



# **SOCIETY FOR VECTOR ECOLOGY (INDIAN REGION)**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **GREETINGS!**

**Society for Vector Ecology (SOVE), Indian Region**, will organize INAUGURAL CONFERENCE from 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 in Panaji, Goa, India. Delegates from India and abroad are expected to join in large numbers. Experts and researchers in the field of Vector Ecology, Biology and Control will address current challenges in vector control, in the context of climate change, population dynamics and emerging and re-emerging vector borne disease. A strong presence of R&D institutions/industry, manufacturers of vector surveillance and control tools, regulatory bodies, national programme managers and policy makers will trigger discussions on the status of VBDs and need for inclusiveness and convergence to solve key problems in vector control. The meeting will also provide opportunities to debate and deliberate on ways to create enabling environment for development of new vector surveillance and control tools of public health importance. Efforts shall be to invite donor agencies and international premier health agencies such as WHO, Gates Foundation, DFID, Global Fund, etc. to share global experience for local application and identify research thrust areas for funding. The deliberations during the conference will focus on thematic areas to address gamut of issues in an effort to finding durable solutions to control vectors. Some of the key areas would be changing vector ecology, behaviour, vector resistance and climate change. The recent emergence and spurt of Zika, KFD, Dengue, Chikungunya, etc. and our preparedness and response to such outbreaks and epidemics shall be the talking point along with threat of vector species invasion at the point of entry. Indian subcontinent and many countries in the neighbourhood have made significant progress in malaria, filariasis and Kala Azar (Leishmaniasis) control/elimination in the recent decades. A symposium devoted to lessons learned from the previous elimination/eradication campaigns has been planned to shape up and drive new agendas of vector borne disease elimination.

### **Tentative Theme and subthemes:**

#### **Main Theme:**

**From Lab to Public Health Settings: Prevention, Control and Elimination of vectors and Vector Borne Diseases**

#### **Subthemes:**

1. Vector bio-ecology: The old and the new!
2. New VC Tools and Technologies
3. Vector control tool development cycle: Innovation, evaluation, registration and deployment
4. Climate Change: Impact on vectors and vector borne diseases
5. Vector Control in disease elimination: Lessons learned and future course
6. Vector Surveillance and Control at Points of Entry
7. GenNext: Involvement of children and youth in vector suppression
8. Public Health Entomology : Education for trained Manpower & Capacity Building

**Please block your dates to meet in Goa, India: 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2018**