

## Solar Eclipse Conference 2011

### *SEC India*

*Chasing the Moon's shadow across the Earth!*

**SPACE is proud to present the Solar Eclipse Conference 2011 (*SEC India*), first time in the Asia Pacific region, to be organised from *December 15-17, 2011* at New Delhi, India.**

(Please refer to the first announcement at: <http://www.eclipsechasers.in/secindia.html> )

*SEC India* aims to set a new benchmark in the eclipse chasing world, for its features, agenda, and organisation and for bringing the eclipse community closer to masses.

- This edition of the conference also tries to bring the professional and the amateur community together and strives to bring the Youth/ the Young minds closer to this community for long term learning and sharing.
- It aims to bring the possibility of linking and tie-up with government agencies, tourism boards, and network of amateur astronomer's organisations, institutions and universities in India; for the international eclipse chasing community.

**The agenda of the conference is spread over three intensive days that will cover Travel, Education, Research, Science, Culture, Mythologies, Public Outreach, Pro-Am linking and Student learning possibilities.**

The conference will also focus on “An Eclipse Plan” for the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse 2012 and ASE of May 2012. Also, on the agenda would be the Venus Transit of June 2012. Whether you want to observe the eclipse, photograph it, or show the eclipse to a large audience, all related aspects will be discussed to help you make definite plan.

We are sure that most of the Eclipse Chasers have already planned TLE observation of December 2012. We at SPACE would be happy to help you if any assistance or guidance is needed for the same.

## Who all will be here?

Many prominent Eclipse Chasers have already confirmed their presence at the conference and many more are expected to join, in the coming days. To name a few:

- **Dr. Jay Anderson:** He is the first name that comes to mind of any eclipse chaser, when planning to finalize the site for eclipse viewing. He is the authority on the eclipse weather conditions and synonym to NASA.
- **Prof. Dipankar Banerjee:** Incharge of the “Aditya mission” and a prominent solar physicist of Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore, India.
- **Mr. Sheridan Williams:** A rocket scientist and a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and working with British Astronomical Association.
- **Mr. Xavier Jubier:** Famous eclipse chaser from France. His most prominent contribution to the eclipse sciences are the interactive Google maps and the eclipse circulator used by eclipse chasers worldwide.
- The confirmation of Dr. Fred Espenak, Dr. Glenn Schneider, and many prominent astronomers and eclipse chasers from India and abroad is awaited.
- The other participants will be the astronomers and educators from planetariums, school students, representatives from the astronomical associations and societies worldwide, Educationists and Teachers from the schools associated with space, Undergraduate students, Enthusiast eclipse chasers, Travel organizers, Scientific officers of all the Embassies in India and officers from the government science and technology departments.
- The conference will have the capacity for **300** participants including the speakers.
- Around **23** international participants and **60** Indian nationals have already expressed their participation.
- Special Teams of scientists and amateurs are expected from China, Sri Lanka and other Asia Pacific region countries.

## Dates and Venue

The conference will be held in New Delhi from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2011.

The venue for the conference would be finalised within a fortnight.

The venue for the Cultural evening mentioned in the schedule below (on Day 3 of the conference) would be at a different venue from the venue of the conference.

## Registration:

For Foreign Delegates:

- Registration fee: USD 250 per participant.
  - This includes lunches on all three days, tea and snacks twice a day.
  - Cultural Evening and Valedictory Dinner and Cocktail

For Indian Delegates:

- Registration fee:
  - This includes lunches on all three days, tea and snacks twice a day.
  - Cultural Evening and Valedictory Dinner and Cocktail
  - For adults: Rs. 4000/- per participant
  - For Indian school students: Rs. 1500/- (age group 12-18 years)
  - For College Students: Rs. 3000/-
    - Please note: the students need to carry their valid i-d cards of the institution they are studying in.
  - For Astronomicans: Rs 1500/- ( Astronomicans, who are a member before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011)
  - For Space Club students and CSE member schools: Rs. 1000/- (valid i-d cards and endorsement from the school Principal required)

### **Mode of payment:**

Payment is acceptable in Cash, Bank draft or Cheque.

**The payment can be electronically transferred to account number 60018861486**

**NEFT/RTGS code MAHB0001244**

Indians can deposit the payment directly in any branch of “Bank of Maharashtra” in the account mentioned above. You will be required to send us the copy of the deposit slip along with the form.

DD or cheques in favour of SPACE payable at New Delhi are acceptable.

Note: The payment can be made at the registration desk on the first day of the Conference. But please note that prior Registration is still necessary to attend the conference.

Please mention the registration category on the deposit slip and send the scanned copy of the deposit slip with your name clearly visible on [sec11.space@gmail.com](mailto:sec11.space@gmail.com)

### **General Instructions**

#### **Presentations:**

1. Delegates who wish to give presentations and demonstrations during the conference are expected to send the gist of their presentation, latest by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.
2. The speakers which are finalised from time to time , would be updated on our website regularly ([www.eclipsechasers.in](http://www.eclipsechasers.in))
3. A scientific panel will finalise the presentations and lectures to be included in the conference. The names of the panellists include Sachin Bahmba, Sheriden Williams, Xavier Jubier, Dipankar Banerjee along with few more.

#### **Tours and Excursions:**

1. Local Delhi site seeing onboard the DTTDC ‘Ho-Ho’ bus service can be arranged for the delegates who are interested, on the day before the conference starts or after the

conference day, whichever is chosen more by the delegates. See link:

[http://www.hohodelhi.com/Tour\\_Map.html](http://www.hohodelhi.com/Tour_Map.html)

2. Trip to Taj Mahal, Agra and Jaipur are also being planned and a special package might be offered by organizers in partnership with DTTDC and RTDC. The delegates who are willing to take this option are advised to keep three days spare for these trips.

### **Suggested Accommodation options:**

1. We have already partnered with **Radisson Blu** a 7 star hotel for the stay of the participants at an attractive price of Rs. 6000/- per night per room on Twin sharing basis (Rs 3000/- per person or around USD 70 per person). The accommodation would be on queen size beds. See link: <http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-newdelhipaschimvihar>
2. The second recommended option is to stay at **YMCA, Delhi**. We are in the process of partnering with them too for special pricing for the participants. See link: <http://www.newdelhiymca.org/>
  - a. The list of Bed and Breakfast stay options: <http://www.bnbnewdelhi.com/>

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### INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ECLIPSE CONFERENCE

15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2011

#### Registration Form

*One delegate only, per registration form. Please copy for additional delegates*

<b>PERSONAL DETAILS</b>							
First Name:		Last Name:		Title:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>		
Postal Address:							
City:		State/Region:		Country:		Postcode:	
Organisation:							
Phone:					Arrival Date:		
Email:					Departure Date:		
In what Capacity will you be attending the Conference			<input type="checkbox"/> Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Amateur Astronomer <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Other				
<b>SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>							
List any special requirements. (e.g. wheel chair access, dietary, etc)							
List any health conditions of which we should be informed							
We ask that all delegates nominate a contact person in cases of an emergency during the conference:							
First Name:		Last Name:		Phone:			
Email:							
Do you require forex service?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes			<input type="checkbox"/> No		
Will you be requiring Accommodation Facility?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes			<input type="checkbox"/> No		
Please register me in the following category( Strike one)							
Foreign Delegate/ Indian delegate( Adult)/ College student/ School student/SPACE member							
I am making the payment by Cash/Cheque/DD as per the details mentioned below.							
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