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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) and early career 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.

This Congress intends to develop a network of young scientists working together to practically define and constructively further the IYPE motto of 'Earth Sciences for Society' for young and future earth scientists.

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 earth-scientists from organizations, associations, 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 friendly communications. 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 5 themes:

- Scientific challenges for the future geoscience workforce I: Natural Hazards
- Scientific challenges for the future geoscience workforce II: Climate Change science
- Scientific challenges for the future geoscience workforce III: Energy and Natural Resource Sustainability
- Career Pathways: The opportunities and challenges of early career geoscientists
- Academic Pathways: Addressing the sustainability of geoscience programs in higher education

3. SPONSORS

Delegate Sponsorship packages are available with a range of benefits and advertisement opportunities, see <http://www.yescongress2009.org/ioc/42.html>, or contact Elyvin Nkhonjera at elyvinnkhonjera@yahoo.co.uk.

4. 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_(Huadong)
National Committee of Earth Science Philosophy — Young Section

State Key Laboratory of Geological Process and Mineral Sources

5. SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

The experts of the International Scientific Council will support the YES Congress by encouraging the participation of both young researchers and the engagement of international earth science networks. These experts will review and mentor abstract submissions for posters and oral presentations. As requested, specific experts will assist in identifying and inviting keynote speakers, advise on the composition and organization of the roundtables, and participate in the Congress in October by convening oral sessions.

Function	Name	Organization	Country
President	Zhang Hongtao	China Geological Survey	China
Vice-President	Jacques Charvet	IUGS	France
Groundwater – towards sustainable use	Guo Minghua	CUGB	China
	Maria Snoussi	IGCP	Morocco
Hazards – minimizing risk, maximizing awareness	Huang Runqiu	Chengdu University of Technology, China	China
	John Clague	INQUA	Canada
	Harsh Gupta	President, Geological Society of India Vice President, IUGG	India
Earth & Health – building a safer environment	Yuan Guoli	CUGB	China
	C. B. Dissanayake	University of Peradeniya	Sri Lanka
Climate – the stone tape	Wan Xiaoqiao	CUGB	China
	Wang Chengshan		
	Jianping Li	IUGG	China
Resources – towards sustainable use	Vivi Vajda	IUGS Chair	Sweden
	Peng Shuping	National Academician, China University of Mining & Technology, Beijing	China
	Ochrid Gerel	Mongolian University of Science & Technology- IUGS EC	Mongolia
Mega Cities – Going deeper, building safer	Victor Titovich Trofimov	Moscow State University	Russia
	Frauke Kraas	Chair of the Megacities Task Force,	Germany

		International Geographical Union and advisor to IYPE	
Deep Earth – from crust to core	Liu Xi	Peking University	China
	Sierd Cloetingh	IYPE Board Member, International Lithosphere Program	Netherlands
Ocean – abyss of time	Su Xin	CUGB	China
	Alan Mix	Oregon State University	USA
Soils – the living skin of the Earth	Bai Zhongke	CUGB	China
	Maseqobela Williams	Department of Science and Technology	Lesotho
	Stephen Nortcliff	University of Reading	UK
Earth & Life – origins of diversity	Su Degan	Northwest University, China	China
	Yin Hongfu	National Academician China University of Geosciences (Wuhan)	China
	Ezzoura Errami	Chouaïb Doukkali University – IUGS EC	Morocco

6. SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Considering relative in-experience of YES IOC in International congress planning, a very well qualified committee will provide the oversight and guidance of experienced advisors, needed for coordinating this international event. Members of the Senior Advisory Committee have been invited as keynote speakers.

