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Dr. Radhika Herzberger
Director

S. Rangaswami
Head of Dept.
MARCH 31, 1999.

Mr Aasheesh Pittie
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Dear Mr Aasheesh Pittie,

It was a happy coincidence that even as I was thinking of telephoning you, you were a step ahead and called me. Dr Santharam and I are keen on having you and Mr Siraj A Taher for participating in the First Field Study Course to be held here from 7th to 10th April, 1999. Needless to say You both are coming as special invitees and resource persons. We are inviting you on behalf of our Director, Dr Radhika Herzberger, the Management and on our own behalf. We are delighted you and Mr Taher have decided to be here for the meet.

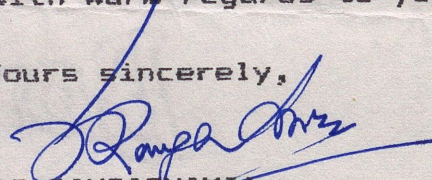
I have noted that you will be arriving by Venkatadri Express on 6th April (Tuesday) around 9 A.M. at Madanapalle Road Station. Our van (Tempo Traveller-Light brown or Sumo) will be waiting on the side opposite to the station and not in the Station premises. It will be easy to locate. Besides, the driver will be instructed to meet you even as you alight on arrival. You can have your bath, breakfast etc and then ~~be~~ free to attend to other matters.

A copy of ^{the} programme ~~to~~ tentatively drawn up is attached. After or before your talk I would like Mr Siraj Taher also to speak to the audience. I expect ^{listen} ~~for~~ participants in all from elsewhere and five invitees including Mr Preston Ahimaz, State Director WWFI and Ms Bhanumathi, also of WWFI.

There will be a Special Dinner on 7th April night. Kindly stay as long as you wish.

Looking forward to meeting you and Mr Taher and with warm regards to you from Santharam and me.

Yours sincerely,


(S RANGASWAMI)

FIELD STUDY COURSE IN ORNITHOLOGY & HABITAT CARE

7TH APRIL - 10TH APRIL 1999

DAILY PROGRAMME:

6.00 A.M.	-	8.00 A.M.	-	Coffee at Dining Hall and Field Study. <i>For visitors, coffee will be served in their rooms.</i>
8.00 A.M.	TO	8.45 A.M.	-	Free
8.45 A.M.			-	Breakfast
9.30 A.M.	TO	10.30 A.M.	-	Talks and Discussions
10.30 A.M.	TO	11.00 A.M.	-	Tea
11.00 A.M.	TO	12.00 NOON	-	Study period in the Library
12.00 NOON			-	Lunch
Upto		3.00 P.M.	-	Free
3.00 P.M.	TO	4.00 P.M.	-	Video show in Audio Visual Room Tea break
4.15 P.M.	TO	6.30 P.M.	-	Field Study
6.30 P.M.	TO	7.30 P.M.	-	Free
7.30 P.M.			-	Dinner
8.15 P.M.			-	Slide show in Auditorium

Note: On 7th April at 9.30 A.M. there will be a Welcome Address by the Director, Dr Radhika Herzberger followed by inaugural address Mr Zafar Futehally. Mr Aasheesh Pittie will talk on New Nomenclature System for birds. Details for 8th and 9th will be announced during the meet. On 10th April, teams will visit PTM Tank and Horsely Hills for Field Study. Lunch will be at Horsley. Party will return to Rishi Valley by 6 pm or earlier.

