (85 ft) high. The metal structure with vanes is 14 meters (46 ft) high, weighs 50 short tons (100,000 lb), and was designed to rotate in the wind
6.	**Govt. Museum & Art Gallery** Government Museum and Art Gallery, Chandigarh, is a premier museum of North India having collections of Gandharan sculptures, Pahari and Rajasthani miniature paintings. It owes its existence to the partition of India in August, 1947. Prior to the partition, the collections of art objects, paintings and sculptures were housed in the Central Museum, Lahore, the then capital of Punjab. After partition, the division of collections took place on April 10, 1948. Sixty percent of objects were retained by Pakistan and forty percent collection fell in the share of India	
7.		**Timber Trail** Timber Trail Hotels is a chain of resorts in Parwanoo; Himachal Pradesh nestled among the Shivalik Ranges. All the properties are elegantly built and located in a pristine location amidst the lush green mountains. The resorts are accessible by cable car which in itself an extraordinary experience. Resorts cater to every requirement of visitors - luxury, serenity, and relaxation. It is about 40 km from Chandigarh