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International Conference on

Exploring Fungal Frontiers: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Advancing Fungal Biology

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3rd Annual Meet of Association of Fungal Biologists

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Themes of the Conference

The conference will address the following themes, and participants are encouraged to present within these areas:

1. Myco-diversity, Taxonomy, Systematics and Myco-tourism
2. Prospects of Fungal Conservation and Regulatory Framework
3. Clinical and Medical Mycology
4. Host-parasite Interaction and Biology of Fungal Endophytes
5. Fungal Molecules and Enzymes for Diverse Applications
6. Prospects of Cultivation of Edible and Medicinal Mushrooms
7. Fungal Biomass, Bioenergy and Sustainable Uses
8. Bioinformatics and Molecular Approaches in Mycology
9. Interdisciplinary Perspectives of Fungal Biology
10. Prospects of Fungal 'Omics'
11. Fungi in Agriculture
12. Fungi in Industry
13. Fungi in Nanotechnology
14. Lichenology
15. Interdisciplinary (poster presentation only)

AFB Awards: Call for Nominations

Association of Fungal Biologists invites nominations from both members and non-members for the prestigious awards

Visit: <https://afbcon25.in/afb-awards>

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

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ASSOCIATION OF FUNGAL BIOLOGISTS [AFB]

Association of Fungal Biologists is a scientific body constituted with a broad interest in the advancement of mycology and caters to the needs of mycologists worldwide. The Association was formed with a view of bringing together the mycologists with the broad objectives of promoting and disseminating knowledge on different facets of mycology from a wide perspective. The major emphasis has been laid on the application of mycology to harness the biotechnological potential of micro fungi and macro fungi for human welfare. There are over 290 members including professionals, researchers, budding mycologists and students with varied interests and capabilities in fungal taxonomy, phylogeny, ecology, pathology, physiology, genetics, molecular biology, forestry, biotechnology, and other allied fields. The Association is not only restricted to the Indian subcontinent, but also extends an invitation to international mycologists to join it for furtherance.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FUNGAL BIOLOGISTS

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**Registration Fee for Participants from SAARC Countries
(including India)**

Category	Upto 30th November 2025 (INR)
Delegate/ Faculty	2500
AFB Life Member	2000
Research Scholar	1500
UG and PG student	750
Accompanying person	2000

Registration Fee for Foreign Participants (other than SAARC Countries)

Category	Upto 30th November 2025 (INR)
Delegate/ Faculty	8000
Research Scholar	6000
Accompanying person	5000

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- **Access to all sessions**
- **Conference kit**
- **Refreshments including high tea, lunch, dinner.**
- **Presentation/ participation certificates**
- **Please note that accompanying individuals will not receive conference kit and presentation/ participation certificates**
- **Registration fee does not include accommodation**
- **Contact: Dr. Umesh Jagtap umeshjagtap93@gmail.com**
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Registration form:

<https://forms.gle/yHTvToUwooyQdEm99>

LIST OF A FEW HOTELS IN KOLHAPUR

Sr. No	Name of the Hotel	Price Range per night	Contact
1	Sayaji Hotel Kolhapur	₹5,550-₹6,250	0231 255 5999
2	Hotel Pearl	₹3000-₹6000	0231 265 0451, 0231 668 4451, 086050 52100
3	Hotel Ayodhya	₹3,500-₹2,800	095526 48484, 0124 620 1126, 095526 49494, 079728 62433
4	Hotel Opal	₹2700 - ₹3100	098811 46767, 0231 253 6969, 0231 253 6767, 089752 12100
5	Hotel Jyotiba Regency	₹2,000 – ₹3,000	091111 02363
6	Hotel Samrat	₹2,000 – ₹3,000	0231 265 1301, 0231 266 0310,
7	Hotel Pavillion	₹5,000 – ₹6,000	0231 265 4742, 0231 265 2751, 096073 23737
8	The Royal Pavilion Hotel	₹3,000 – ₹5,000	8600357805
9	Hotel Panchsheel	₹2660 - ₹3360	0231 253 7517
10	The Fern, Kolhapur	₹4301-₹6800	072491 51199, 0231 268 7779
11	Solanki Guest House	₹500-₹1500	0231 2642267, 07383065882
12	Hotel Kohinoor Square	₹1000-₹2000	+91 86 9103 0939, +91 93 7308 7583
13	Hotel Chaitali	₹2000-₹3000	08378991511, 095525 34011
14	Hotel Galaxy Inn-	₹2000-₹9000	0231 252 9004, 0231 252 9005, 091464 53444
15	Hotel Vrishali Executive	₹3000-₹6000	+91 07721903300 0231 2664631 / 32 / 34, 2651337
16	Hotel Silver oak Near Ambabai Temple Kolhapur-	Deluxe Room AC- ₹2000- ₹2250 Family Room AC- ₹5000-₹5500	+919604052799, 0231-2644399, 0231-2544399
17	Hotel K Tree Kolhapur-	₹3000-₹6500	+91 231 2526990 / 2527990 +91 7774034191
18	Hotel 3 Leaves-	₹3000-₹7500	+91 9158445433, 0231 2532255/56
19	Regenta Place Raysons Kolhapur	₹3000-₹6000	+9102316681333 +912312655633 +918888681333
20	Hotel Atria-	₹2000-₹4000	+91 8308802526 +91 8956660741 +91 8956651731
21	Hotel Bliss Kolhapur	₹3,450- ₹5000	+91-9112819990

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1	Naik Dormitory 4th floor, Dabholkar Corner, Royal Plaza	0231 266 5919
2	Rajaram Patil Boys Hostel 1591, 5th Lane, near real good foods	098502 16466
3	Better Stay Dormitory Kolhapur Maratha Regency, hotel Front of Jaya hospital, 316, near Sasne ground	094232 85445
4	Shri Mahalaxmi Yatri Niwas Lodging Dormitory 138 'B' ward, Bhosale Plaza, Mahadwar Rd, opp. to the Backside of Vidyapeeth Highschool, near Binkhambi Ganesh Mandir	0231 254 5498
5	S.S Yatri Nivas Mahalaxmi chambers, 'E' building, 3'rd floor, CBS, near Central bus stand (CBS)	099756 06550
6	Boy's Hostel B ward, 203, Nageshkar Heights, S.T.Colony, Rajarampuri 1225 E, 2nd Lane, Kolhapur, Maharashtra 416008	099702 80533
7	Tip top lodge 329/E, near CBS, Amatya Tower, Dabholkar Corner	080870 07202