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WELCOME TO FIRST WORLD YOUNG EARTH SCIENTISTS CONGRESS 2009

Introduction to the topic of Geoheritage Conservation and Geoparks

1. Introduction

On the 33rd Session of the International Geological Congress which was held in Norway on August 2008, the commissaries of young earth scientists decided that the First World Young Earth Scientists (Y.E.S) Congress would be held on October 25 - 28, 2009 at China University of Geosciences (Beijing).

Supported by the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE) Committee and International Union of Geological Science (I.U.G.S), the Y.E.S. Congress is the first ever congress dedicated to young earth scientists worldwide. With the motto of "Young Earth Scientists for Society" following the IYPE global motto, the Congress will be open to scientists and professionals working in the field of Earth Sciences, and it will also involve young political leaders, representatives of civil society, organizations and associations worldwide to create a dynamic network, and give them opportunities to discuss on several topics connected to environmental crises, and facilitate the sharing of best practices. The Y.E.S. congress will be of great significance for the education of young scientists and the development of earth sciences.

2. Objective

Geological heritage retains memories of the processes that generated and formed the Planet Earth as part of the Solar System, as well as of the history of climate, life and humanity. The common future of the mankind lies in the possibility of exploring, developing and revealing the known and unknown values and resources of the Earth in a wise manner. Geological heritage is nonrenewable resource and the priceless assets of all human being,



it should be protected and its resources sustainably developed to provide society with the appropriate means for living.

Young geologists are the hope of the development of geological sciences. Now the time has come to intensify the global efforts, especially the efforts of young earth scientists worldwide to safeguard and promote geological heritage.

Aiming at inspiring more youth to play a more active role in promoting the awareness of Geoheritage Conservation and establishing Geological Nature Reserves and Geoparks, as well as providing a platform for young scientists to exchanged views and practical experience concerning the protection of geoheritage conservation and sustainable development, the Organizing Committee of Y.E.S. decided to set up a new oral program theme on "Geoheritage Conversation and Geoparks".

3. Organizations of the Topic -- Geoheritage Conservation and Geoparks

The goals of the branch meeting will be met through oral session, poster session and business expo that focus on the topic of **Geoheritage Conservation and Geoparks**.

Every branch meeting has a president and a committee constituted of conveners and advisors who will take charge of convening people from the world, selecting papers and arranging order of presentations, etc. in the oral program.

3.1 Abstracts and Papers

The topic of Geoheritage Conservation and Geoparks was determined later than other topics, so the deadline for the abstracts and papers is a little different from what have been announced on the second circular and website of Y.E.S.

All abstracts must be written in English and may be up to 250 words in length. All abstracts must be submitted online through the YES website abstract submission page: http://www.yescongress2009.org/abstract-submission.html.

The deadline for abstract submission is **June 15**, **2009**. Abstracts will be reviewed for their scientific merit and applicability, and send to each specific branch meeting by the Scientific



Committee. Participants will be notified if their abstracts have been accepted by **July 15**, **2009**. And then they may submit the corresponding full paper on which their accepted abstracts based. The deadline for full paper submission is **July 30**, **2009**.

With approval of the authors, selected full abstracts will be submitted for publication to "Earth Science Frontiers" (Science Citation Index, SCI search), in a special section dedicated to YES Congress 2009. This journal is the official journal of CUGB and is published by Elsevier. Similarly, with approval of the authors, selected papers will be submitted for publication to the "Acta Geologica Sinica" journal in a special section dedicated to Y.E.S Congress 2009, and then delivered to headquarter of Index to Scientific & Technical Proceedings, ISTP. The authors of the abstracts will be responsible for any associated publication fees.

Important dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline: June 15th, 2009

Notification of Abstract Acceptance: July 15th, 2009

Full Paper Submission Deadline: July 30th, 2009

3.2 Poster Session and Business Expo

The Congress will offer an unique networking opportunity for young earth scientists to meet representatives from research institutes and companies. It will also allow companies to carry out marketing, business development and recruitment.

Poster Session:

All participants attending the congress will have full access to the posters room throughout the 4 days of the congress. And all participants who will do poster presentation could display their posters in a fixed location, in different time during the four days. Poster standard:, Participants are allowed to take two posters along with them, with the size of $1.0M \times 1.2M$ each.

Business Expo:

The Business Expo offers an exhibition area for companies, organizations, and institutions. The Expo will be opened for the duration of the Congress. You can connect with Li Ruixin



by e-mail for more information or see the website: http://www.yescongress2009.org/yes-business-expo.html it will be a good time for you to show your geoparks to the young earth scientists all over the world.

4. Congress Fees

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		RMB	Euro	USD
Congress	Until 30 May 2009	1500	180	230
Participation	1 June 2009 to 10 August 2009	2000	230	300
(regular)	After 10 August 2009 / On-site	2500	280	360
Congress Student	Until 30 May 2009	500	60	75
Participants (also	1 June 2009 to 10 August 2009	1000	115	150
PhD students)	After 10 August 2009 / On-site	1500	180	230
Accompanying members	Until 30 May 2009	500	60	75
	1 June 2009 to 10 August 2009	1000	115	150
	After 10 August 2009 / On-site	1500	180	230
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