



1° World - Y.E.S. CONGRESS 2009
Young Earth Scientists for Society

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1. INTRODUCTION

The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed the triennium 2007-2009 as the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE). The proclamation of the year has contributed to the UN sustainable development targets as IYPE promotes stewardship of Earth's resources and materials and encourages better planning and management to reduce risks for the world's inhabitants. Making Earth Science knowledge available and promoting proper education and commitment to young generations of earth-system scientists are the two key points of IYPE.

In observance of the United Nations proclamation of the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE), the Young Earth Sciences Network is organizing the First World Congress which is focused on young (under the age of 35) earth scientists and earth science professionals. The congress also will involve young political leaders, representatives of civil societies, organizations and associations across the world. The first proposal for this Congress originated in Italy with strong support from the Italian IYPE Committee, the Geological Survey of Italy (ISPRA, former APAT), IYPE Corporation and IUGS.

The goals of the Congress will be met through a series of oral sessions and poster sessions that pertain to the ten themes of the IYPE, and roundtable discussions that focus on topics of global, scientific, and social significance. The roundtables will consist of young representatives and / or earth scientists of organizations, associations, Young researchers of the geologic companies, civil societies, politics, and media. These representatives will be from different countries and will also be active at the national level. The participation of these individuals from different sectors and countries will enhance international collaborations and increase the involvement of the international community. The participants at the roundtables also will assist in the dissemination of the information after the congress has concluded.

The Congress is an event that, if well planned and advertised, will have a great international impact both in the media and for the future generation of earth scientists. It is the only event among international organizations that will focus on young people (scientists, media, politicians, etc) from different nations in order to create an organized network of Young Earth Scientists that will persist beyond the three years of IYPE.

The Congress will be held at the China University of Geosciences in Beijing, China. Beijing is an ancient city with a long history, and it is one of China's precious cultural treasures. The 2008 Olympics has brought vitality to the city of Beijing, and has provided for more friendly communications between Chinese and foreign people. With persistent efforts and careful preparation, this Congress will surely be an unforgettable event.

2. THEMES

Following the IYPE global “motto”, the motto of the Congress is “**Young Earth Scientists for Society**”.

Oral and poster sessions will be focused on the ten main themes of the IYPE:

- Groundwater –towards sustainable use
- Hazards – minimizing risk, maximizing awareness
- Earth & Health – building a safer environment
- Climate - the “stone tape”
- Resources –” towards sustainable use”
- Megacities – going deeper, building safer
- Deep Earth – from crust to core
- Ocean – abyss of time
- Soils – the living skin of the Earth
- Earth & Life – origins of diversity

The roundtables will be based on following 4 themes:

- Natural resources and Energy: towards sustainable use and development
- Environmental Geo-sciences: water and geo-hazards
- Earth and health
- Digitization Geosciences and its Cross-subject
- Young Earth Scientists in Society
 - Sustainability of Geoscience Education (sub-topic)

3. HOST ORGANIZATIONS

China University of Geosciences_(Beijing)

China University of Geosciences_(Wuhan)

Chengdu University of Technology

Chang’an University

Peking University

China University of Mining & Technology_(Beijing)

China University of Petroleum_(Beijing)

China University of Petroleum_(Huadong)

Chongqing Municipality Bureau of Land Resources and Housing Management

National Committee of Earth Science Philosophy — Young Section

Beijing Institute of Nuclear Industry Geology

State Key Laboratory of Geological Process and Mineral Sources

4. AGENDA OF CONGRESS

1. Plenary session or Opening Ceremony of the congress

The forum will be determined by the host country. The opening ceremony will consist of artistic performances and speeches given by prominent geoscientists and leaders of countries and organizations who have given outstanding contributions to the preparation of the Congress.

2. Oral Program

The Oral Program will be based on the ten main themes of the International Year of the Planet Earth. Every branch meeting has a president and a committee who will be in charge of inviting oral presentations, selecting papers, and arranging order of presentations, etc. The access to the meetings rooms will be open to all registered participants to the Congress.

