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SCIGENOM RESEARCH FOUNDATION (SGRF) ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIPS, TRAVEL AWARDS AND GENOME PROJECT GRANTS FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION

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'NextGen Genomics, Biology, Bioinformatics and Technologies (NGBT)' Conference is to Promote Genomics and Technology

SciGenom Research Foundation is organizing the sixth annual international conference titled 'NextGen Genomics, Biology, Bioinformatics and Technologies (NGBT)' to be held in Cochin, India during October 3rd - 5th, 2016. This year, the co-hosts for the NGBT meeting include Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (Biology Department), Mumbai, India; The Centre for the Commercialization of Antibodies and Biologics (CCAB) and The Toronto Recombinant Antibody Centre (TRAC), Toronto, Canada; Institute of Bioinformatics (IOB), Bengaluru, India and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, India. More details can be found at <http://www.sgrfconferences.org>.

Speaking about the conference, **Dr. Sekar Seshagiri, Associate Director and Principal Scientist, at Genentech** and the lead meeting chair for the conference says, "NGBT is a premier international meeting on biology, genomics and technology that attracts scientist from around the globe working on basic and translational medicine, drug discovery, and agriculture/plant and animal sciences. It's a great forum for students and principal investigators to learn not just about advances in their own domain, but also expand their knowledge in new and emerging research areas."

The conference features exciting developments in genomics technologies, and their applications in life sciences including human, plant and animal biology, drug discovery, cancer immunology, genome engineering using CRISPR/CAS9, clinical trials, and personalized therapy. It features accomplished national and international speakers who are thinkers and thought leaders who shape the course of scientific discovery. The conference will be an ecosystem for scientists and students to share their work, build new connections and explore collaborations.

Ernst & Young LLP will be a strategic partner for the conference and they will lead an 'idea exchange' forum where national and international institutions and individuals will be able to pitch their intellectual property (IP) or ideas to investors and entrepreneurs. This year, around 100 speakers are expected at the event representing leading universities and research institutions from India and abroad. The conference will also feature industry leaders representing Illumina, PacBio, MedGenome, Roche, Eppendorf, Agilent, Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT), MacroGen, Genentech, Eli Lilly, Intel, EMC-Isilon and other leading organizations.

SGRF also announces Genomics Project Grants that will provide support to students, young investigators and other scientists through in-kind sequencing support in areas of human disease, plant sciences and wild life conservation. Principal Investigators (Scientist/Faculty) working in educational institutions or not-for-profit research organizations, students and postdoctoral fellows are encouraged to apply. Selected applicants in addition to in-kind sequencing support will also receive Rs. 25,000 discretionary funds to support their research work. More details can be found at <http://sgrf.org.in/grants.html>.

To facilitate student participation at NGBT, SGRF announces 150 conference scholarships and travel awards (includes 50 full and 100 partial awards). The recipients of the scholarship will be selected based on abstracts submitted for the NGBT conference through the conference online registration system (<http://www.sgrfconferences.org/register>). The full conference scholarship recipients will receive conference fee registration waiver, full travel and accommodation support to attend the conference. More information can be found at <http://sgrf.org.in/scholarships.html>.

To recognize outstanding scientific contributions to basic and translational research, SGRF has instituted the SGRF 'Excellence in Science' Awards. The award will honor scientists who have made fundamental and pioneering contributions to basic and/or translational research. The 2015 recipient of this award was Dr. Ivan Dikic, Director of Goethe University Medical School, Germany, in recognition of his pioneering and path-breaking contributions to the field of Molecular Signaling and Biomedicine. The call for the 2016 nominations for SGRF 'Excellence in Science' Award can be found at <http://sgrf.org.in/awards.html>.

About SGRF:

The SciGenom Research Foundation (SGRF) is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting science in India through research and education. The foundation is also committed to creating platforms for scientific exchange and education by organizing high content scientific conferences, seminars and workshops primarily in India and Asia through SGRF Conferences, the educational arm of SGRF. To inspire and promote the next generation of scientists, SGRF supports talented young students and researchers by providing fellowships, grants and travel awards.

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