

Conference proceedings Report

The 8th International congress on climate change, territorial classification and socio economic crisis was jointly organized by Bharathidasan University (India) and National Polytechnic Institute(IPN, Mexico) .

Centre for remote sensing and Department of economics were the organizers from Bharathidasan University and Centre for Interdisciplinary studies on environment and development (CIEMAD) represented IPN-Mexico.

The major sponsors of the programme are

- Bharathidasan University- India
- National polytechnic Institute- Mexico
- CSIR-India and
- Ministry of earth science-India

The conference was scheduled for 5 days (23rd to 27th, April 2013) in which the last 2 were allotted for field visits and social interactions. First 3 days were allotted for intellectual exchanges from various environmentalists and socio economists experienced in various dimensions of climate change. The papers and presentations were broadly grouped as two divisions 1) Basic Natural Science and 2) Political and social services. The presentations and discussions in the conference have taken place in English and Spanish. Translators were used for understanding of presentations in Spanish.

The conference was able to source 405 papers from 12 countries and 250 papers were validated by panel of publications and were chosen for publications. 110 Papers were scheduled for presentation and discussion in the conference under 16 themes for which 1 or 2 lead talk provider, Chairman and Rapporteur were planned based on the suitability of the resource person to the theme of discussion. The lead talk provided the setting for the presentations through highlighting the overview and trends in the particular theme. Chairman and Rapporteur were able to conduct the presentations and with the queries and value additions by the panel and also by the audience , the presenters were able to acquire value addition to their study through 1. Identifying new source of information 2. Suggestions in tools and methodologies used 3. Areas and dimensions to be accomplished 4. Extensions and 5. Applications.

Conference was attended by 255 delegates representing 9 countries .

The Inauguration function was presided by Dr.K. Meena, Vice Chancellor ,Bharathidasan University . The inaugural address was delivered by Dr.N.Sudhakar, Advisor, Ministry of earth sciences, Government of India and special address was delivered by Mrs.Rani Muralidharan, Chairman, Confederation of Indian Industries, Tiruchirappalli. Felicitations

address was delivered by Dr. Pedro Francisco Rodriguez Espinosa, Professor, Centre for interdisciplinary studies on environment and development (CIEMAD), National Polytechnic Institute(IPN), Mexico. Dr. M.P.Jonathan was able to provide input on purpose, objectives and history of International congress on Climatic change.

Dr.J A Arul Chella Kumar, Head of the department, Economics, Bharathidasan University welcomed the participants and resource persons and Dr. N.Prasanna, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University thanked the participants and resource persons.

23 eminent scientists provided keynote and special addresses which were able to set right platform for the presenters to discuss their studies. The contributions by eminent scientists and Institutional heads in Inauguration and Valedictory function were able to establish right intellectual environment for the delegates to exchange their views on and off the stage. Formal and informal scientific exchanges and discussions were able to provide better orientation for the young scientists and researchers.

6 posters were chosen for final validation.

The valedictory function was presided by Dr.J A Arul Chella Kumar, Head of the department, Economics, Bharathidasan University. The proceedings and recommendations of the 8th International congress on Climatic change ,Territorial Classification and socio economic crisis was consolidated and presented by Prof.V C Malarmannan, Visiting professor, Department of environmental studies, Bharathidasan University. The Valedictory address was delivered by Dr.A.Ramachandren, IFS, Director, Centre for Climate change, Anna University. The felicitation address was delivered by Dr. Luis Arizmendi, IPN, Mexico. Dr. N.Prasanna, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University welcomed the delegates and resource persons and Dr. C. Lakshumamnan, Conference Coordinator, Assistant Professor, centre for remote sensing, Bharathidasan University thanked the participant, resource persons, Sponsors, Volunteers and other contributors of the event.

The panel was able to choose 3 Young scientists among the presenters and 1 Young scientist from poster presentation based on the quality of research and presentation skill and they were honored in the valedictory function.

7 delegates provided the feedback of the conference and overall the feedback given were positive with respect to hospitality, quality of presentations and keynote addresses, arrangements and support, Cultural show in Kalai Kaveri college of fine arts and over all usefulness of the conference. The value additions suggested was 1. Reduction in number of presentations thereby providing more scope for discussions and 2. Reduction of presentation time in order to reduce the stress on delegates.