



Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South

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NOTE VERBALE

The Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) presents its compliments to the esteemed Focal Points in Member States and Centres of Excellence in the Asia-Pacific Region, and has the honour to inform that the Tianjin Institute of Industrial Biotechnology (TIB), China, which is a Centre of Excellence of COMSATS and host of COMSATS Joint Centre on Industrial Biotechnology (CCIB), is organizing the International Symposium on 'Innovation of Natural Product Resources of Traditional Medicine in the Asia-Pacific Region', tentatively scheduled on 26-28 August 2023, in Tianjin, China.

The Symposium will focus on the development and application of natural product and traditional medicine resources in the Asia-Pacific region, with participation of relevant experts, scholars and entrepreneurs, who would introduce the latest research and new trends in the related fields. The technical presentations are to cover the following topics: synthetic biotechnology and innovation of natural product resources; utilization, separation and extraction of natural products; physiological and pharmacological activities of natural products of traditional medicine; and application of natural products of traditional medicine.

The esteemed Member States and Centres of Excellence of COMSATS in the Asia-Pacific Region are invited to nominate distinguished experts, scholars and entrepreneurs to participate in the afore-mentioned symposium as speakers. It may kindly be noted that the air travel and local hospitality of the selected speakers shall be covered by TIB. The Call for Papers for the event (*Annex-1*) as well as Template for Abstract submission (*Annex-2*) are enclosed. Further details are available on the official webpage: http://english.tib.cas.cn/ns/ue/202305/t20230512_330534.html. The deadline for submission of Abstracts is **30th June 2023**.

COMSATS avails itself of this opportunity to convey to the esteemed Focal Points in Member States and Centres of Excellence in the Asia-Pacific Region, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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