First Announcement & Call for Papers

WAVES 2026

Organized by

World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES International)

17th International Conference

&

Wider Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES, India)

30th India Conference

In Collaboration with

Maharishi International University (MIU)

Fairfield, IA, USA (Venue)

On the Theme

Living Wisdom: Reintegrating Ayurveda and Vedic Sciences in the Modern World

जागृत ज्ञान : आधुनिक विश्व में वैदिक विज्ञान और आयुर्वेद का समाकलन

Dates:

Friday, July 31 - Sunday, August 2, 2026

ABOUT WAVES 2026

In a time of rising global health crisis, ecological disruption, and emotional unrest, Vedic sciences, particularly Ayurveda, offer enduring wisdom rooted in balance, sustainability, and self-realization. Living Wisdom calls us to reconnect with the deep, time-tested knowledge systems of Ayurveda and the broader Ancient-Vedic sciences, not as relics of the past but as vibrant, living frameworks for modern life. Promoting critical reflection and cross-disciplinary collaboration, this theme fosters exploration of ancient Indian wisdom, grounded in wholeness, rhythm, and consciousness. Including many key areas of focus, such as epistemologies of health, integrative medicine, pedagogy of Vedic sciences, ethical considerations, and the impact of globalization on indigenous knowledge systems; Papers on diverse topics related to Vedic knowledge can be submitted.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES International), a U.S.-based non-profit academic organization [501(c)(3)], is incorporated in Atlanta, Georgia. Since 1996, WAVES has served as a global platform for interdisciplinary research, dialogue, and dissemination of Indian knowledge systems, especially the Vedas, Ayurveda, and allied sciences. It has hosted 16 international biennial conferences in the USA and abroad.

The Wider Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES, India), a multidisciplinary registered academic society under the Societies ActXXI of 1860 in New Delhi. The association still maintains its acronym 'WAVES' and is affiliated with the World Association for Vedic Studies, USA. It is currently organizing its 29th annual conference, which will be held in New Delhi in December 2025.

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DEADLINES FOR PAPERS

We invite full-length research papers from scholars, researchers, students, and other interested individuals. Submissions are accepted in English, Hindi, or Sanskrit. All papers will undergo review by distinguished scholars, and only those approved by the Editors will be presented and published in the WAVES 2026 Proceedings.

- Abstract Submission (250-300 words) - **October 15, 2025**
- Full paper submission (3000-5000 words) - **December 15, 2025**
- Accepted papers will be notified via e-mail - **January 15, 2026**
- Final revised full paper submission - **February 1, 2026**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The registration fees for presenters and attendees will be announced shortly.

Please submit abstracts/papers & other information via email:

conference@worldassociationforvedicstudies.org

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

A Special Pre-Conference Panchakarma Workshop will be conducted at **The Raj**, Fairfield, Iowa. Recognized as a premier health center, the center offers exceptional facilities for Panchakarma and Ayurvedic treatments.

Further details coming soon

WEBSITES

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