*8th April is set apart for two P.C. kennel.
Subject to modifications of a minor nature.*

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7TH APRIL - 10TH APRIL 1999

DAILY PROGRAMME:

<u>7TH APRIL, 1999</u>	Venue:	Small Banyan Tree (near Jr. School)
6.00 A.M. - 8.00 A.M.	-	Coffee at Dining Hall and Field Study (Birdwatching)
8.00 A.M. TO 8.45 A.M.	-	Free
8.45 A.M.	-	Breakfast
9.30 A.M. TO 10.30 A.M.	-	Welcome address by the Director Dr Radhika Herzberger, Inaugural address by Mr Zafar Futehally, President, Ornithology Society of India, Talk by Mr Aasheesh Pittie on New Nomenclature System for birds.
10.30 A.M. TO 11.00 A.M.	-	Tea
11.00 A.M. TO 12.00 NOON	-	Bird Identification - Talk by Dr V Santharam
12.00 NOON	-	Lunch
Upto 3.00 P.M.	-	Free
3.00 P.M. TO 4.00 P.M.	-	Video show in Audio Visual Room Tea break
4.45 P.M. TO 6.45 P.M.	-	Field Study
6.45 P.M. TO 7.30 P.M.	-	Free
7.30 P.M.	-	Special Dinner
8.15 P.M.	-	Video Film: Portrait of A Bird-watcher - Roger Tory Peterson

Note: The programme for 8th and 9th will be the same as above except that on 8th WWFI, Chennai will arrange the programme for talks, video film and slide presentation. On 9th April, teams will visit PTM Tank and Horsley Hills for Field Study. Lunch will be at Horsley. Party will return to Rishi Valley by 6 pm or earlier. On 10th: Birdwatching after coffee. Session with Mr N S Naidu after breakfast. Participants are free to leave after lunch, if they so wish.

Shri S Rangaswami
Director
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13.IV.1999

Dear Shri Rangaswami,

I have just returned home from one of the most beautiful places that I have had the opportunity to visit. I thank you for having invited me to Rishi Valley. The visit was a revelation of the work that has been done at the Rishi Valley School and its well wishers and students. Your generous and exemplary hospitality was unbeatable!

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I am enclosing a set of notes of the birding done in and around Rishi Valley, for your records.

I take this opportunity to remind you of the following points.

1. Your suggestion to send films to the BSAP for screening to members and return to Rishi Valley. How would you like to do this? The film on Roger Tory Peterson, could itself be the first one! Needless to say, I will personally take all responsibility and care of the films till they are here. You may have to suggest the mode of transport and the vehicle.
2. You had promised to recommend to Shekhar Dattatri regarding copies of his film for BSAP.
3. It might be a good idea to include a list of bird-watching societies from various states, as an appendix to the home study course material, with all available contacts.
4. I think that the Telugu name for the Jerdon's Courser, is not correct in the text of the home study course. The correct name is 'KALIVI KODI'.

With best wishes and regards,

Yours truly,



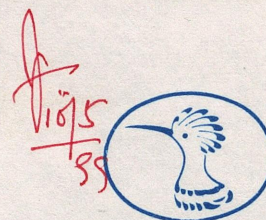
Aasheesh Pittie
Honorary Secretary

PS: What is the name of the pond with the Heronry?

Encl.: a/a.

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APRIL 23, 1999.

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Dear Sri Aasheesh,

I wanted to write you to but you have been ahead of me in doing so. I thank you for all the pleasing things you have said in your letter. I was only waiting for the appropriate time for all the four of us viz MNS, WWFI, Chennai, BSAP and the RV Education Centre- to get together and pursue a new line of activity in caring for Nature, for birds and their habitats. Since birds are only a part of the scheme of nature, though a conspicuous part, I wanted WWFI also to join us. In this particular case, Mr Preston Ahimaz, State Director has been known to me for over twenty years. He and Bhanumati had visited Rishi Valley on a number of occasions earlier and conducted workshop on Wild Life Conservation. But your agreeing to participate and being with us from 6th to 10th was something much longed for. I am glad it became a reality.

You have done enormous work in making what BSAP is today, of course with a few others like Mr Siraj Taher, to share the burdens and the perceptive vision so essential for making such ventures fruitful and edifying. I see a very bright future for BSAP with people like you providing the motive power.

