

## 10<sup>th</sup> AFOB REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM 2018

January 27-29, 2018

Venue: Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban  
University of Dhaka, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh

*Theme: Innovations in Biotechnology for Economic Development*

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARS 2018

The AFOB Regional Symposium (ARS) is an annual event of the Asian Federation of Biotechnology (AFOB). This time, the 10<sup>th</sup> ARS 2018 will be held in the University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh in collaboration with AFOB from January 27-29, 2018. The 10<sup>th</sup> ARS 2018 is aimed to highlight and share the recent research findings on bioscience and biotechnology among the researchers from various countries under AFOB's partnership. The theme of the 10<sup>th</sup> ARS is **Innovations in Biotechnology for Economic Development**. We believe the symposium will be very interactive and sharing of innovative findings will shed new light for bio-based economic development.

### Focusing areas

- ✓ Agriculture and Food Biotechnology
- ✓ Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology
- ✓ Bio-pharmaceutical and Medical Biotechnology
- ✓ Biofuel and Bioenergy
- ✓ Bioinformatics and Systems Biology
- ✓ Environmental Biotechnology
- ✓ Bioindustry Promotion and Bioeducation

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## Important dates

Abstract submission opens: Sep 7, 2017  
Deadline of abstract submission: Nov 15, 2017  
Acceptance of abstract: Dec 15, 2017  
Registration opens: Sep 7, 2017  
Registration closes: Dec 30, 2017

## Abstract submission

Provide an abstract written in English stating concisely the objectives and results of the original research in not more than 300 words. The abstract should include a title, name and affiliations of all authors, and contact email and telephone number of the corresponding author. Do not cite any reference in the abstract. Immediately after the abstract, provide 4-6 keywords. Submission of abstract(s) should be made online.

## Registration fees

- Local delegate: BDT 3,000
- International delegate: USD 300
- Accompanying person: BDT 1,500 (local delegate)
- Local student: BDT 1,500
- International student: USD 150
- Accompanying person: USD 150

The registration fee will include a bag with symposium documents, access to all symposium sessions, coffee breaks, lunches, dinner etc.

**Mode of Payment:** International participants are requested to perform online registration using the website of AFOB: <http://registration.afob.org/>

Registration for local participants will be intimated soon.

## Refund policy for international participants

Any cancellation should be notified in writing to the Organizing Chairman ([mhoq@du.ac.bd](mailto:mhoq@du.ac.bd)) or the Organizing Secretary ([crahsan@du.ac.bd](mailto:crahsan@du.ac.bd)) before the deadline: Jan 1, 2018.

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