

New Hope for Conservation

Student sub-forum, Beijing Forum & SCCS-Beijing



November 1-5, 2013 (A 3-day conference + 2-day training)

Peking University, Beijing, China

BACKGROUND

- CHINA

China is one of the world's "mega-biodiversity" countries, ranking third in plant diversity and provides habitat for roughly ten percent of the world's animals. With the world's largest human population and fastest-growing economy, China's development successes and failures have global implications for the environment and conservation.

China's impressive GDP growth at the rate of 9%+ over the past 27 years not only brought hundreds of millions out of absolute poverty, but also created unprecedented global economic opportunities, however at the cost of environment and natural resources, following the unsustainable development trajectory of western countries. Water, air and soil pollution began to have a severe impact on human health and ecosystems; land use change and infrastructure construction caused degradation of natural habitats and watersheds. With growing demands and affordability, China's import in natural resources is posing a rapidly increasing footprint over the biodiversity and ecosystems in the world. All these happened in the past three decades

The magnitude of the issues in China presents an opportunity for the public and private sector to demonstrate environmental leadership and develop policies and programs that make both economic and environmental sense. Building a "Harmonious Society" and promote conservation culture has been set up by the Chinese government as China's development goal. However, lack of qualified conservation professional remains a significant gap. SCCS-Beijing aims to fill this gap.

- BEIJING FORUM

Beijing Forum is an annual international forum co-sponsored by Peking University, Beijing Municipal Commission of Education, and Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies since 2004.

The general theme of Beijing Forum is "The Harmony of Civilizations and Prosperity for All". Beijing Forum aims at promoting the study of humanities and social sciences around the world. It endeavors to promote academic development and social progress across the world in order to contribute to the development and prosperity of humankind. SCCS-Beijing will be a sub-forum focusing on students and young conservation professionals held annually.

- SCCS in Beijing

The Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS) is the only international series of conservation conferences aimed entirely at students and young conservation scientists. It has been held for 14 years. It was first held in Cambridge and nowadays has sister conferences in Australia, Bangalore and New York. It not only helps participants gain experience and learn new ideas, but also make contacts for future careers.

SCCS in Beijing is a collaboration between Cambridge University and Peking University, two influential schools, to meet the needs of mobilizing and training more qualified young conservation professionals in response to the growing societal interests in ecological conservation. SCCS-Beijing also has an intention of promoting communications among young conservationists in China region.

The SCCS-Beijing will be associated to Beijing Forum.

-SCCS-Beijing: New hope for conservation

SCCS-Beijing has a subtitle - **New hope for conservation**. As conservation issues tend to be complex thus multiple disciplines would be required to offer feasible solutions. We will encourage students and young researchers from different disciplines to exchange and collaborate. We will also invite young staff from universities, conservation institutes and environmental NGOs to join the meeting to discuss innovative ideas. Through such an exchange and collaboration, many new solutions will hopefully be created for conservation and many young people will choose to dedicate in conservation.

The **meeting agenda** will follow other SCCS with adaptation to the local situation when necessary, which includes the following sessions:

- **Plenary speech:** There will be 8 renowned conservationists from China and abroad will be invited to give keynote speeches for inspiration;
 - **Andrew Balmford**, Cambridge University, UK
 - **Ullas Karanth**, Wildlife Conservation Society, INDIA
 - **Gary Kofinas**, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, USA

- **Lu Zhi**, Center for Nature and Society, Peking University, CHINA
- **David Mallon**, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK
- **Stephen O'Brien**, Theodosius Dobzhansky Center for Genome Bioinformatics, RUSSIA
- **George Schaller**, Panthera, USA
- **Xu Jianchu**, Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, CHINA

- **Student presentation:** students are selected to present their research and work to share and exchange;
- **Posters:** more students will present their work with posters, allowing more interaction and discussions among students;
- **Workshops:** various trainings on skills will be offered by co-organizer including research institutions and NGOs

Organizers

Beijing Forum (Peking University),
SCCS (Cambridge University)

Peking University Center for Nature and Society will be in charge of implementing the meeting organization.

Advisory Committee

Chairman:

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Academician, Chinese Academy of Sciences
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- Luo Peng Research Associate, Chengdu Institute of Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- George Schaller Wildlife Biologist, Vice President, Panthera
- Douglas MacMillan Professor, School of Anthropology and Conservation, Kent University
- David Western Adjunct Professor, UC San Diego
Chairman, African Conservation Center, Nairobi
- Tom Brooks Chief Scientist, IUCN Science and Knowledge Unit
- Lu Zhi Professor, Center for Nature and Society, Peking University
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Conference time and venue

Time: November 1-5, 2013

(including 3-day conference and 2-day training session)

Venue: Peking University, Beijing.

Important Dates

Registration close: August 10, 2013

Invitations send out: September 15, 2013

Scale of conference:

60-80, plus 6-8 invited speakers

Conference participants selection:

- An abstract need to be submitted by August 15, 2013

- Participants will be selected by the advisor committee members based on the abstracts submitted
- All participants are required to provide an original full paper at the meetign

Costs

- **Accommodation** during the conference: **For those who receive the formal invitation letters**, Beijing Forum will cover their accommodations in Beijing
- **Travel**: the participants are responsible for their travel costs. **Travel awards**: The number of travel award receivers is determined by the support we obtains, and by the quality of the participant's abstracts or papers. **We strongly recommend all participants to apply for travel awards.**

Main Sessions

Three-day conference

- 6-8 plenary talks
- student talks (20 min each)
- poster section (half a day)

Two-day training topics

- Statistics for conservation scientists
- Climate change and biodiversity: basic concepts and methods
- Biodiversity monitoring
- How to design a good project

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Registration Form** Fill in the .pdf file

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		English <input type="checkbox"/> Max. 400 words <input type="checkbox"/>			
Apply for	Oral presentation			Poster	
Apply for Travel Award? (Yes or No)					
Which training topic would you like to attend? (Pls check)	Statistics for conservation scientists		Biodiversity monitoring		
	Climate change and biodiversity: concepts & methods		How to design a good project?		
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