

National Conference on
“Museums, Accessibility and Differently abled Visitors” &
Annual Conference of “Museums Association of India”

RMNH Bhubaneswar
15 - 17 January 2011

PROGRAMME (TENTATIVE)

Day	Time (Hours)	Programme	Theme/ Subject	
0	Evening	Arrival of Participants	At RMNH Bhubaneswar	
1	0900-1000	Registration		
	1000-1100	Inaugural function		
	1100-1130	Tea		
	1130-1230	Key note		
	1230-1400	Session 1	Legal aspects of Museum Accessibility	Various legal instruments in India
	1400-1500	Lunch		
	1500-1630	Session 2	Accessible Museum building and physical infrastructure	Various architectural and ergonomic oriented designs for Museum building and physical infrastructure;
	1630-1800	Session 3	Accessible Museum collections/ objects/ resources	How collections/ objects/ resources in Museums could be made accessible to more people with different abilities
	1800-2000	Local visit		
	2000-2100	Cultural programme		
	2100-2200	Dinner		
2	0930-1100	Session 4	Conservation aspects of Museum Accessibility	Various aspects of conservation while making Museum resources accessible to Persons with different abilities
	1100-1230	Session 5	Accessible Museum Education	How services inside Museums could be made accessible to Persons with different abilities
	1230-1400	Session 6	Accessible Museum Exhibitions	How Exhibition services of Museums could be made accessible to Persons with different abilities? Temporary/ Travelling/ Mobile exhibitions?
	1400-1500	Lunch		
	1500-1630	Session 7	Accessible Open air Programmes/ Projects	Examples of how to extend the Museum services/ programmes outside the Museum building in to the Campus. For example, “Touch, Feel and Learn Garden” project at RMNH Mysore

	1630-1800	Session 8	Developing Guidelines for Museum Accessibility	It is expected that participants will discuss on Mysore Declaration and Chennai Declaration to formulate a Bhubaneswar Declaration
	1800-2000	Local visit		
	2000-2100	Cultural programme		
	2100-2200	Dinner		
3	0930-1100	Session 9	Dialogue with Differently abled visitors	
	1100-1230	Session 10	Dialogue with Differently abled visitors (continued)	
	1230-1400	Session 11	Open/ General session	Aspects on the Conference theme not mentioned in other sessions; General in nature; Staff welfare with reference to Persons with different abilities
	1400-1500	Lunch		
	1500-1600	Session 12	Students session	
	1600-1700	Session 13	MAI Business session	
	1700-1800	Free time		
	1800-1900	Valediction		
	1900-2100	Free time		
	2100-2200	Dinner		
4		Post-Conference Tour	Puri- Konark	(World Heritage Site) (on payment)

Notes:

1. The Conference facilities will be extended to participants from the evening of Day 0 (i.e. 14-01-2011) to morning of Day 4 (i.e. 18-01-2011) only. Beyond this, the participants may make their own arrangements,
2. The participants are requested to reach the Venue (RMNH Bhubaneswar, near to Planetarium) directly by making their own arrangements of transport from the point of alighting in Bhubaneswar (railway station/ airport/ bus stand etc.),
3. Those who are not members of Museums Association of India (MAI) will not be allowed to participate in the Annual Conference. For the convenience of non-Members who desire to become Member of MAI, on the spot registration and subscription to MAI membership is allowed at the venue during the evening of day 0 and during 9-10 am on day 1.