



Dharma Association of North America (DANAM)

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Dear All,

On behalf of DANAM Board, and DANAM07 Conference Co-Chair, Dr. Rita Dasgupta Sherma, I am pleased to cordially invite you to participate in the 5th DANAM Conference 2007 (DANAM07), 16-18 Nov07, 9:00am-6:30pm each day, to be held at a hotel (TBA), as an Additional Meeting of the 2007 American Academy of Religion (2007AAR) Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. Following the success of DANAM06, this year's DANAM Conference will again consist of multiple sessions during which over 40 contributors are expected to preside, present, respond, and/or discuss issues related to the two major themes:

1. **Emotion, Imagination, and Transcendence: The Many Faces of Rasa Theory** (Multiple Sessions)

2. **Reflections on the Relationships between Dharma, Karma, and Moksha** (Multiple Sessions)

Theme descriptions are given in attachment (pdf format). Deadline for receipt of paper titles is 6 May 07. It is anticipated that the selected presentations will be published in peer-reviewed proceedings (in two volumes.)

In addition, this year's 2007 DANAM-Takshashila Panini Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony will also include one or more Book Award(s). Both awards will be announced in the Fall.

The agenda for DANAM 2007 (to be announced) will be available at: www.danam-web.org/events.htm. Please continue to check this web site to see the updated agenda for DANAM07. The mission, objectives, Board of Distinguished Visiting Scholars, and Board of Trustees of DANAM are given at: www.danam-web.org.

There is no fee to attend the conference. However, in order for us to plan for a smoothly running conference, printing of adequate number of Abstract Digests for handouts, and conserving our limited resources, we will greatly appreciate if you could pre-register on-line, with your complete contact information, at: www.danam-web.org/registration_1.html. This information is solely for DANAM's use to facilitate communications.

A function of DANAM, as an organization, has been to sponsor scholars of dharma traditions to engage the broader public in discourses on issues and themes related to these traditions. These efforts have been directed at educating the laity--both practitioners and interested lay non-practitioners--in the diversity and complexity of the dharma traditions. The second thrust has been in the direction of creating intellectual space for study, reflection, and dialogue in constructive philosophy, theology, ethics, and aesthetics in these traditions.

If you have questions or comments for enhancing the content and quality of the conference sessions, please contact me at <a.deepak@stcnet.com>, or cell phone 757-272-3066 (any day, after 10am EST.)

With Regards,

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