Second Announcement

Lanzhou, China

July 21 (Monday) – July 25 (Friday), 2014

Organizers:

Invitation

The organizers of the Eighth International Conference on Aeolian Research (ICAR VIII) would like to extend our cordial invitation to you.

ICAR VIII is planned to be held in Lanzhou, China between July 21 (Monday) and 25 (Friday), 2014 (including field trip). The conference organizers expect that this meeting will provide an update on the state of the science of research on aeolian processes, but will also be useful to draw the attention of society to these important issues.

The International Conferences for Aeolian Research (ICAR conferences) are sponsored by the International Society for Aeolian Research (ISAR). They attract aeolian geomorphologists, geologists, physical scientists, soil scientists, climatologists, ecologists and erosion specialists from around the world to discuss the latest challenges and discoveries of aeolian research. Previous conferences have been held in Aarhus, Denmark (1985), Sandbjerg, Denmark (1990), Yzzxx, CA, USA (1994), Oxford, UK (1998), Lubbock, USA (2002), Guelph, Canada (2006), and Santa Rosa, Argentina (2010).

Organizers

- Key Laboratory of Desert and Desertification, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- MOE Key Laboratory of Mechanics on Disaster and Environment in Western China, Lanzhou University
- Institute of Desertification Studies, Chinese Academy of Forestry
- Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Gansu Desert Control Research Institute
- College of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Peking University
- School of Geographic and Oceanographic Sciences, Nanjing University
- State Key Laboratory of Earth Surface Processes and Resource Ecology, Beijing Normal University
- College of Environment and Tourism, Shaanxi Normal University
- College of Ecology and Environmental Science, Inner Mongolia Agricultural University
- School of Physics and Electronics Information Engineering, Ningxia University
- Wind Erosion Control Professional Committee of Chinese Society of Water and Soil Conservation

Conference Agenda

Technical sessions
1. Mechanics of aeolian processes
2. Aeolian geomorphology: desert, coastal and planetary
3. Aeolian deposits and loess
4. Paleo aeolian system: environment and its responses to global change
5. Aeolian dust and health
6. Desertification and its control: Anthropogenic interactions with aeolian systems

7. Modelling aeolian transport
8. Extraterrestrial aeolian research

**Posters and Oral Presentations**

The Steering Committee will evaluate the Contributions and will include them in some of the Technical Sessions.

The decision on the acceptance of a Contribution will be communicated to the first author as soon as the decision is available. The Technical Session in which it was included will be also given. The Organizing Committee will propose to the authors of accepted Contributions to make an oral or a poster presentation.

**POSTER DIMENSIONS:** 80 cm wide x 120 cm height

Posters will be displayed during the whole conference. Posters can be mounted starting on Monday 21 of July at 9 am in the in the Posters Room.

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** Each oral presentation will last 12 minutes and 3 minutes will be available for questions. The presentations must be done using Power Point.

**CHAIRPERSONS OF SESSIONS:** Each Technical Session will be coordinated by a chairperson and a co-chairperson. These persons will make a strict management of times and will present a final 3’ report of all contributions of their Session. This will be done during the final sessions of Friday July 25.

**ICAR VIII Photo Contest**

The International Society for Aeolian Research (ISAR) will sponsor a photo contest, the results will be communicated during ICAR VIII.

**Photographs can be of some of the following categories:**
- Aeolian Landscapes
- Dust Storms
- Aeolian Processes
- Miscellaneous (people at work, equipment, and anything else aeolian that doesn't really fit into the other three categories. Artificially created images are not acceptable.)

**Rules:**
- Photos can be submitted any time prior to ICAR VIII - deadline for final submission is May 31, 2014.
- Only current ISAR members will be eligible to submit a photo for judging.
- There is NO entry fee.
- All photos submitted may be considered for use on the ISAR website, ISAR newsletters and/or in other official ISAR publications without compensation, but with photographer credit.
- Submission via email officially authorizes ISAR to use the photos in these venues without further
notification.
- Photos must be original by participant and copyright owned by participant.
- Photos will be judged prior to the meeting.
- Winners in each category will receive recognition at the meeting, including a certificate.
- A total submission of 6 photographs per member will be considered.
- All photos submitted must be in JPG or TIF format.
- Maximum contest photo file size of four (4) megabytes (Mb). Larger files may be requested of winners if greater resolution is needed for final prints.
- Photographer must pick category for photo to be judged in – failure to do so will have your entry considered incomplete, and thus, not be considered.
- Please include a description of where the photo was taken in the body of the email.

