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10) ISSLR XIII site selection and preparations

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Topic author: rjellison**Subject:** 10) ISSLR XIII site selection and preparations**Posted on:** 30 Jan 2012 15:45:54**Message:**

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Replies:

Reply author: ehbucher**Replied on:** 30 Jan 2012 17:40:57**Message:**

Congratulations to our Chinese colleagues!
Enrique Bucher

Reply author: rjellison**Replied on:** 30 Jan 2012 17:43:10**Message:**

Actually its just an advisory vote at this point. In making the motion, we'll need a second, then discussion, and then vote by the board. Of course congratulations may still be in order.

Reply author: pcoleman**Replied on:** 30 Jan 2012 18:55:13**Message:**

I second the vote

Reply author: aoren**Replied on:** 30 Jan 2012 20:46:51**Message:**

Here are the two bids once more. If anyone is interested I can send these by e-mail as formatted Word documents.

31 October 2011

Proposal for Hosting an ISSLR Conference

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Please fill out the form below and submit it as a pdf or other electronic file to the ISSLR Secretary/Treasurer.

Lead Proposing Scientist (responsible for organizing and chairing the conference):

Name: Mianping Zheng Institution: R&D Center for Saline Lake and Epithermal Deposit, Institute of Mineral Resources, Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences

Email: zmp@public.bta.net.cn Telephone: 86-10-68327637 Fax: 86-10-68327637

Proposed Co-Chairmen of Conference (if any) and their institutions:

Robert Jellison : Marine Science Institute, University of California.
 Aharon Oren: Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
 Brian V. Timms: School of Environment and Life Sciences, University of Newcastle.
 Javier Alcocer: Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico.
 Haizhou Ma : Institute of Qinghai Salt Lake, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Proposed Site for Conference (city or town; convention center, hotel, retreat, etc.)
 Air Harbor Resort, Yuncheng City, Shanxi Province, China. It is convenient to arrive from Beijing by flight, railway, or bus (1000 km from Beijing).

Proposed Dates for Conference : July 18-22, 2014

Proposed Itinerary and Cost for Post-Conference Field Trip (if any):

(1) 6 days trip July 23-28, 2014. Itinerary: Yuncheng-Xining (1143 km, by flight) –Golmud (800 km, by car)-Dunhuang (600 km by car)-Beijing (2929 km, by flight). Highlights: Salt lakes in Qinghai: A group of salt lakes formed during the evolution of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, such as Gahai Lake, Qinghai Lake, and Qarhan Lake. You may investigate Artemia in Gahai Lake, Birds' Island in Qinghai Lake, and sodium, potassium, and boron minerals in Qarhan Lake. You may also have a chance to visit famous mural paintings in the Mogao Grottoes, Dunhuang, Gansu Province.

Estimated All-Inclusive Cost: 900 USD.

(2) 5 days trip July 23-27, 2014. Itinerary: Yuncheng-Xi'an (239 km, by car)-Lhasa (2800 km, by flight) –Nam Co (150 km, by car)-Beijing (4060 km, by flight). You may also have a chance to visit Warrior and Horse Figures in Xi'an City and visit Lakes on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau.

Estimated All-Inclusive Cost : 1000 USD.

(3) 3 days trip: July 23-25, 2014. Itinerary: Yuncheng-Xi'an (239 km, by car)-Pingyao (570 km, by train)-Xi'an (570 km, by train)-Beijing (1034 km, by flight). You may also have a chance to visit Warrior and Horse Figures in Xi'an City and the Ancient Town of Pingyao.

Estimated All-Inclusive Cost : 460 USD.

Estimated Registration Fee (in U.S. dollars, weak as they are): 510 USD Check each of the following that would be covered by this fee: 80 USD conference rooms, auditoria, AV equipment; 20 USD refreshment breaks; 120 USD initial social reception; 20 USD mid-conference excursion; 20USD banquet; breakfasts included in the lodging fee; 50 USD lunches; 50 USD dinners; 150 USD lodging

Lodging: Location(s) available: Air Harbor Resort, Yuncheng City

Cost (if not included in registration fee; per person per night, assuming double occupancy): __30 USD__; options for cheap price hotels.

Meals (approximate costs per day, if not included in registration fee): __20 USD__.

Proposed Arrangement for Publication of Conference Proceedings (if any): Special Issue of Acta Geologica Sinica (English edition) (SCI Journal) or Special Issue of Hydrobiologia.

