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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Call for Abstracts : Opening in mid-2025
- Early Bird Registration : Starting in late 2025
- Full Program Release : By mid-2026

STAY TUNED FOR FULL DETAILS

The official ICA 2026 website will be launched in mid 2025. Keep an eye out for the announcement! Visit the site for information on registration, abstract submission, accommodation, and the complete event schedule.



HOW TO REACH KOCHI

Kochi is well connected to major cities in India and around the world through air, rail, and road networks, making it an easily accessible location for international and domestic travelers.

- **By Air:** The nearest airport is Cochin International Airport (COK), located about 30 kilometers from the city center. Cochin Airport is well connected to major cities across the globe, including direct flights from Europe, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia.
- **By Rail:** Kochi is well connected to major cities across India via the Indian Railways network.
- **By Road:** Kochi is easily accessible by road, with several national highways linking the city to other parts of India.

Once in Kochi, public transport options such as taxis, auto-rickshaws, and buses are readily available, ensuring convenient local travel. Kochi also has a modern Metro Rail system for commuting within the city.



**23rd INTERNATIONAL
CONGRESS OF ARACHNOLOGY**

Kochi (Cochin), India
15th-21st November, 2026

15th - 21st November 2026

Location: Kochi, Kerala, India



ABOUT THE EVENT

The International Congress of Arachnology is the flagship event of the International Society of Arachnology (ISA), held every three years to foster global collaboration and knowledge exchange in the field of arachnology. ICA 2026 marks the 23rd edition of this prestigious congress, bringing together researchers, enthusiasts, and professionals from around the world to discuss the latest advancements in arachnology.

ICA 2026 will be held in the culturally rich and scenic city of Kochi, Kerala, India, a region renowned for its natural beauty, cultural heritage, and world-class tourism. This congress offers an unparalleled platform for presenting cutting-edge research in arachnology, networking with fellow arachnologists, and exploring Kerala's diverse and captivating ecosystems while also experiencing its rich cultural heritage through its traditional art forms, festivals, and historic landmarks.

THE VENUE

Kochi, known as the "Queen of the Arabian Sea," is a vibrant city on India's southwest coast with a rich history as an international hub of trade and culture. As one of Kerala's top tourist destinations, it offers:

- **Natural Beauty:** Stunning backwaters, beaches, rainforests, and hill stations.
- **Ecotourism & Wildlife:** National parks and wildlife sanctuaries for immersive nature experiences.
- **Ayurveda & Wellness:** Renowned for traditional wellness therapies and retreats.
- **Cultural Heritage:** Famous for Kathakali, Mohiniyattam, temple festivals, and boat races.
- **High Human Development:** Noted for its literacy, healthcare, and quality of life.
- **Spice & Cuisine:** Rich culinary experiences with coconut, seafood, and spices.
- **Historical Landmarks:** Colonial architecture, synagogues, forts, and churches.

Delegates at ICA 2026 can enjoy both a scientific and cultural experience in this remarkable location.



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KEY THEMES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Presentations from leading international experts in arachnology on groundbreaking research on arachnid behavior, ecology, systematics, and conservation.
- Field excursions to experience Kerala's natural beauty, including the rich biodiversity of the Western Ghats, Kerala's serene backwaters, lush rainforests, and pristine beaches.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Plenary lectures by renowned arachnologists
- Workshops on research methodologies and conservation strategies
- Poster presentations
- Social and networking events amidst the natural beauty of Kochi

