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09) Conference preparations

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Topic:

Topic author: aoren

Subject: 09) Conference preparations

Posted on: 30 Jan 2013 20:28:40

Message:

I have opened this topic, and I am looking forward to an update from our Chinese colleagues about the preparations for the 2014 conference.

Replies:

Reply author: fkong

Replied on: 18 Feb 2013 02:52:16

Message:

These days are Chinese traditional Spring Festival holiday. So, it's late to present the report. I am sorry for that.

On behalf of professor Mianping Zheng, I post here some information about the preparation of 2014 conference. Any the suggestion and comments are welcome.

1.The time schedule for the 2014 conference preparation:

Feb 2013, report the preparation of 2014 conference on the online board meeting

May 2013, The First Circular announcement

Dec 2013, the second circular announcement

April 2014, the third circular announcement

2.The site for conference we proposed before is Yuncheng City, Shanxi province, about 1,000 kilometers away the Beijing. Since the city is under reconstruction just now, and it may not finish next year, the local government is not glad to receive the international conference. So, we think to change to the Grand Epoch City as the new conference site. It's located in Hebei Province, situated at the south eastern suburb of Beijing. It's 60Km away from the Beijing Capital airport, it enjoys a predominant geographic position and a convenient access to the transportation. Grand Epoch City's city walls are real copy of the old Beijing City at its Ming and Qing dynasties. The hollow walls enveloping the property run 5 kilometers with 22 tower gates. The wonderful Yuan Mingyuan and Prince's residence and courtyard houses display the essence of ancient Chinese culture and unique Chinese architecture. The environments are nice, with fresh air.

All the activities can be held in the same building of Fu An hotel. The follow picture show the Fu an Hotel.

3.Time:

July 13,2014, arrival

July 14-18,2014, conference

July18-25,2014 post conference field trip

4.The conference topics

Theme: salt lake research and sustainable development

Session1: Salt lake records and globe change

Session2: salt lake ecological system, bio structure and function, biochemistry

Session3: salt lake geology and chemistry

Session4: survey, exploring, multi-utilization, and sustainable developments for Sources of ancient and modern salt lakes

session5 Environments evolution and protection of salt lake and contiguous zone (wetlands, saline soil, and desert)

5.Itinerary and Cost for Post-Conference Field Trip:

(1) 7 days Tibet Salt lakes trip, July 19-25, 2014.

Itinerary: Beijing-Lasha-Celing lake-Nam co-lasha-Beijing

Estimated All-Inclusive Cost: 1,200 USD

(2)7 days Qinghai salt lakes trip, July 19-25, 2014.

Itinerary: Beijing-Xining-Qinghai Lake-Xitai salt Lake-Chaerhan salt lake-Gelmu-Beijing

Estimated All-Inclusive Cost: 1,200 USD

(3) 4 days Inner Mongolia salt lake trip: July 19-22, 2014.

Itinerary: Beijing-Jilantai salt lake-Beijing

Estimated All-Inclusive Cost: 350 USD

(4) 4 days Yuncheng salt lake trip: July 19-22, 2014.

Itinerary: Beijing-Yuncheng salt lake-xi'an Warrior and Horse Figures -Beijing

Estimated All-Inclusive Cost: 460 USD.

6.The organizer committee

(1)The conference organization committee

Chairman:

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7.The cost

Registration fee

Before April 30,2014 After April 30,2014

participants 300 USD 350 USD

students 100 USD 150 USD

The registration fees include the conference rooms, auditoria, AV equipment, airport transportation, Conference Proceedings, beverages, coffees, mid-conference excursion and banquet. Do not include meals and hotel.

Estimated Cost during conference for meals and hotel:

Meals: 36 USD per person per day (breakfast, two dinners) or choice cheap one

Hotel: Average 50 USD per person per night, and cheap or expensive one can be chosen.

Reply author: rjellison

Replied on: 24 Feb 2013 10:57:53

Message:

In Aharon's report he mentioned the conference was to be held in May 2014. I think this would be an awkward time for many participants and am assuming the dates below are correct.

Reply author: Egor Zadereev

Replied on: 24 Feb 2013 19:56:32

Message:

I have some questions:

1. As the publication of conference proceedings is very important for the successful conference I would like to know which journal(s) you plan to publish proceedings. It would be great if information about conference proceeding and publishing rules (deadlines) is announced in advance in conference announcement.

2. Do you plan to take part at the International Conference on the Ecological Importance of Solar Saltworks (Beijing, October 2013). If yes, it would be great to present and distribute information about our 2014 conference.

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 24 Feb 2013 20:54:21
Message:

Dear Fanjing, thanks for the information. So it will be in July and not in May. The dates of the meeting are OK for me, but I will not be able to join the post-conference tour as on 27 July I will have to be in Montreal, Canada.

Publication of the proceedings is something that the meeting organizers may discuss with the board. And I see that our Editor, Enrique Bucher, is a member of the organizing committee of the meeting.

I cannot attend the October 2013 salt meeting in Beijing, it coincides with the beginning of my busy teaching semester.

Reply author: dcosta
Replied on: 25 Feb 2013 14:59:08
Message:

I confirm that I will go to China for CEISSA and I can help in the preparations and discussions together participants about ISSLR' meeting.

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 28 Feb 2013 18:20:11
Message:

I don't know if this should go under the treasurer's report or conference prep, but I'll post it here.

I see no reason for the society to sit on \$20,000. I am sure our Chinese colleagues will put on a good conference, but many persons will find travel expenses prohibitive. This might be a good time to discuss whether we want to offer more travel grants, especially to young scientists.

