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# **NOTIFICATION**

Dated: 22 June 2021

It is indeed my profound privilege and pleasure to inform you that the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications (SSCA) will be organized on an online platform during 23-27 February 2022 at ICAR National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad. The theme of the conference is "Recent Advances in Statistical Theory and Applications (RASTA 2022)". As you are well aware, the occurrence of unprecedented situation due to onset of COVID-19 pandemic for more than 15 months has prompted many organisations globally, switching from physical gatherings to online, mainly following the social distancing protocol and avoiding long travels. The second wave and particularly the Delta version of the virus has had devastating effect on livelihood and lives of people.

One of the advantages of switching to online/virtual mode is that the event is expected to be more accessible to a broader global audience thus making the deliberations of the conference more productive. Having had a rich experience of the online conference at the ICAR-NAARM Hyderabad during 2021 (23<sup>rd</sup> Web conference), the present 24th conference is expected to be more challenging, illuminating and capacity enhancing. The detailed online conference brochure is also attached with this mail. Like earlier years, it will also be hosted at the website of the conference and the Society.

However, the situation will be re-assessed during November 2021 and if the situation improves and the travel option is feasible, we may plan for a hybrid conference with some sessions in-person at the ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad and other sessions as planned online.

It is expected that due to online conference, the number of participants from abroad would likely be sizeable. Not everyone will be in the same time zone, so we shall plan the sessions in such a way that all the delegates can participate comfortably regardless of their time zone.

We plan to have the Inaugural Address, the Keynote Address and the M.N. Das Memorial Lecture in the evening of 23 February 2022. The other four days from 24 to 27 February 2022 will be devoted to the various conference sessions. Further details would be shared from time to time. Please keep visiting the website of the SSCA and the conference website for the latest information at respectively, (https://ssca.org.in/) and (http://naarm.org.in/RASTA2022).

On behalf of the Executive Council of the SSCA and the organizers, it is our profound privilege to invite you to participate in the deliberations of the online conference. Young scientists desirous of submitting a paper in the contributory paper session, may submit a soft copy of their research paper online at the website of the society.

All the speakers are requested to host the title of their talk and the abstract at the website of the conference, in a format available in the conference brochure.

All the participants will get an electronic participation certificate.

We would make an appeal to all of you to please popularize this event by sharing this with your friends, colleagues, and students.

We look forward to your strong support and cooperation and in the meantime, we send you our very warm personal regards. We look forward to meeting you online during the conference. Your cooperation is solicited for success of the conference and to fulfill the objectives of the society.

Best personal regards,

V K Gupta President, SSCA

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