

**Office of International Relations (OIR)
Indian Institute of Technology
Kharagpur – 721 302**



REF: 2004/2023/OIR

Dated: 05.10.2023

NOTE

Sub: Approval for the visit of 4 foreign delegates from various countries to participate in the International Conference on Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems, IIT KGP Program during 30th January – 05th February, 2024.

The following visitors from USA, Germany and Sweden are scheduled to visit IIT Kharagpur during 30th January – 05th February, 2024 to participate in the International Conference on Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems.

1. Prof. Douglas Hoyt Bartlett
2. Prof. Thomas Wiersberg
3. Prof. Henrik Andreas Drake
4. Prof. Thomas Lamar Kieft

The faculty coordinator of their visit is Prof. Pinaki Sar, Department of Biotechnology. As per the document submitted (enclosed no. Flag-ii) it is understood that their local travel, stay and food will be supported by Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), GoI and international airfare expenses from their originating country to India and back will be arranged by the visitors (enclosed no. Flag-iv).

The supporting documents of the visit are enclosed. The Director is requested to kindly approve the visit.

This is placed for your kind consideration and approval.

Encl: (i) Filled up Ministry Clearance Form

- (ii) Issuance of Visa Form
- (iii) Passport Copy
- (iv) Copy of email correspondence

*It may be approved please
Thanks and regards,
06/10/2023.*

Arup Kr. Roy
05.10.23
Junior IR-Executive

Jayaprakash Jammal
Junior Assistant

Associate Dean AA&IR
06/10/2023.

Dean Outreach & AA

[Signature]
09-10-2023
Director



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**FORM FOR MINISTRY CLEARANCE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOR VISIT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS TO
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR, INDIA**

1	Name :	Douglas Hoyt Bartlett
2	Nationality :	United States of America
3	Date of birth :	July 31, 1957
4	Place of birth :	Ann Arbor
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	A02473630, January 10, 2022, expires January 9, 2032 USA
6	Visa Number (if available)	
7	Current residential address :	16830 Quail Crossing Road, Ramona, California USA, 92065
8	Permanent residential address :	16830 Quail Crossing Road, Ramona, California USA, 92065
9.	Profession :	Professor of Marine Microbiology
10.	Place of Employment:	University of California, San Diego
11.	Academic Credentials:	PhD in molecular biology
12.	Purpose of visit:	To participate in the International Conference on the Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems, organized by the Department of Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, Kharagpur 713202, India.
13.	Period of visit:	30.01.2024 to 05.02.2024
14.	Email:	dbartlett@ucsd.edu
15.	Day time Phone:	858-534-5233
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	540, Arguello Boulevard, San Francisco, California - 94118, USA
17.	Coordinator of your visit at IITKGP/Dept :	Pinaki Sar Professor Department of Biotechnology Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, Kharagpur, India



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1	Name :	Thomas Wiersberg
2	Nationality :	German
3	Date of birth :	28.09.1967
4	Place of birth :	Bad Honnef, Germany
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	C3MXVN14Z, 19.03.2018, Potsdam
6	Visa Number (if available)	
7	Current residential address :	Pannenbergstrasse 14, 14469 Potsdam, Germany
8	Permanent residential address :	Pannenbergstrasse 14, 14469 Potsdam, Germany
9.	Profession :	Researcher
10.	Place of Employment:	GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences
11.	Academic Credentials:	Senior Scientists, Diploma in Chemistry, PhD in Geochemistry/Mineraolgy
12.	Purpose of visit:	To participate in the International Conference on the Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems, organized by the Department of Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, Kharagpur 713202, India.
13.	Period of visit:	30.01.2024 to 05.02.2024
14.	Email:	wiers@gfz-potsdam.de
15.	Day time Phone:	0176 38218258
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	e-visa
17.	Coordinator of your visit at IITKGP/Dept :	Pinaki Sar Professor Department of Biotechnology Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, Kharagpur, India



