

Tentative schedule for the training programme on Ant sampling Methods and Identification, 10-12 February, 2019

Resource persons: (1) Prof. Sriyani Dias (2) Dr. Aijas A. Wackhoo (BSc., PhD) from India (3) Mrs. H. A.W.S. Peiris (BSc., M.Phil) (4) Mr. Sudesh Udayakantha (BSc., PhD pending)

Sunday, 10 February

- 07.30 - Pick foreign participants from Hotels
Breakfast will be served at the university or on the bus.
- 08.00 – 09.00 - Travel to the field location (No. 277, Ariya mawatha, Kongodamulla, Katana)
- 09.00 – 10.00 - Field demonstration on how to conduct each ant sampling method
- 10.00 Onwards - Practicing sampling methods in groups
(Refreshments will be provided.)
- 12.30 – 13.30 - Lunch
- 13.30 – 16.00 - Ant sampling and identification in the field continued....
- 16.00 - Return journey starts

Monday, 11 February

- 07.30 - Pick foreign participants from the hotels
- 07.30 – 08.00 - Breakfast
- 08.00 – 10.00 - Lecture 01 by Prof. Sriyani Dias, Co-ordinator, Regional Centre for Asian Ant Research (how to classify the members of Family Formicidae and identification of ants to the subfamily, genus and species levels)
Lecture 02 How to prepare dry mounts of ants by Dr. Aijas A. Wackhoo, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Government Degree College, Shopian, Jammu Kashmir, India.
(Taxonomic keys and information on relevant literature will be provided)
- 10.00 – 10.15 - Refreshments
- 10.15 – 12.30 - Laboratory identification of ants to the subfamily and genus levels by the participants
- 12.30 – 13.30 - Lunch
- 13.30 - 15.30 - Laboratory Identification of ants to the genus level continued...
- 15.30 - 17.00 - Refreshments and problem solving in ant identification

Tuesday, 12 February

- 09.00 – 10.00 - Lecture: Molecular techniques and DNA barcoding of ants by Dr. Aijas A. Wackhoo
- 10.00 – 16.00 - Laboratory Identification of ants to the species level and problem solving in ant Identification
- 16.00 - End of training course
- 16.00 – 17.00 - Certificate Awarding session