

Prayas conf call

Attended by: Fakhru (Portland), Tanushree, Vineet (Atlanta), Rekha, Jayram, Ankur and Aravind (UIUC)

- Both UIUC and Atlanta have sent their first installments. Part of this money was used to fund portions of Rajapark budget. The remaining part as well as the second installment from UIUC will go towards Amargarh/Sanganer. Atlanta may not be sending the second installment in 2009. So far, UIUC has sent \$3500, Atlanta \$2000 and Ann-Arbor \$4000.
- However, the unfunded balance in the Amargarh/Sanganer budget for 2009 is Rs 2 lakhs (\$4000). UIUC's \$3500 will cover most of this budget. Atlanta will make a call on funding the balance.
- Portland and Atlanta have approved \$7000 and \$4000 for Sanganer and Amargarh respectively. Portland will take care of funding the Project Administrator and the remaining items in the Sanganer budget. Atlanta's funds will go towards Amargarh. There is still a \$2000 shortfall.
- UIUC will make a call on taking up this shortfall. A vote will be taken on this by the end of the year.
- Future plans: Portland will continue to raise funds for Prayas, but cannot commit to funding after 2010. Atlanta's situation is similar. UIUC currently has a steward for the project, but may not be funding any of the items for 2010. In any case, UIUC will work with Portland and Atlanta over the next two years to see if Prayas can receive sustainable funding from both these chapters. UIUC will help out in the transition period to help offload the project onto Portland and Atlanta.
- Site visit: Tanushree from Atlanta plans to visit both Amargarh and Sanganer centers in November. We will try to call Prayas in the coming two weeks to schedule the conf call.