Email Digital Photos to: Dr. Jan-Berend Stuut (Jan-Berend.stuut@nioz.nl)

Photo Email Submission Format follows:
- Email Subject Line: ICAR VIII Photo Contest Entry
- Attachment Name: Category_Photographer_Location (e.g. Aeolian Landscape_Furd_Birble_London.jpg)
- Body of Email: Photograph description, Location taken, & Contact information

Conference Schedule

July 20: Registration, preparations of posters
July 21: Opening ceremony, presentations
July 22: Presentations
July 23: Mid-conference tour to the Badain Jaran Desert
July 24: Mid-conference tour to the Tennger Desert
July 25: Presentations, Closing Ceremony

Important Dates

July 1, 2013: Access to ICAR VIII website.
January 1, 2014: Access to registration and abstract submission
April 15, 2014: Deadline for early registration and abstract submission
April 30, 2014: Decision on abstract submission
June 30, 2014: Deadline for late registration and abstract submission
September 30, 2014: Deadline for full paper submission

Abstract and Paper Submission

Both Abstracts and Full Papers, must be written in Word or any other PC compatible text process.
Abstract format
- Extension: 400 words in a A4 Word page
- Top margin: 4 cm
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- Authors: Font type: ARIAL (in small Letters), Font size: 11
- Institution and e-mail: Font type: ARIAL (in Small Letters and cursive), Font size: 11
- Text: Font type: ARIAL, Font size: 11, Line spacing: 15 pound
- Please refer to the website for Abstract Sample

Full paper format
Please follow the style of Aeolian Research in the following link: http://ees.elsevier.com/aeolia/

Abstract submission
- The Abstract must be sent in Word format together via e-mail to the following address: icar2014@hotmail.com
- Registration will be necessary at the time of sending an abstract. Please do the online registration at your earliest time.
- When filling out the registration form, please make clear if you wish to submit a Full Paper for publication in special issues.

Contributions revision and acceptance
Each Abstract will be reviewed by the Organizing Committee. The decision about their acceptance will be notified to the corresponding author by April 30, 2014 via e-mail.

Abstracts publication in the Conference Volume
The Abstracts of the accepted Contributions will be included in the Conference Abstracts Volume only after the payment of the Conference Fees by, at least, one author of each Contribution.

Full paper submission
Please submit full paper to Aeolian Research through the EES in the following link: http://ees.elsevier.com/aeolia/

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Registration Information

For early planning purposes, all attendees are encouraged to complete Online Registration (http://www.conferencenet.org/conference/icar8/reg/reg.htm) before April 15, 2014.

I: Registration Fees (Participants from China Mainland will get a letter with the registration fee in RMB after the online registration is done)

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The registration fee includes conference abstracts, a CD with full submitted texts, souvenir, coffee break, buffet lunches, welcome reception and farewell banquets, a two-day mid-conference field trip (including lunch) to the Badain Jaran Desert and Minqin at the west of Tengger Desert.

Note:

1. All incurred fees charged by the processing banks prior to the arrival to our account should be borne by participants themselves.
2. The conference registration must be submitted with payment, or the registration will not be processed.
3. Students must provide a letter from their advisors confirming that they are currently enrolled as one full time student at a university or college.
4. All payment should be made before the conference.
5. Abstract will not be accepted unless the registration fee is received before April 15.

II. Scholarship

A limited number of scholarships will be available for postgraduate students and scientist from developing countries, who will get US$100 with cash when he/she registers on site (July 21, 2014). Developing countries will be considered to those published at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Least_developed_countries. The application for a scholarship will be available until May 31, 2014, with payment of registration fee received beforehand.

The proposals for the scholarships will be reviewed by the Organizing Committee. If you wish to apply for the Scholarship, please fill the following form and send it by email to icar2014@hotmail.com. Confirmation will be sent on June 20, 2014. Please download the application form on the website.

* Postgraduate students should provide an evidence of his status at the moment of requesting a scholarship, for example by attaching a copy of a certificate extended by the University.

III. Cancellation Policy

Cancellation must be made in writing via e-mail attachment or express mail to Ms. Cuiling LAN, Center for International Scientific Exchanges, Chinese Academy of Sciences, No. 52, Sanlihe Road, Beijing 100864, China; Email: cllan@cashq.ac.cn.

50 % refund of the registration fee - minus US$ 60.00 administration fee - will be granted to delegates unable to attend, provided written notice is received by Organizing Secretariat before April 15, 2014. No refunds will be granted for cancellations received after that date. Amounts due will be reimbursed after the conference.

VISA Information

In general, most visitors will require Chinese visas in order to enter China. We strongly advise that participants should arrange for their visas application at least TWO months before their departure for China.

To apply for a BUSINESS visa to participate in the ICAR VIII, you should check that you have:
* completed a visa application form
* one recent passport photograph
* current passport which is valid for over 6 months from the date of entry into China.
* return flight ticket
* hotel confirmation letter
* Invitation Letter of Duly Authorized Unit (issued after the registration fee is received)
For participants coming to China with family members, please also provide the passport information of the family members in the registration form during your online registration. We will automatically generate an Invitation Letter of Duly Authorized Unit to include them after you pay the fee for the accompanying person.

