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**Hands-on Workshop on
Morpho- and Molecular Taxonomy of
Arachnids
(Spiders & Pseudoscorpions)**

18 - 21 March 2020

Organized By
**Division of Arachnology
Dept. of Zoology
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Invertebrates are the highest recorded fauna in most of the natural ecosystems; yet their importance in sustaining the balance of various ecosystems is rarely appreciated. Previous conservation efforts in India were focused mostly on vertebrates, while invertebrates were largely ignored and were only incidentally conserved in National Parks and other protected areas. Nowadays there is a growing need to conserve all species, including invertebrate fauna. Surveys of invertebrate fauna can provide important information to justify the conservation of various ecosystems.

Arachnids are important, but poorly studied invertebrate group belonging to the Phylum Arthropoda. They play a vital role in the regulation of insect and other invertebrate populations in ecosystems. Though they form one of the most diverse and ubiquitous groups of arthropods, their study in India is still in its infancy. The major reason for this dilemma in the arachnid research in India is the lack of taxonomic expertise in these groups. Only with the knowledge gained from fundamental researches, advancements in any area of researches are possible. Considering this, the Division of Arachnology, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thevara, Ernakulam is organizing a workshop on the morpho- and molecular taxonomy of spiders and pseudoscorpions, in order to impart knowledge on the classification of these ecologically significant arachnids.

Date of workshop: 18 - 21 March 2020

Venue: Division of Arachnology, Department of Zoology, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thevara, Kochi-682 013, Kerala

Registration Fees:

Faculty/Scientists: Rs. 3000/- (Without accomodation).

Research Scholars/Students: Rs. 1500/- (Without accomodation)

Who can apply: The number of participants is limited to 25. Those who are working on or wish to undertake research in spiders and pseudoscorpions may apply. Interested candidates may send their bio-data along with a half page write up on why they wish to attend the workshop. The registration fee will be collected from the selected candidates at the time of registration.

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