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To,
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Sub: Report of the XIIIth Annual Conference of ATWS, South Asia Chapter-forwarding of.

Sir,

I am hereby forwarding a brief report of the proceedings of the conference of ATWS, South Asia Chapter conducted at Scott Christian College Nagarcoil, Tamil Nadu .The delay in dispatching the report was caused mainly by the sudden and sad demise of Dr. K.K.Kusuman, the former organizing chair-person of the conference and Dr. Kulkarni, Scientist (Rtd.), ISRO one of the most active members of the Association. The participation of students and Research scholars has enhanced very much during the year and in spite of financial stringency the activities of the South Asia Chapter of ATWS are progressing.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely,
P.Vasumathy Devi

A Brief Report of the 13th Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) South Asia Chapter- May15-17, 2008

As part of the ATWS objectives to provide open forums to discuss and analyze Third World Problems and developments from different perspective or view points and thus improve understanding of the underlying forces shaping the destiny of the Third World and impacting global developments, the 13th Annual Conference of the South Asia Chapter of ATWS was organized and hosted by Scott Christian College, Nagarcovil, Tamilnadu (State), India, during 15-17 May 2008. The inaugural session was conducted at Marsden Hall, Scott Christian College where the august gathering was addressed by Dr. E.James, R. Daniel (Principal, Scott Christian College) and the presidential address delivered by Mrs. Helen Azariah (President, ATWS, South Asia Chapter). Prof. M.Salihu, former Vice-chancellor, Madurai Kamaraj University, rendered the inaugural address. Mrs. P.Vasumathy Devi, (Chairperson, Programme Committee and Vice-President, ATWS, South Asia Chapter) offered the conference Chairpersons address. M.K.Ramachandran Nair (Vice-chancellor, University of Kerala) in his keynote address stressed the significance of the developmental and environmental issues of the Third World countries. A condolence Resolution was submitted and passed on Dr.V.P.Kulkarni, Engineer cum scientist, president of two sessions of ATWS, South Asia Chapter annual conferences and an active member of the ATWS. Dr. Surya Kumari (former Professor and Head, Dept. of History, Mother Teresa Womens University, Kodaikanal) offered felicitation. The session concluded with a cordial vote of thanks by Dr. N. Sam Raj (Faculty, Scott Christian College and Local Secretary of the session). The inaugural session was followed by scholarly sessions, where invited guest scientists as well as eminent Research scholars and Post-graduate students from various Universities and Colleges of the different states of India presented their research papers on a host of topics, to include scientific medicines, environmental and legal criminology and social themes. On the second day the delegates were taken in a short-trip to the Vattacotta and Kanyakumari. After three days of fruitful sessions and cordiality the conference was winded up with a self-searching valedictory session.