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1	Name :	Henrik Andreas Drake
2	Nationality :	Swedish
3	Date of birth :	1979/03/07 (YYYY/MM/DD)
4	Place of birth :	Tynnered, Sweden
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	AA1664968, 18AUG/AUG22, Varberg, SWEDEN
6	Visa Number (if available)	
7	Current residential address :	Buffelgatan 6, 432 37 Varberg, Sweden
8	Permanent residential address :	Buffelgatan 6, 432 37 Varberg, Sweden
9.	Profession :	Associate Professor
10.	Place of Employment:	Linnaeus University, Kalmar, Sweden
11.	Academic Credentials:	PhD degree
12.	Purpose of visit:	To participate in the International Conference on the Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems, organized by the Department of Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, Kharagpur 713202, India.
13.	Period of visit:	30.01.2024 to 05.02.2024
14.	Email:	henrik.drake@lnu.se
15.	Day time Phone:	+46480446369
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	Embassy of India Kornhamnstorg 4, 111 27 Stockholm
17.	Coordinator of your visit at IITKGP/Dept :	Pinaki Sar Professor Department of Biotechnology Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, Kharagpur, India



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1	Name :	Thomas Lamar Kieft
2	Nationality :	U.S.A.
3	Date of birth :	06 February 1951
4	Place of birth :	Decatur, Illinois, U.S.A.
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	534803513, Date of issue: 11 August 2015, Place of Issue: Illinois, U.S.A.
6	Visa Number (if available)	
7	Current residential address :	1103 Bullock Ave., Socorro, NM, 87801 USA
8	Permanent residential address :	1103 Bullock Ave., Socorro, NM, 87801 USA
9.	Profession :	Professor of Biology
10.	Place of Employment:	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
11.	Academic Credentials:	B.A. Biology, 1973, Carleton College M.S. Biology, 1978, New Mexico Highlands University Ph.D. Biology, 1983, University of New Mexico
12.	Purpose of visit:	To participate in the International Conference on the Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems, organized by the Department of Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, Kharagpur 713202, India.
13.	Period of visit:	30.01.2024 to 05.02.2024
14.	Email:	Thomas.kieft@nmt.edu
15.	Day time Phone:	01 575 517 7175
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	Embassy of India in Washington, DC, Can also apply for an E-Visa at https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/
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Request for issuance of visa invitation letter to foreign citizens

Invitee details	
Name of the visitor:	Douglas Hoyt Bartlett
Address and contact details:	16830 Quail Crossing Road, Ramona, California, USA, 92065
Citizenship:	United States of America
Date of birth:	31/07/1957
Organization:	University of California, San Diego
Details of visit	
Host Dept/School/ Centre/ Office:	DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
Activity to be undertaken at IITKGP:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To Participate in the International Conference on the Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems, Department of Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, (1st to 3rd February, 2024)2. To deliver scientific lecture in this symposium3. To act as an expert / resource person in the panel discussions with participants and other invitees.
Intended duration of stay at IITKGP :	31.01.2024 to 05.02.2024
Support provided by IITKGP (local travel, stay, food, honorarium, any other). Please give details of each type of support with funding source and proof:	Local travel (Kolkata Airport to IIT Kharagpur Campus), stay at IIT, Kharagpur Guest House, All meals; Support from Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Govt of India is requested. Initial application is approved (email attached).
Support provided by any other organization incl. personal resources. Please give details and proof:	Not Applicable
Invited by	
Name, affiliation and signature of host:	Pinaki Sar Professor Department of Biotechnology Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur <i>Pinaki Sar 13/09/2023</i>
Recommended by Registrar/ HoD/ HoS/ HoC/ Dean (as appropriate)	<i>Nisha Rayajane 13/9/2023</i> विभागाध्यक्ष Head जैवप्रौद्योगिकी विभाग Dept. of Biotechnology भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान खड़गपुर Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur Updated September 13, 2023