Sources from which supplemental funding WILL be sought to subsidize costs to all, provide special support to students, scientists from developing countries, etc.: 5 sources

Nafine Chemical Industry Group Co. LTD, Qinghai Salt Lake Industry Group Co. Ltd., Chinese Association of Science and Technology, National Natural Science Foundation of China, and Ministry of Land and Resources

Special Attractions or Advantages of This Proposed Conference Site:

(1) Salt lakes in Yuncheng have a salt exploitation history of over 4,000 years. Many salt production technologies were developed in early times. Dr. Joseph Needham, the late scientist of Cambridge University, Britain, called the "reclamation-furrowing-irrigation (with brine)-solar evaporation" technique the living fossil in the history of science and techniques of China. (2) The salt lakes in Yuncheng have many scenic spots and rich cultural landscapes. (3) The cost is cheap. The registration fee is 240 USD. We propose the registration fee for students to be 80 USD, which is one third of the full registration fee. The cost of lodging and meals is cheap. (4) There are many famous historic sites around Yuncheng City, e.g., Warriors and Horses Figurines in Xi'an City, three hours' drive from Yuncheng City. (5) You have chance to visit salt lakes on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau during post-conference field trips, such as Qarhan Lake, Gahai Lake, Caka Lake, Qinghai Lake, and Nam Co.

05/01/2012

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Please fill out the form below and submit it as a pdf or other electronic file to the ISSLR Secretary/Treasurer.

Lead Proposing Scientist (responsible for organizing and chairing the conference):

Name Yaakov Akrish Institution: Tamar regional council, Dead Sea -Israel

Email: Akrish@ma-tamar.co. Ill Telephone: +97286688844 Fax: +97286688944
Proposed Co-Chairmen of Conference (if any) and their institutions:
Prof. Aaron Oren, The Hebrew university of Jerusalem

Proposed Site for Conference (city or town; convention center, hotel, retreat, etc.) Kibbutz Ein -gedi, Dead Sea Israel
80 km from Jerusalem, 120km from air port

Proposed Dates for Conference and Post-Conference Field Trip (if any): 16-21/02/2014 or 23-28/02/2014

Proposed Itinerary and Cost for Post-Conference Field Trip (if any): 3 days trip to: Eilat and the red sea `crossing the border to Aqaba (Jordan) trip to Petra and the Jordanian side of the dead sea (the lowest park on earth)

Estimated Registration Fee (in U.S. dollars, weak as they are): see below it's including in lodging prices.

Lodging: Location(s) available: 2 levels: 1. Ein gedi guest house (1,000\$ single, 1,300\$ double, ein gedi field school (500\$ single 800 \$ double)
Cost (if not included in registration fee; per person per night, assuming double occupancy):

Meals (approximate costs per day, if not included in registration fee): include in the price
Proposed Arrangement for Publication of Conference Proceedings (if any):

Sources from which supplemental funding WILL be sought to subsidize costs to all, provide special support to students,

scientists from developing countries, etc.: Tamar regional council (main sponsor) Dead Sea factory, ahava cosmetic from the dead sea.

Special Attractions or Advantages of This Proposed Conference Site: The Dead Sea the lowest lake in world, Ein gedi an oasis in the dessert, Sinkhole a unique phenomenon in the dead sea region, 90% of the region is a nature reserve. The will be a professional tour to the dead sea factory which produce 20 % of potassium of the world.

The region offers 4 scholarship to young student (up to the age of 35 years) of 500 \$ each.

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 31 Jan 2012 06:20:21
Message:

It would seem that the lodging rates are prohibitive at Ein gedi assuming these are nightly rates.

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 31 Jan 2012 06:53:45
Message:

The Ein Gedi rates are for the whole period of the meeting.

Reply author: fkong
Replied on: 01 Feb 2012 05:01:18
Message:

Thank you all to support our proposal.It's our pleasure that we can host the next conference.We will do the hard work to make well prepare in the coming three years.Hope all of the board members give suggestion and comments.welcome!