Oral presentations will be selected based on following general criteria:

- A study on a global solution. The study could be an innovative study or relevant synthesis and analysis of previous work.
- Local or regional studies whose results could be replicated elsewhere
- Local or regional studies that are of widespread interest
- An innovative approach towards a long term sustainability or restoration of earth systems that are currently being degraded

3. Roundtables

The roundtables will discuss selected topics of social and scientific relevance based on themes indicated. The roundtable will be convened and arranged by the presidents of each roundtable sub-group.

Ideally each roundtable will be composed of:

- 30 to 50 representatives (maximum) of associations/institutions of different countries
- 20 young political leaders from the scientific community, policy, and civil society
- Individual earth scientists working in the sector

4. Poster Session

The poster session will be focused on the 10 topics of the International Year of Planet Earth and on the roundtable topics.

All participants at the congress will have full access to the posters room throughout the 4 days of the congress. The standard for the poster is 1.0*1.0 M²

5. Face-to-face communication for YES and Senior Earth Scientists

This part of the Congress is set to provide a valuable chance for the YES to have discussions with the most famous and authoritative experts in the field of geosciences. This forum will include a question-and-answer session, interviews, and group discussions.

6. Commercial exhibitions and YES Business Expo

The Business Expo will offer a 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. The Business Expo offers a large exhibition area for companies, organizations, and institutions. The Expo will be open for the duration of the Congress.

7. A branch in Chongqing Municipality

The Chongqing Municipality meeting will focus on natural disasters.

With the purpose of widening the impact of the Congress and highlighting the significance of earth science mitigation of natural disasters, it was decided that a branch meeting in Chongqing city would occur. As the starting point of our post-meeting field trip, Chongqing will hold a conclusion meeting of the Congress, in which mitigation strategies to disasters and geologic hazard will be discussed after visiting the disaster stricken areas in Sichuan province.

Program at a Glance

	Before	Sat. 24 Oct.	Sun. 25 Oct.	Mon. 26 Oct.	Tues. 27 Oct.	Wed. 28 Oct.	Post	
8 : 00	Pre-meeting Field Trips		Registration				Post-meeting Field Trips	
8 : 30								
9 : 00					Oral session	Oral session		
9 : 30					-	-		
10 : 00					Theme	Theme		Roundtables conclusion
10 : 30			Opening Ceremony	report	report			
11 : 00				(topics	(topics			
11 : 30				4,5,6,7)	8,9,10)			
12 : 00								
12 : 30				Break	Break	Break		Break
13 : 00			Registration					
13 : 30								
14 : 00								
14 : 30								
15 : 00				Oral session - Theme				Face to face
15 : 30				report (topic1,2,3,)				
16 : 00					Roundtable	Roundtable		
16 : 30					(topic	(topic		
17 : 00					A,B,C,D in	A,B,C,D in		
17 : 30				parallel)	parallel)			
18 : 00		Ice-breaking						
18 : 30		pre-congress						
19 : 00		meeting						
19 : 30						Closing Ceremony		

5. FIELD TRIPS

All pre-, mid-, and post-meeting field trips will be offered. Exact fees will be outlined in the second circular. Please consult web-site <http://www.yescongress2009.org/field-trips.html> for details.

Pre-meeting field trip: in Beijing

1. China Earthquake Administration — Wenchuan earthquake rescue centre — seismic stations
Date: Oct. 24
Cost (RMB): 100
Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15
2. West Hill in Beijing
Date: Oct. 24
Cost (RMB): 100
Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15
3. The Great Wall — The Ming Tombs
Date: Oct. 24
Cost (RMB): 200
Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15

Mid-meeting field trip: in Beijing

1. Capital Museum, China — Museum of Natural History, China — Geological Museum of China
Date: Oct. 27
Cost (RMB): 100
Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15
2. The Forbidden City — The Summer Palace — Hou Hai
Date: Oct. 27
Cost (RMB): 200
Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15

Post-meeting field trip:

1. The geological of Doujiangyan-Jiuzaigou in Sichuan province and the geological disaster in Wenchuan
Leaders: Chengdu University of Technology
Date: Oct. 29-Nov.2
Cost (RMB): 2000
Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15
2. Tibet and Himalayan mountains: Lhasa — Dingri
Leaders: China University of Geosciences_(Beijing)
Date: Oct. 29-Nov.2
Cost (RMB): 5000
Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15

3. Mesozoic of Dabie Orogenic Belt of Qinling: Wuhan and Huanshi—Tianzhu mountain—Granitic gneiss in Qishan (China University of Geosciences_(Wuhan))

Leaders: Professor Ma Changqian (0086 - 13971073991 ; 0086 - 0276788503)

Date: Oct. 29-Nov.2

Cost (RMB): 1000

Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15

4. Seaside in Huangdao area, Qingdao city-Neocene Volcanic Rock and Fossil Investigate in Changle-Linqu Area-Taishan Mountain

Leaders: Professor Longwei Qiu (China University of Petroleum)

Date: Oct. 29-Nov.2

Cost: 2000 RMB (including accommodation and car rentals), or 200 Euros.

Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15

5. Pingshuo Opencast coal mine and Volcanoes cluster of Datong in Shanxi Province

Leaders: Professor Shao Longyi (China University of Mining & Technology)

Date: Oct. 29- 31

Cost: 200 Euros

Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15

6. Chaoyang Liaoning Province: Jehol Fauna of liaoxi

Leaders: (China University of Geosciences , Beijing)

Date: Oct. 29-Nov.2

Cost:

Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15

6. ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS

The participants must submit their abstracts in English in formal MS-Word format. Abstracts may be up to 250 words in length and may be submitted online at the YES

website: <http://www.yescongress2009.org/abstract-submission.html>. Abstracts will be reviewed for their scientific merit and applicability to the Congress meeting by the Scientific Committee.

Participants will be notified if their abstracts have been accepted by April 29, 2009.

The abstracts will be published in the Proceedings Volume which will be submitted to the International Retrieval System (SCI, ISTEP). The deadline for submission of abstract is March 30th, 2009.

Participants, whose abstracts have been accepted, may choose to submit the corresponding full paper upon which their accepted abstract is based. Full papers must be in English. The deadline for full paper submission is May 30, 2009. Full papers will be recommended to national scientific journals (Process in Natural Science, Earth Science Frontiers, ect.)

Abstract Submission: <http://www.yescongress2009.org/abstract-submission.html>

Important dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline: March 30th, 2009

Notification of Abstract Acceptance: April 29th, 2009

Full Paper Submission Deadline: May 30th, 2009

Publishing date of second circular: no later than May 30, 2009.

7. LOCATION AND DATE

Location: Academic Exchange Centre, China University of Geosciences (Beijing), China

Date: 25-28 October 2009

8. CONGRESS LANGUAGE

The official language of the Congress will be English and Chinese.

All abstracts, posters, full paper must be submitted in English.

9. REGISTRITON FEES

The registration fees for participants registering by 30 May 2009 are 180 Euro for regular participants and 60 Euro for students (Post-doctoral researchers do not qualify for the student rate). Between 1 June and 10 August, the registration fees will be 230 Euro for regular participants and 115 Euro for students. After 10 August (including on-site registration), the registration fees will be 280 Euro for regular participants and 180 Euro for students.

Students are required to show their students ID cards while registering. For on-line registration, students need a email letter from their advisor instead of ID to the organising committee. Please send your registration form and letter to this e-mail address reg_yes@yahoo.cn. Please consult the YES website www.yescongress2009.org/index.php for registration details.

1. Registration Cancellation: In the event that you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact the conference secretary. Registration cancellations made prior to August 25, 2009 will be refunded at 80% of the registration fee. No refunds will be made for cancellations after August 25, 2009.

2. Payment method: bank transfer

① If the applicant is in China mainland:

Beneficiary Bank: 中国农业银行 北京市海东支行 地质大学分理处

Beneficiary Account No. : 11-250901040000016

Beneficiary: 中国地质大学 (北京)

Indicate: registration fee for YES Congress 2009

② If the applicant is not in China mainland:

Beneficiary Bank: Agricultural Bank of China, Beijing Branch, Haidong Su-branch

Bank Address: ABC Plaza, No. 11 Xueyuan Lu, Haidian District, Beijing, P. R. China

Swift : ABOCCNBJ010

Beneficiary Account No. : 11-250514040000173

Beneficiary: China University of Geosciences (Beijing)

Beneficiary Address: No. 29 Xueyuan Lu, Haidian District, Beijing, P. R. China

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10. PUBLICATION DATE FOR SECOND CIRCULAR

The second circular will be published no later than May 30, 2009.

Consult www.yescongress2009.org for updated information.

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