I have taken note of the points mentioned by you. I did not think of sending any films to be sent and returned. I said I want to help in BSAP building up its own audio-visual section. To begin with, I want to ask Mr Shekar Dattatri to send you the videos on Silent Valley and Nagerhole-Tale of an Indian Jungle. I want to tell him that he should agree atleast to our meeting the postal and packing charges. I shall send you a copy of my letter to him. Later on, I intend getting a properly edited video "Portrait of a Birdwatchers'- Roger Tory Peterson" during my next visit to Lucknow in October next. My daughter's institution there - of which she is the Principal - has fine facilities. A copy of this will be sent to you on my return.

Further, our school's video library has a large collection of videos on wildlife—I know we have a fine one on condors. I screened sometime back Attenbough's production on nature's methods of seed propagation. Santharam and I will go through the titles first, screen and see for ourselves the quality of the video, so that another set of a copy of each of these can be prepared. The cost won't be much. These are the lines along which I intend to work on.

I realize that the study material has to include many more important things like the one you have suggested. In fact I have mentioned briefly about a few of these. I intend making this comprehensive. Initially, I intend including your talk on the new trends in avian taxonomy as a supplement to the lesson on Bird Classification. It will be distributed as loose sheets along with other material and when we print the next edition (revised and enlarged) it will be included in the book but will remain as a supplement authored by you like Mr Vijaraghavan's, Santharam's etc. You may please send me an edited version, enlarging its scope as you deem fit or it can be in its present form. I want your contribution to appear in my study material. Envisioning such collaboration I have thanked BSAP in advance in the recently brought out booklet 'A Comptation'. The supplement will bear your name after a brief introduction from us as with the other supplements. I will be referring to the booklet you have authored with another, whose name I can't recollect just now—I have my copy and get the name.

About the name in Telugu of the Courser, it will be corrected in the Errata I will be issuing shortly. I took it from a Forest Department Publication. It is a pity I did not consult the book I have viz "World Birds" - Brian Martin (Guinness) which gives the name correctly as you have given - KALIVI KODI. The book says "Kalivi is the Telugu word for carissa, the common scrub vegetation along with Zizyphus and Racacia in the area. 'Kodi' means fowl. Kalivi-Kodi was an apt description for the bird on account of its habit of hiding among thorny carissa bushes". Yet this book is not free from an absurd error. It calls Bharat Bhusan as "Bharat Cushman" in two places. Naming of tail features at P. 227 is also incomplete. I hope to bring out a fault-free edition next time.

The name of the tank near the heronry in Gatta village is NAYAN
CHERUVU. NL of January-February 1999 mentioning it appears at
page 3 in the article by Santharam and me titled "Discovery of
New Heronries".

Once again I thank you for giving us the pleasure and benefit of
your company during the inauguration of the first Field Study
Course. It was the fulfilment of a dream for me personally. I
have no words to thank you in adequate measure. I hope Mr Siraj
Taher and you will be with us for the second course to be held in
mid-November. You will find the valley at its loveliest, with the
migrants like the Verditer flycatcher and its fellow visitors
enhancing its appeal for lovers of nature, birds in particular.

With best wishes and warmest regards,

Yours sincerely,

S Rangaswami
(S RANGASWAMI)

*Pl. don't mind errors if any in this text. I have
written this within a couple of minutes.
Shall write again.*

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Rishi Valley Education Centre (KFI)

Institute of Bird Studies and Natural History

Tenth Anniversary of Rishi Valley Bird Preserve
Commemorative Function, 14-15 July, 2001

Programme

Saturday 14 July

5.45 pm. Main function at the Auditorium

- ❖ Group Song by Students and Staff.
- ❖ Welcome Address by Dr. Radhika Herzberger followed by release of Section Three of the Course Material for the Home Study Course in Ornithology.
- ❖ Distribution of the Course Material to students of the Home Study Course.
- ❖ Address by Mr. B. Vijayaraghavan, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Chennai Snake Park Trust.
- ❖ Report on the Activities and Achievements of the Bird Preserve by V. Santharam.

This will be followed by the inauguration by Mr. B. Vijayaraghavan of an exhibition of paintings on plants executed by Mr. O.T. Ravindran.