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 08 Feb 2012 10:46:01
Message:

I think we need to formally choose the site of the next conference. We have two bidders. After review of the proposals and in acknowledgment of the clear preference of the members indicated both in the meeting at Mar Chiquita and by the recent advisory vote, I MOVE that Mianping Zheng's proposal be accepted with the expectation that the hosts will consult and keep the board informed of their planning activities. I think the proper procedure here is

to ask for a second to the motion, open it up for discussion, and then after everyone's had their say, call for a vote of the board.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 08 Feb 2012 11:16:16

Message:

I had hoped that Maria would also join the discussions, but we have been waiting very long already. Therefore I think that Bob is right that we should start summing up and making decisions.

As I am directly involved in one of the bids I will not take part in the discussion, unless there may be any questions about the Dead Sea option.

Reply author: pcoleman

Replied on: 08 Feb 2012 14:43:02

Message:

I second the motion

Reply author: clitchfield

Replied on: 08 Feb 2012 14:46:03

Message:

I vote to approve Bob's motiion.

Reply author: Egor Zadereev

Replied on: 08 Feb 2012 17:06:35

Message:

I vote to approve Bob's motiion.

Taking into account our discussion on the place to publish conference proceedings it would be nice to have comments from both proposals whether they are ready to consider Inland Waters as such journal

Reply author: ehbucher

Replied on: 08 Feb 2012 20:26:50

Message:

quote:

[i]Originally posted by rjellison[/i]

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Reply author: ehbucher

Replied on: 08 Feb 2012 20:28:03

Message:

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quote:

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Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 08 Feb 2012 20:36:45

Message:

I abstain

Reply author: rjellison

Replied on: 08 Feb 2012 21:00:28

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Message:

I had expected some discussion prior to a vote. I think either proposer could put on a fine conference and would look forward to a meeting in either locale. Obviously we have not yet had a meeting at the Dead Sea and this would be a fascinating location. However, Mianping has put forward a proposal the past couple times and it has been 20 yrs since having the meeting in Beijing. Of course, the proposed meeting site is also 1000 km from Beijing. By contrast we had a meeting in the US in 1999 and 2008. I also think we would have to have a very strong reason to vote contrary to the strong preference indicated by other members.

Reply author: NikolayAladin**Replied on:** 08 Feb 2012 23:47:52**Message:**

Dear All,

I would like to ask you all to listen 40 minutes Podcast indicated below

Yours,

Nick Aladin

<http://www.ravenswoodmedia.com/?q=node/24>

Ravenswood Media conducted a Podcast with Nikolay Aladin and Philip Micklin about their work with the Aral Sea. Nestled between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan in Central Asia, the Aral Sea was one of the greatest natural lakes on earth. Now considered an ecological disaster, the Aral Sea has been shrinking in volume since the 1960s due to human manipulation, and today is now one-tenth of what it once was. Professors Nikolay Aladin and Philip Micklin have been working to protect the Aral Sea for over 20 years, and will continue to fight for the rehabilitation of this endangered sea. Listen here

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David McGowan

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410 S. Michigan Ave., #934

Chicago, IL 60605

Reply author: NikolayAladin**Replied on:** 08 Feb 2012 23:53:59**Message:**

Dear All,

I could add that we should select good place from point if view:

- 1) of our subject - SALINE LAKES
- 2) low cost of travel
- 3) big number of YOUNG SCIENTIST invoked.

Are you agree with me?

Yours,

Nick Aladin

Reply author: Egor Zadereev**Replied on:** 09 Feb 2012 00:03:17**Message:**

I agree that I would feel not very comfortable to vote contrary to the preference indicated by other members. The only question I want to clarify - publication of conference proceedings. I like the idea that we choose Inland Waters as the journal for our selected papers. It will be great if we decide that conference organisers follow this strategy.

Reply author: Egor Zadereev**Replied on:** 09 Feb 2012 08:05:08**Message:**

if we consider questions asked by Nick:

1. both places gives an opportunity to visit saline lakes. China with field trips to Tibet looks more exotic. The Dead sea also an interesting option.
 2. cost of travel should be estimates based on the location of salt lake scientists. As I demonstrated in my blog most salt lake research is done in US, China, Australia and Russia. The cost of travel will differ for different countries (e.g. Australia China probably less expensive, Russia - depending on the region, US - Israel may be cheaper)
 3. young scientist - we might expect a lot of chinese scientist in China as China number two in paper activity on salt lake research. Other countries the number will be more or less the same as other conferences I guess..
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Reply author: aoren**Replied on:** 09 Feb 2012 08:22:12**Message:**

In reply to Egor's question about publication: if the Dead Sea - Ein Gedi will be selected, I will be happy to adopt Inland Waters as the framework for publication of the proceedings. I hope that Mianping and Fanjing will do the same

if the symposium will be in China.