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Recommended by Registrar/ HoD/ HoS/ HoC/ Dean (as appropriate)	<i>Ashe Raja Jain</i> 13/09/2023 विभागाध्यक्ष Head Dept. of Biotechnology भारतीय पौद्योगिकी संस्थान खड़गपुर Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

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Name, affiliation and signature of host:	Pinaki Sar Professor Department of Biotechnology Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur <i>Pinaki Sar 13/09/2023</i>
Recommended by Registrar/ HoD/ HoS/ HoC/ Dean (as appropriate)	<i>Nihar Ranjan Jena 13/09/2023</i> विभागाध्यक्ष Head जैवप्रौद्योगिकी विभाग Dept. of Biotechnology भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान खड़गपुर Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur Updated September 13, 2023

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Recommended by Registrar/ HoD/ HoS/ HoC/ Dean (as appropriate)	<i>Urha Ranjeet Jais</i> 13/09/2023

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Head
जैवप्रौद्योगिकी विभाग
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Vänligen skicka upphittat pass till
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If the passport gets stolen or lost please
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by calling +46 77 114 14 00

Please send found passport to the
Swedish Police Authority,
106 75 Stockholm, Sweden



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2. HENRIK ANDREAS
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1. Efternamn/ Surname

DRAKE

2. Förfannm/ Given names

HENRIK ANDREAS

3. Nationalitet/ Nationality

SVENSK/ SWEDISH

3a. Personnr./ Personal Id. No.

790307-4990

4. Födelsedatum/ Date of birth

07 MAR/MAR 79

6. Utfärdat datum/ Date of issue

18 AUG/AUG 22

7. Sista giltighetsdag/ Date of expiry

18 AUG/AUG 27

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4a. Längd/ Height 5. Kön/ Sex

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8. Födelseort/ Place of birth

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9. Myndighet/ Authority

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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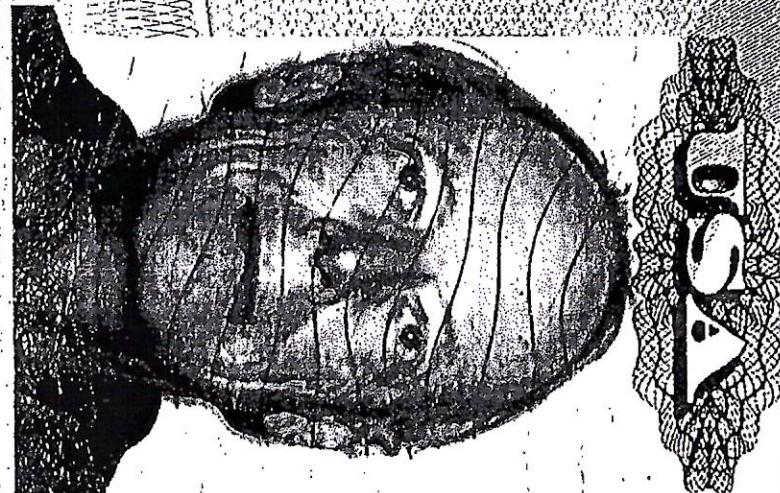
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Date of examination/ Fecha de examen

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10 Aug 2023 Endorsements / Mentions Spéciales / Anotaciones

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Re: Regarding our International Conference on the Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems**From :** Pinaki Sar <psar@bt.iitkgp.ac.in>

Thu, Sep 21, 2023 10:07 AM

Subject : Re: Regarding our International Conference on the Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems**To :** IIT Kharagpur Office of Dean, International Relations <ir-office@adm.iitkgp.ac.in>**Cc :** Shruti Gupta <shruti@adm.iitkgp.ac.in>, Ms. Koushiki Mukherjee <koushiki@adm.iitkgp.ac.in>, Associate Dean International Relation <adeanir@adm.iitkgp.ac.in>, headbt <headbt@bt.iitkgp.ac.in>, Shri Soumavo Das <soumavo.das@eoffice.iitkgp.ac.in>, Swatilekha Sarkar <swatidipali@gmail.com>

Dear Mr Arup

This is with reference to inviting international participants for our International Conference on the Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems.

