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Meet on new horizons in biotechnology

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An international conference and the eighth convention of the Biotech Research Society, India, (BRSI), will be held here from November 21 to 24.

The conference, being organised by the National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, CSIR, Thiruvananthapuram, will have mini-symposia on topics such as biofuels and functional foods and regular sessions on industrial, environmental, medical and food, and agricultural biotechnology. (The National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST) is a constituent laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research).

The conference will discuss cutting-edge research areas in biotechnology and medicine across the world. About 100 eminent speakers from all over the world will deliver keynote and invited lectures, apart from about 400 poster presentations by contributor authors. As many as 80 invited speakers from India, U.S., Canada, U.K., Greece, Cyprus, France, Italy, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Slovakia, Russia, Chile, Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Uganda, Nigeria, Mexico, Japan, Australia, Korea, Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Malaysia are expected, an official release said here on Saturday.

The conference will provide a common platform for industry and academia to focus on various issues and to develop possible linkages among them. It will serve the purpose of global networking among them and help in creating a nucleus of interface research.

The opening session will be addressed by C.G. Dussap, Chairman, International Forum on Industrial Bioprocesses, France; Charles Tsweigye, Chairman, International Organisation of Biotechnology and Bioengineering; P. Gunasekharan, President, The Biotech Research Society, India; Suresh Das, Director, NIIST-CSIR; and Ashok Pandey, chairman, organising committee.