7.15 pm. Dinner for the Guests and Invitees at Grohe's Cottage.

8.30 pm. Screening of the Film "Life of Birds" by David Attenborough at the Auditorium for the entire school.

Sunday 15 July

6.30 am. Bird Watching Session. Assemble at the Dining Hall.

S. RANGASWAMI
M.A., B.Sc., M.Ed.

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Dear Mr. Ashok

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It is inexcusable of me in our working matter which was ready even on April 23 last. Mr. Janki did his delay. I have been out most of the forenoon and late afternoons providing water spots and refreshing them with fresh water under my personal supervision, also some to place's bone dry and the birds and certain plants have need special attention are in distress. Whatever little free time could be had, has to be devoted to making copies of prospectus and other papers to those applying for membership. Following his visit in Gurgaon & Andhra, all editions during 15th to 18th April last. It takes two to three hours of more clerical work I have to attend to myself. I am everything so far as the Home Study Course goes - his designer, author, administrator and office attendant. Yet, it gives me immense pleasure attending ball base tasks since it is a 'Kresthnamurti' inspired project. Otherwise I won't be here. And the place is what it is since he, by heading on his soil of Pt has sanctified it.

I am keen on having a Supplement ^{to the} ~~Hand~~ ^{book} on Bird classification - to be authored by you for which the text will ^{mostly} be the same as you presented here. You can edit ^{will} in the way you like and send a copy to me. The Supplement ^{will} ~~begin~~ ^{self-intro.} with a ^{para} ~~introductory~~ ^{para} - as preamble - and give details of your work in 'Birds of Andhra Pradesh - Recent Trends', your association with IASAP etc. It will be entirely factual, brief and crisp.

The mail clearance time is approaching. As there is no further delay, Regards & best wishes,
S. Rangaswami

Pt. see reverse.



I heard

Birds Commonly seen, during April 99

Crested Serpent Eagle - Squawking but less out calls constantly heard - when it descends to the perch, though rarely, a dozen crows hover around in but dare not to near. The bird flies off in any way.
Blackbacked Woodpecker. Frequently seen with their persistent calls as if to announce their presence.

A Pond Heron was seen training its chick to hunt for food in the shallow puddles in the main stream that runs along the periphery of the campus.

Spicebird Cuckoo - a pair noticed chasing each other in the rocky areas with sparse vegetation.

Golden Oriole. Numbers are dwindling. But the male bird calls melodiously, especially during forenoon.

Common Wood Shrike and large Cuckoo Shrike seen and heard often on the campus.

Chloropsis regularly visit the Singapore Cherry Trees for the berries and calling constantly.

Great Horned Owl and keep hooting during nights and the Jungle Night Jay - a pair of them - start their unending calls even as dusk sets in, become silent for a few hours and start calling again after midnight. Every call of one is answered by the other.

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Ref: Yours of 23.iv.99 & 5.v.99 both recd on 10.v.99.

May 31, 1999

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Dear Shri Rangaswami,

I think that the first chapter of Section II of the Home Study Course covers bird taxonomy admirably. There is nothing in my talk that you yourself haven't mentioned in that chapter. Hence I feel strongly that there is no need for including my talk in the study material. If you so desire, please feel free to pick parts of it and insert in appropriate places in this chapter.

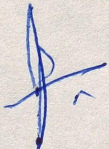
Brian Martin's book does indeed spell Bharat Bhushan's name wrongly.

We will carry your birding notes in the July issue of PITTA.

Hope you are keeping good health.

With best wishes and regards

Yours truly,



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Dear Dr. Sarthor.

Thanks for your Complimentary remarks that the Term on Avian Taxonomy is "admirably written". I am not satisfied with the ^{positions} dealing with ^{respiration} respiration in birds. The bird's system has to be kept cool enough at about 106° F (41°C) and in the absence of sweat glands, the air sacs help in achieving this. Higher rates of metabolism imply higher rates of combustion. The air sacs play a vital role. I intend keeping on reviewing and revising and improving the course content - now that a satisfactory month has been made.