Name	Organization	Country
Alberto Riccardi	IUGS	Argentina
Batilda Burian	Minister of Environment of Tanzania	Tanzania
Claudio Margottini	YES Network Secretariat-ISPRA	Italy
Ed De Mulder	Director IYPE Corporation	Netherland
Edmund Nickless	General Secretary of GSL	UK
Jack Hess	Executive Director of the Geological Society of America	USA
Jin Zhenmin	National Academician	China
John Ludden	Director British Geological Survey	UK
Larry Woodfork	IYPE Chair of Board of Directors	USA
Li Tingdong	National Academician	China

Luca De Micheli	General Secretary EuroGeoSurvey	Italy
Ma Zhongjin	National Academician	China
Patrick Leahy	Executive Director of the American Geological Institute	USA
Robert Missotten	UNESCO	France
Shen Qihan	National Academician	China
Shou Jiahua	Director of National Stratigraphic Commission of China	China
Sun Shu	National Academician	China
Sospeter Muhongo	Director ICSU Africa	Tanzania
Zhai Yusheng	National Academician	China
Zhang Hongren	IUGS	China
Zhao Pengda	National Academician	China

7. AGENDA OF CONGRESS

1. Plenary session / 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.

Only pre-registered participants will be allowed to attend the opening ceremony.

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 convenor 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

Thematic sessions and convenors are listed below:

- **Topic 1- Groundwater –towards sustainable use**

First convenor:



Dr. He Qingchen, IUGS-GEM

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Co-conveners:

Guo Huaming, China University of Geosciences (Beijing)

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Sophie Vermooten, international groundwater centre, Netherland(IGRAC)

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Maria Snoussi, Université Mohamed V, Faculté des Sciences, Département des Sciences de la Terre

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• **Topic 2- Hazards – minimizing risk, maximizing awareness**

First convener:

Huang Runqiu, Chengdu University of Technology, China

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Co-conveners:

Harsh Gupta, Geological Society of India

harshg123@gmail.com

Nehemia Solomon BEYENE, Doctoral School of Earth Science, Graz University, Austria

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• **Topic 3 - Earth & Health – building a safer environment**

First convener:

Yuan Guoli, China University of Geosciences (Beijing)

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Co-conveners:

C. B. Dissanayake, Dept. of Geology, University of Peradeniya,

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• **Topic 4 - Climate - the “stone tape” (26)(Maybe Chen Juming will be key speaker)**

First convener:

Wan Xiaoqiao, China University of Geosciences (Beijing)

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Co-conveners:

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Chen Junming, China Meteorological Administration (CMA)

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Vivi Vajda, IGCP and Geobiosphere Science Centre, Lund University

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Jianping LI, Chinese National Committee for IUGG

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• **Topic 5 - Resources –” towards sustainable use**

First convener:



Ochir Gerel, IUGS, IYPE Mongolian University of Science & Technology
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Victor Ivanovich Starostin, Academician of the Russian Academy
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Co-conveners:

Li Jianwei, China University of Geosciences (Wu Han)
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Jin Qiang, China University of Petroleum (Huadong)
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Shao Longyi, China University of Mining & Technology (Beijing)
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- **Topic 6 - Megacities – going deeper, building safer**

First convener:

Co-conveners:

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- **Topic 7 - Deep Earth – from crust to core**

First convener:

Jacques Charvet, IUGS, France
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Co-conveners:

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Xiu Xi, Peking University
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Dong Shuwen, Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences
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- **Topic 8 - Ocean – abyss of time**

First convener:

Su Xin, China University of Geosciences (Beijing)
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Co-conveners:

Alan Mix, College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences, Oregon state University
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- **Topic 9 - Soils – the living skin of the Earth**

First convener:



Bai Zhongke, China University of Geosciences (Beijing)

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Co-conveners:

Stephen Nortcliff, University of Reading

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Maseqobela Williams, Department of Science and Technology

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• **Topic 10 - Earth & Life – origins of diversity**

First convener:

Shu Degan, Northwest University, China

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Co-conveners:

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Dr. GUO Zhengtang, Institute of Geology and Geophysics Chinese Academy of Sciences

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• **Topic 11 - The Qinghai-Tibet Plateau uplift, changes and global changes**

First convener:

Wang Chengshan, China University of Geosciences (Beijing)

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Co-conveners:

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• **Topic 12 - Digital Earth Engineering**

First convener:

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Co-conveners:

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3. Roundtables

The roundtables aim to foster a prominent conversation between science, policy and society, engaging both senior and young geoscientists as both presenters and participants. Recommendations based on roundtable and working group discussions should help establish the role of the YES Network in the international geoscience community. Thus, the goal of each roundtable is to propose specific actions and tasks for the YES Network. We have two types of roundtables within our five different subjects: those dealing with *scientific challenges* of our generation and those dealing with *pathway challenges* to the education and careers of our generation.