Reply author: dcosta

Replied on: 09 Feb 2012 09:58:01

Message:

I like of the Bob's motion. Firstly because as many colleagues have spoken about of the low cost of travel and other cost, this is an important question for many students (YOUNG SCIENTIST). I speak of this because I went to china in 2009 during the Salt Symposium and I remember of the costs and I remember the low number of students. I´m according with the questions asked by Nick:

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Reply author: NikolayAladin

Replied on: 09 Feb 2012 22:09:06

Message:

Dear All,

I could add one more thing.

Getting visa.

Russians and some other countries representatives need to receive visa.

I am very glad to underline that at present citizens of Russia could travel to Israel with out visa.

For visiting China Russians should receive visa and this cost time and money.....

Yours,

Nick Aladin

Reply author: Egor Zadereev

Replied on: 09 Feb 2012 22:59:03

Message:

Small clarification - for Russian people to visit China the procedure to get visa is very simple - it's very cheap and you get visa directly in the airport when you arrive to the country. A lot of people from our Institute travel to China regularly without problems - in terms of visa both countries (Israel and China) for Russians are the same.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 09 Feb 2012 23:11:13

Message:

Israel does not require visa for most countries of the world, and there also is no visa fee to be paid upon arrival.

Reply author: dcosta

Replied on: 10 Feb 2012 04:36:28

Message:

Brazilians need of visa for to travel to China, with the cost of around U\$ 300.00. However, this situation is the same for many countries (perhaps to Israel too). I believe that this is also for other countries of Latin America.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 10 Feb 2012 05:32:07

Message:

Israelis also need a visa to China (as I know very well as I have visited China 6-7 times.

Citizens of the following countries do not require visa to Israel: Citizens of the following countries will be issued tourist visas free of charge at every port or entrance terminal to Israel:

Europe – Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lichtenstein, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands,

Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

Asia and Oceania – Australia, Cambodia, Fiji Islands, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Turkey, Vanuatu.

Africa – Central African Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland.

America – Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nevis and Saint Kitts, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay.

Reply author: dcosta

Replied on: 10 Feb 2012 11:17:59

Message:

Great news Prof. Oren!

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 10 Feb 2012 11:42:28

Message:

The full list given by the Israeli Foreign Ministry is found at:

<http://www.mfa.gov.il/NR/rdonlyres/05664082-4C0C-4C2E-A593-C9D0C0B20C2A/0/VisaRequirements.pdf>

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 19 Feb 2012 20:34:28

Message:

Not much has been added to the discussions lately, so I propose to formally vote. Thus far we have the votes from Bob, Enrique, Egor, Carol, and Perry (all in favor of China), a message from Fanjing from which I understand that he is in favor of China as well, and one abstention (Aharon). Those who have not voted yet, this the time to do so.

Reply author: dcosta

Replied on: 23 Feb 2012 05:19:01

Message:

I vote in favor of China.

Diógenes Costa

Reply author: fkong

Replied on: 23 Feb 2012 13:40:04

Message:

yes, I vote in favor of china.

quote:

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Replied on: 23 Feb 2012 16:45:37

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Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 23 Feb 2012 20:37:13

Message:

As we now have a clear majority in favor of China, I will officially invite the Chinese to organize the next symposium and I will also write to the people from the Tamar Regional Council, the Dead Sea that their bid was unsuccessful.

I wish our Chinese colleagues much success, and I am looking forward to an exciting symposium in China in 2014.

Reply author: Egor Zadereev

Replied on: 23 Feb 2012 20:50:53

Message:

I hope that the society and the enthusiasm of Dead Sea people will continue till 2017 and we will have perfect successful Israel bid

Reply author: NikolayAladin

Replied on: 02 Mar 2012 06:13:04

Message:

Dear All,

I see that we are going again to China.

We had meeting in this very nice country in 1994 with Prof.Dr. Bill WILLIAMS in Beijing

I hope that we could visit in 2014 some very interesting saline lakes that we could not visit in 1994.....

Sincerely yours,

Nick Aladin

Reply author: fkong

Replied on: 11 Mar 2012 21:04:47

Message:

Dear Nick, welcome to China. What salt lake have you been last time? and what salt lake else are you going to visit next time during conference in 2014?

I can manage to make to meet your requirement.

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