My suggestion was intended only to associate you with our work here - specially because we are in A.P. and, as in the case of evolution of birds, new concepts are emerging in the area of avian taxonomy as well. All that I intended was to keep the students informed about this and to encourage them to keep abreast of the knowledge being added by vigilant study. Nothing of an advanced nature can be incorporated in a course of much limited scope. Birds have this uniqueness - a multi-faceted uniqueness - and I have experienced this not by the written word alone but by direct, intuitive perception. From the responses I receive from perceptive students - specially the 'mature' and 'awakened' among them, I feel that this is being achieved. I hope to elaborate this further at a later date.

Mr. Shorpe has written a card to Subramaniam which has some nasty - vitriolic - comments. I do not want to coach ill-will among people. He is a person of "towering intellect" when ornithology is concerned. But the trouble is, he treats well-meaning people like 'insects' and hunts them. There need be no controversy

since he calls himself an 'insect-hunter'. Edward O Wilson may not like his expression, authority - he more easily accepts that - an insect as he is. Mr Ghoshade says he is 'person-a-nam-Bata' in RV. It is far from true. At one time Mrs Geetha Iyer had sought his assistance in the execution of an 'Insect Project' involving his students - as with his bird project, then as well as now - which was to culminate in a book. Dr Vandana Shrivastava wanted the project to be restricted even to a tree like the big Banyan tree, examining taxonomic role, make sketches and bring out a small booklet - not for sale - but for adding to the school's existing literature on biodiversity. In response he submitted a report - which took in the scope areas of Chittoor and his team of specialists and explained 'in detail' their views, how they would be met etc. etc. I came to know of it only at this stage and politely told Radhikaji that our intention in undertaking such a project on a small scale, fitting in with the extra-curriculum of his school does not seem to have been understood since Mr Ghoshade's scheme is a mega project. Let I remember Geetha advising him. He did not turn up. The matter ended leaving no room for persons 'Bata a nam-Bata'. Those who knew him respect him for his erudition in his sphere of specialization. That is about all. But he has his own way of looking at things as evidenced by the name he has given to himself - viz 'Insect-hunter'. But his 'insects' are not mere arthropods but includes 'humans' as well. It is unfortunate. Yet we respect him.

I was happy to see your name mentioned in the book by the Sankhys and Gimmeth.

I am enclosing some photographs for your use. Lakshmi, I will send through someone some 25 copies of the 'Compilation'. You can have them sent across to institutions of your choice.

I am sorry to incorporate photos from your address in the book on 'Bird Classification - Recent Trends' and acknowledge it to you. I am sure you will not mind me doing so. I will mention he entering my folder. It was with special reason that I bought Santanam here. It was with special reason that I made it possible for you to visit RV. It is up to you to team up for the edification of fellow beings interested in our concerns.

With fond wishes,
Yours,
S. Ramapadma

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In all probability, his
title will soon be upgraded
to "Institute of Bird Studies
and Natural History" - if my
ideas and proposals find
favour.

I hope to include your name
and Mr. Binay A. Tabeis among
'visiting faculty'. We have to
look ahead - far ahead.

Age is in your favour. Please
let us have the benefit of his
association suggested. We will
not bind you in any sense. It is
just for the privilege of it. Don't be
concerned in anyway BSAP's
involvement with our Field Study
Courses. Keep sending people.
We will do. More at a later date.
J. I.

Aasheesh Pittie

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Dear Shri Rangaswami,

Thank you for your above letter and the enclosed photographs. Please feel free to use any portion of my talk, in any way you like.

What can one say about Dr Kumar Ghorpadé? There are different types of people in the world! Unpleasantness is best ignored.

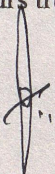
I have informed Mr Siraj Taher about your proposal to include his name as a Visiting Faculty for the proposed Institute. From my side, I have absolutely no objection.

