

Regional and Global Network of Grassland Ecosystem Research: Issues and Perspectives

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Background:

Grasslands have played significant roles in supplying materials for mankind, protecting adjacent ecosystems from degradation, and preventing and controlling sand erosion, floods and other natural disasters. Confronted with global climate change and large influences caused by anthropogenic disturbances, as well as other grassland problems and issues, attention and concern among ecologists, biologists, physiologist, anthropologist, and local administrators from all over the world are increasing. Because of difficulty in explaining conflicting results of local experiments and the urgency to frame policies from regional to global scales, many scientists have increasingly realized the importance of establishing a network among grassland ecosystem researchers. Thus, this conference provides a unique opportunity and forum for scientists to present and discuss the most urgent issues in current regional and global grassland research, perspectives of the network research of grassland ecosystems, and solutions to complicated questions for policy makers. This meeting also aims to promote communication and cooperation among scientists and reinforces regional collaboration among those engaged in grassland ecosystem research.

Conference Sessions will cover a broad range of topics :

- ◆ Grassland Ecosystem Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functioning
- ◆ Adaptation and Response of Grassland Ecosystems to Global Change
- ◆ Rational Utilization and Sustainable Development of Grassland Resources
- ◆ Regional and Global Network : Grassland Ecosystem Research

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Anticipated Number of Attendees and Presentation Formats

1. 200 participants, with approximately 60 international scientists
2. The conference includes oral reports and posters
3. Official language for the conference is English

Posters, Special Workshops, and Exhibitions will be organized during the conference. More information on specific subjects will be available in the second circular.

Registration and Conference Fees

June 15, 2009 is the deadline for standard registration fee payment. Please register online at <http://english.ibcas.ac.cn/rgnger/> Other information will be issued in the second circular.

Standard Registration Fee Payment:

\$280/participant

\$120/student

Date and Location:

Date: August 12-14, 2009

Location: Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Post-conference Field Excursions:

Date: August 15-17, 2009

Itineraries offered:

1. Inner Mongolia Grassland Ecosystem Research Station, Chinese Academy of Sciences
 2. Duolun Restoration Ecology Experimentation and Demonstration Station
 3. Otidag Sandland Ecological Research Station
 4. Dongwu Research Station for Protection and Management of Grassland Ecosystems, Chinese Academy of Sciences
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7. I wish to present an oral lecture
 present a poster
 participant in the conference only

8. Number of accompanying guests: _____

9. I intend to stay at Fragrant Hill Empark Hotel
 arrange my accommodation

10. I will attend a field trip
 will not attend a field trip