The access to the roundtable rooms will be open to all registered participants of the congress.

Title	Roundtable Organization lead
<i>Scientific challenges for the future geoscience workforce</i>	
<i>Scientific challenges for the future geoscience workforce I: Natural Hazards</i>	Maria Honeycutt, Geological Society of America
<i>Scientific challenges for the future geoscience workforce II: Climate Change science</i>	Penelope Wagner, Association of Polar Early Career Scientists
<i>Scientific challenges for the future geoscience workforce III: Energy and Natural Resource Sustainability</i>	ISPRA (Italian High Institute for Environmental Protection)
<i>Academic Pathways: Addressing the sustainability of geoscience programs in higher education</i>	Leila Gonzales, American Geological Institute
<i>Academic Pathways Session I + II: Issues facing global geoscience education and research</i>	
<i>Academic Pathways Session III: Industry – Academic linkages</i>	
<i>Career Pathways: The opportunities and challenges of early career geoscientists</i>	Leila Gonzales, American Geological Institute
<i>Career Pathways Session I: Transfer of Credentials / International Licensure</i>	
<i>Career Pathways Session II: Women in the Geoscience Workforce</i>	

The roundtables will begin with a series of short expert presentations introducing the main issues and recommendations inherent in the roundtable topic. These presentations will be followed by a period of moderated discussion including questions and answers with the roundtable participants. The roundtables will then break into working groups to develop suggestions and roles for the YES Network around a series of key questions which have been developed during the first portion of the roundtable. The working groups will then reconvene to report their recommendations which will be incorporated into a document summarizing the roundtable findings.

The individual roundtables will run concurrently on the second two days of the Congress. The final roundtable session will provide an opportunity for all roundtables to meet to synthesize their discussions and findings and develop a strategy for the future of the YES Network.

	27 October			28 October	
	Room I	Room II	Room III	Room I	Room II
Morning session	Global Education I	Climate Change	Transfer of credentials – international licensure	Natural Hazards	Industry-Academic linkages
Afternoon session	Global Education II	Energy and Natural resources	Women in the Geoscience workforce	Synthesis + Strategy Session	

Roundtable Contacts:

Sarah Gaines, YES IOC VP Scientific Council, UNESCO, s.gaines@unesco.org

4. Virtualization of Roundtables

There will be a virtual component to the roundtable sessions for those participants who are not able to join the YES Congress in person. Virtual participants will need to register in advance on the YES website in order to download visual and the audio content of roundtable presentations. The presentations will be hosted via an online data distribution provider so that they can be downloaded during the week prior to the conference. During the presentations, remote participants will be able to listen to the live audio and the pre-recorded video and slide presentation. After the presentations, there will be an interactive component during the Panel discussions and Question and Answer sessions where remote participants can ask questions.

After the October meeting is finished, the presentations and recommendation documents produced by each round table will be posted online for access and downloading.

Roundtable Virtualization Contacts:

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5. 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 A0 format (1189 mm x 841 mm)
 Convenor for the poster sessions are the same of oral sessions.

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 an exhibition area for companies, organizations, and institutions. The Expo will be open for the duration of the Congress.

7. Participation

Participation to congress activities, both in person and virtually, is open only to registered participants to the congress. Applicants (national and international) will be admitted as participants to the congress based on their scientific contribution (abstracts), representativeness (young representative members of organizations) CV references. The COC reserves the right to decline any application not satisfying the criteria of the Congress.