Have recently finished reading a most wonderful book on island biogeography and why species go extinct. *The Song of the Dodo* by David Quammen. I think it deserves a place in Rishi Valley library. It has been published in India and the publisher's address is given below for your information.

Frank Bros. & Co. (Publishers) Ltd
Frank House
A-84 Sector-II
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With best wishes and regards,

Yours truly,





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28.11
1999

S. Rangaswami
Director

RV 24/9

dear Mr Ashram,

How I wish to keep writing to you often.
The trouble with me is, all my time and energy are
absorbed in administering the Home Study Course. There
are records to be maintained in two Registers - one for Prospects
and requests for form which means typing up all the facts,
detaining receipts etc and making entries properly. I am
glad to say that though we have sent out over 1200 prospects -
there has been no complaint of non-receipt or delayed receipt.
Even despatching the letters is such a time-consuming procedure
with so many envelopes - five in all, then packing, mailing etc.
I have started training one of my gardeners to assist me
during the last two weeks and he seems to be picking up the work
expected of him satisfactorily. Over 1500 bird boxes have been
sent by post and in every case the packing has been done by me.
No complaints or regrets since it keeps me occupied and the
satisfaction I derive from the entire work remains. I am sure
writing on earth can live. Fortunately, even though I have just
entered my 80th year, my faculties are active and my health
quite sound. With Robert from Tracy,

I have miles to go before I sleep.

He repeats his love a second time in his poem as if to assure us of his resolve.

The next Field Study Course will be held from 11th to 14th
November 99. 12th - Dr Sahin Ak's birth anniversary - will be
observed in the form of an address by Mr Nedra Baskaran. He
is out of India and is expected back on 16 Oct. I hope he will
respond favourably to my letter requesting him to participate.
I have also written to Mr Preston Akmez, I.W.F.I. Chennai that he
can have his share of 11th for his programme of slide shows, talks,
sufra meals etc.

Please note the dates and kindly ensure that you are here on the

10th Nov. Also please arrange for three to five
participants to ~~join~~ attend the course.

Unfortunately, the whole of Chittoor district is suffering
through a spell of drought the like of which had not happened
in living memory.

No words of praise can be adequate for
ensuring high standards of excellence from every point of
view - form as well as content - in publishing PITTA.
I have to collect him all and set him bound. The latter
one with the picture of White-rumped Fantail Flycatcher is just
entralling. Of Mr Singh Taker & Mr Humayun Taker
can join as special devotees we will feel honoured. Please
convey my regards to them. If you so advise, I will not
hesitate to write to them accepting a formal invitation.

I take it that with your co-operation, the
next field trip course will prove useful like the first one
we had in April last. ^{sets}

A copy of his letters being sent is enclosed.
This may be brought to the notice of all concerned in the
circles you deem fit.

Please drop a line at your convenience.

The Grey heron has arrived. Just one fellow as usual.
Sankaran has spotted a pair of forest herons on his camps.
Lack of rains make his valley bereft of its usual
charm which has all along been a noteworthy feature
during the past of his years.

But who can find fault with Nature!

W. D. Dearn regard

Yours sincerely

S. Rangachari

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October 12, 1999

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CHITTOOR DISTRICT, A.P.

Dear Shri Rangaswami,

Enclosed are some pictures of the meeting at Rishi Valley, for your records. They were taken by one of the participants from Andhra Pradesh. I am sending a set to Mr Futehally also.

Best wishes and regards,

Yours truly,



Encl.: 5 postcard sized photographs.

12 October, 1999

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S. Rangaswami
Director

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Dear Mr. Saikumar

This is just a hurried note to say that due to several reasons I have been constrained to cancel the planned field study course in mid-November, next. The response has been poor. Saikumar has left and will be back only in late Nov. Of course, he was to be here in case the field study course was on. But I cannot organize things all by myself. Above all the unpredictable weather in Nov. due to the influence of the N.E. monsoon is a disconcerting fact.

Dr. Saikumar will participate in both the workshops at Parambikulam and Hyderabad representing the Institute.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely

Saikumar