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 01 Mar 2013 21:47:20
Message:

I am in favor of more travel grants for students. At the last conference not all grant money was distributed as there were not sufficient applications. Some of the students present - notably the group from Turkey - knew about the grants but were too shy to apply.

To my opinion we need to encourage participation especially from students outside China.

We can make a tentative decision now and even talk about the number of grants to make available and the amount of each grant. Further details can also be discussed in next year's board meeting.

Reply author: pcoleman
Replied on: 02 Mar 2013 02:26:56
Message:

I am in favor of student travel grants

Reply author: dcosta
Replied on: 03 Mar 2013 15:43:49
Message:

I am also in favor of student travel grants (obviously). Really, is very important encourage the participation especially from students outside China. For example, is very possible that the same

Brazilian team who was to in Mar Chiquita in 2011 (9 students – graduation, master and doctorate) will go to China in 2013. So, if it is approved by the direction, after the finish of the ISSLR meeting program, I will send invitations for many universities that have publications about salt lakes.

Reply author: Egor Zadereev
Replied on: 03 Mar 2013 17:51:14
Message:

I am in favor of student travel grants. Let us make a tentative decision on the number of grants (10?) and amount of each grant (500 USD?). Probably we can decide on the total amount we will allocate and the amount of each grant will be flexible (up to 500 USD for example). Also I think we should have some internal criteria - for example not all grants should be awarded to one country. It would be important to have this decision before the first information letter is announced - thus the best option to make this decision at this board meeting.

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 04 Mar 2013 18:53:02
Message:

Well stated. I suggest you just make a motion and we can debate it.

Reply author: Egor Zadereev
Replied on: 04 Mar 2013 19:42:37
Message:

Dear all. Below is my preliminary proposal about travel grants that can be debated, tuned and approved by the end of the meeting.

I propose that for the next ISSLR meeting in China the society establish up to 10 travel grants (each up to 500 USD) for prospective young scientists (PhD students or young career researchers (not older than 30 years and not more than 3 years after PhD approval)). Travel grants shall be awarded for those who plan to present oral talk (I am not sure that this restriction is necessary). The decision will be based on the excellence of the applicants. With the scientific excellence being equal, young scientists from developing countries will get a priority. However we encourage to apply young scientists from all countries as the society will try to balance the number of travel grants from different countries. It is expected that young scientists from the same organization can get not more than 1 (3?) travel grants and representatives of one country can receive not more than 5 (3?) travel grants out of 10 announced.

Reply author: NikolayAladin
Replied on: 04 Mar 2013 23:32:07
Message:

Dear All!
I doubt that I shall have money to go for a meeting in China.
If situation will change I'll come with great pleasure to see you all. It was a pity that I couldn't come to Argentina meeting. I have to spend money for sampling in Aral, Balkhash and Caspian. Sampling first, meeting last.

Reply author: mefarias
Replied on: 05 Mar 2013 04:49:13
Message:

Dear All,
I really do not know if I shall have money to go for a meeting in China. I will really try but it is too expensive for our projects. I will really try. Maria

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 05 Mar 2013 06:27:39
Message:

I support Egor's proposal.

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 05 Mar 2013 06:43:50
Message:

I support Egor's proposal but would prefer:

"same organization can get no more than 2 travel grants and representatives of one country can receive not more than 4 travel grants out of 10 announced."

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 05 Mar 2013 20:21:26
Message:

Agreed.

Reply author: pcoleman
Replied on: 05 Mar 2013 20:58:00
Message:

Moditified motion agreed

Reply author: Egor Zadereev
Replied on: 06 Mar 2013 18:35:09
Message:

I agree with modification

Reply author: fkong
Replied on: 06 Mar 2013 20:49:16
Message:

I agree with modified motion.

Reply author: fkong
Replied on: 06 Mar 2013 20:55:48
Message:

Publication of the proceedings is very important things for us. We have two choice. TheSpecial Issue of Acta Geologica Sinica (English edition) (SCI Journal) or Special Issue of Hydrobiologia.

Reply author: pcoleman
Replied on: 06 Mar 2013 21:32:17
Message:

I know the academics worry about impact factor, but our last excursion with Hydrobiologia did not go too well. I would be happy with the English version of the Chinese journal, providing the translations were to a fairly high standard. What do others think?

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 06 Mar 2013 22:08:48

Message:

I always like publication of the proceedings of such meetings, and with the exception of the Mar Chiquita symposium we always had some kind of publication.

Hydrobiologia will not work for at least part of the papers will not of a biological nature. Moreover, we have seen how the chief editor has "unaccepted" papers that were earlier accepted by the guest editors.

I personally have no problem with impact factors. When we did that nice volume for the Salt Lake City symposium we did not worry about impact factors.

I am also prepared to help with editing jobs, just as I did for the Salt Lake City book. And being Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology (Society for General Microbiology), Managing Editor of Extremophiles (Springer), and Editor of FEMS Microbiology Letters (Wiley-Blackwell) I have quite some experience.

Reply author: aoren**Replied on:** 06 Mar 2013 22:15:24**Message:**

Another option that can be checked is Inland Waters (SIL) -

<http://www.limnology.org/pubs/inlandwaters.shtml>

I personally have no connections with SIL.

Reply author: Egor Zadereev**Replied on:** 06 Mar 2013 22:45:33**Message:**

I wonder whether Acta Geologica Sinica will publish biological and ecological papers? If no, it will be not very convinient for many conference participants.

Reply author: aoren**Replied on:** 19 Mar 2013 21:51:04**Message:**

I have just accepted an invitation to participate in a microbiology meeting in Beijing September 23-27. I will try to meet with Zheng Mianping and Kong Fanjing during that time to discuss next year's ISSLR symposium.

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