**Participants are advised to consult the nearest Chinese diplomatic mission for details.**

**Venue and Accommodation**

The conference will be held in Lanzhou, China.


The number of rooms in the Lanzhou hotel is limited. As July is the tourism season in Lanzhou, it is suggested for attendees to book their hotel as early as possible. First come, first served. Any question, please feel free to contact us by email: cllan@cashq.ac.cn

For Chinese participants, you may also contact with the conference venue -“西北宾馆” to book the room directly, or find hotels nearby from the booking webpage such as [www.ctrip.com](http://www.ctrip.com)
About Lanzhou, China

Location: 36.1º N, 103.9º E, 1517m asl.

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Mid-Conf Field Trip

Badain Jaran field trip site

Location: 39.5º N, 102.4º E, 1200m asl. Please download instruction and review paper on the website.

Climate information of Alxa Youqi (Near Badain Jaran)

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1. Shapotou (July 26, 1 day), US$50/person, minimum number of participants: 10 persons

Shapotou is famous for its blown sand shelter system for Baotou-Lanzhou Railway, which was elected to the Global 500 Honour Roll of the United Nations Environment Programme in recognition of outstanding practices in the protection and improvement of the environment. It lies on southeastern edge of the Tengger Desert, 300 km northeast of Lanzhou. The elevation is around 1300m asl. The annual average rainfall is about 180 mm, most of which (83%) falls from May through September. The average maximum temperature is in July (24.3 °C) and the minimum is in January (−6.9 °C). The Shapotou Desert Experiment and Research Station of the Chinese Academy of Sciences was founded in 1956.
2. Ta’er Monastery-Qinghai Lake (July 26-27, 2 days)

Price:
- US$85/person including a double occupancy (one bed in a 2-bed room) for the night of July 26 in a three-star hotel
- US$125/person including a single occupancy (use the room alone) for the night of July 26 in a three-star hotel,

Minimum number of participants: 10 persons
All payment should be made before June 1, 2014.

2.1 The Ta’er Temple
This route is characterized by the Tibetan culture and plateau landscape. The Ta'er Lamasery is located 25 km south of Xining, the capital city of Qinghai Province, about 240 km from Lanzhou, with an altitude of 2700 m asl. It is the largest Lamasery of the Yellow Sect of Tibetan Buddhism. Ta'er Lamasery is a combination of Tibetan and Han architectural styles, sitting perfectly on the slopes of the mountain.

2.2 Qinghai Lake
Qinghai Lake is the largest saline lake in China, lying in the Northeast of Qinghai-Tibet Plateau (QTP), 150 km west of Xining, with water area of 4300 km2. The altitude is about 3200m asl. The annual average temperature is -0.7℃ and the average temperature in July is 10.4~15.2℃. The Qinghai Lake attracts people by its mysterious coloring. The colors that can be found around the lake are of purity and contrasts, from the deep yellows of oil seed rape against the cold blues of the lake to the dark greens of distant mountains against the fluffy white of bilious clouds. It is also a treasure house that scientists all over the world are interested in.
3. Silk Road-Dunhuang (July 26-28, 3 days)

**Price:**
- US$280/person including a double occupancy (one bed in a 2-bed room) for the night of July 27 in a four-star hotel and two nights on the train.
- US$320/person including a single occupancy (use the room alone) for the night of July 27 in a four-star hotel and two nights on the train.

**Minimum number of participants:** 10 persons

**All payment** should be made before June 1, 2014.

- July 26: Leave for Dunhuang by train at 18:00;
- July 27: Visit Mogo Grottoes and Mingsha Mountain, hotel in Dunhuang;
- July 28: From Dunhuang to Jiayuguan by bus to visit the western end of the Greatwall, leave for Lanzhou in the evening.
- July 29: Arrive at Lanzhou in the morning.

This route is characterized by the ancient Silk Road culture, Gobi (gravel desert) and oases in the Hexi Corridor of Gansu Province. Dunhuang is located 1100 km west of Lanzhou, landlocked and surrounded by high mountains under arid and continental climate. The annual average temperature is 9.3°C with a range from −9.3°C in January to 24.7°C in July. Only a marginal amount of precipitation falls but quickly evaporated. The artistic works at Mogao Grottoes of Dunhuang are art combining architecture, sculptures, and mural paintings. Among the 492 grottoes in Mogao grottoes, there are more than 45,000 square meters of colorful murals, the largest museum of valuable arts in the world. Mogao Grottoes are so well known that more than 300,000 visitors all over the world yearly come. About 180km west of Dunhuang, the most typical yardangs are developed and the Yardang National Geopark is protected.
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