I understand that the relevant documents have been submitted to your office (through my senior Ph D student Swatilekha).

This mail to confirm further that all international participants (who have already been invited by me) have been requested to make their own international travel arrangement. From our side, local hospitality (food and accommodation) will be provided, along with transport from Kolkata airport to IIT Kharagpur campus.

Dr Kasthuri Venkateswaran (one of our confirmed speakers) from California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, USA will be at IIT Gandhinagar during the same time (early 2024), and he has requested supporting his air travel from IIT Gandhinagar to Kolkata. We expect to arrange the same.

IIT Kharagpur
office: +91 3222 281064

From: "Shruti Gupta" <shruti@adm.iitkgp.ac.in>

To: "ir-office" <ir-office@adm.iitkgp.ac.in>, "Ms. Koushiki Mukherjee" <koushiki@adm.iitkgp.ac.in>

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 5:26:38 PM

Subject: Fwd: Regarding our International Conference on the Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems

For necessary action, please.

Thanks
Shruti

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Pinaki Sar" <psar@bt.iitkgp.ac.in>

To: "Shruti Singh" <shruti@adm.iitkgp.ac.in>

Cc: "nihar" <nihar@iitkgp.ac.in>, "headbt" <headbt@bt.iitkgp.ac.in>, "Shri Soumavo Das" <soumavo.das@eoffice.iitkgp.ac.in>, "Swatilekha Sarkar" <swatidipali@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 5:24:36 PM

Subject: Re: Regarding our International Conference on the Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems

CEP approval is attached.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Pinaki Sar" <psar@bt.iitkgp.ac.in>

To: "shruti" <shruti@adm.iitkgp.ac.in>

Cc: "nihar" <nihar@iitkgp.ac.in>, "headbt" <headbt@bt.iitkgp.ac.in>, "Shri Soumavo Das" <soumavo.das@eoffice.iitkgp.ac.in>, "Swatilekha Sarkar" <swatidipali@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 5:23:39 PM

Subject: Regarding our International Conference on the Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems

Dear Ms Parihar

This is in reference to the International Conference on the Biodiversity and Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems being organized by our department during 1st Feb to 3rd Feb, 2024, at IIT Kharagpur campus. The symposium proposal is approved by CEP, with the approval no. IIT/CEP/CON/CON/2022-2023/BT/168

We are expecting a number of international experts/speakers in this conference. A few international speaker has already confirmed their participation, while some more are expected to communicate their availability soon.

I would request you to kindly provide me the details of the procedures to obtain necessary ministerial (Govt. of India) approval for holding this international meeting and participation of the foreign guests.

CEP approval document is attached for your kind perusal.

Fwd: Fw: MoES/P.O.(Seismo)/1(418)/2023-PAC recommendations

From : Swatilekha Sarkar
<swatidipali@gmail.com>

Subject : Fwd: Fw: MoES/P.O.(Seismo)/1(418)/2023-
PAC recommendations

To : ir-office@adm.iitkgp.ac.in

Cc : pinaki sar <sarpinaki@yahoo.com>

Tue, Sep 19, 2023 11:48 AM

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From: **pinaki sar** <sarpinaki@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, Sep 15, 2023 at 5:07 PM
Subject: Fw: MoES/P.O.(Seismo)/1(418)/2023-PAC recommendations
To: Swatilekha Sarkar <swatidipali@gmail.com>

Pinaki Sar, Ph.D
Professor
Department of Biotechnology
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
Kharagpur 721 302, India
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From: Arun K. Gupta <gupta.arun@nic.in>
To: pinaki sar <sarpinaki@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 11:56:54 AM GMT+5:30
Subject: MoES/P.O.(Seismo)/1(418)/2023-PAC recommendations

Title: "Proposal for organizing an International Symposium on the Biodiversity and
Geochemistry of Deep and Extreme Earth Systems during 26th – 28th January, 2024