Program at a Glance

	Sat. 24 Oct.	Sun. 25 Oct.	Mon. 26 Oct.	Tues. 27 Oct.	Wed. 28 Oct.	Post
8 : 00	Open Registration	Registration				Post- meeting Field Trips
8 : 30						
9 : 00						
9 : 30		Opening Ceremony/ plenary lectures (by Invitation only)	Oral sessions	Roundtables	Roundtables	
10 : 00						
10 : 30						
11 : 00						
11 : 30						
12 : 00						
12 : 30		Break / Show	Break	Break	Break	
13 : 00						
13 : 30		Oral sessions	Oral sessions	Roundtables	Roundtables: Synthesis + Strategy Session	
14 : 00						
14 : 30						
15 : 00						
15 : 30						
16 : 00						
16 : 30						
17 : 00						
17 : 30		Break	Break	Break		
18 : 00						
18 : 30		Cocktail Lounge	Time for organizational meetings of Yes Network /visit business expo/posters	Break	Closing Ceremony / Dinner	
19 : 00						
19 : 30	IOC Meeting,					
20 : 00						
20 : 30						
21 : 00						
21 : 30						
22 : 00						



8. FIELD TRIPS

All mid-, and post-meeting field trips will be offered. Please consult web-site <http://www.yescongress2009.org/field-trips.html> for details.

Post-meeting field trip:

1. Geological Museum of China
Date: Oct. 29
Cost (RMB): 100 Yuan
Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15
2. The Forbidden City — The Summer Palace — Hou Hai
Date: Oct. 29
Cost (RMB): 200 Yuan
Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15
3. The Great Wall — The Ming Tombs
Date: Oct. 29
Cost (RMB): 200 Yuan
Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15
4. Chaoyang Liaoning Province: Jehol Fauna of liaoxi
Leaders: (China University of Geosciences , Beijing)
Date: Oct. 29- Oct. 30
Cost(RMB): 500 Yuan
Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15
5. West Hill in Beijing
Leaders: Shou Jiahua - Director of National Stratigraphic Commission of China
Date: Oct. 29
Cost (RMB): 200 Yuan
Max. /Min. number of participants: 30/15

9. ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS

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 May 30, 2009. 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 June 30, 2009.

Please note that abstracts for thematic sessions (Tibet research, Mathematic Geology, Digital Earth Engineering) should be addressed directly to convenors.

Participants whose abstracts have been accepted may submit the corresponding full paper upon which their accepted abstract is based. The deadline for full paper submission is July 30, 2009. Full papers must be in English and formatted to the standards of one of the following journals: "[Progress in Natural Science](#)" or "[Earth Science Frontiers](#)".

With approval of the authors, selected full papers submitted before May 30, 2009, will be submitted for publication to the "[Progress in Natural Science](#)" journal in special section dedicated to YES Congress 2009 that will have a maximum of 20 papers. This journal is published by Elsevier and co-sponsored by National Natural Science Foundation of China and Chinese Academy of Sciences and published. The authors of the papers will be responsible for any associated publication fees.

With approval of the authors, selected full papers submitted after May 30, 2009, will be submitted to [Earth Science Frontiers](#), in a special section dedicated to YES Congress 2009. This journal is the official journal of CUGB and is published by Elsevier. The authors of the papers will be responsible for any associated publication fees.

All roundtable documents will be published with the rest of the conference papers and abstracts.

All abstracts will be listed and published in the Conference website.

Important dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline: May 30th, 2009

Notification of Abstract Acceptance: June 30th, 2009

Full Paper Submission Deadline: July 30th, 2009

10. LOCATION AND DATE

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

Date: 25-28 October 2009

11. CONGRESS LANGUAGE

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

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

12. REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fees are 200 Euro for regular participants, 100 Euro for students (Post-doctoral researchers do not qualify for the student rate). Students are required to show their students ID cards while registering. For on-line registration, students need an 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 for 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 September 30, 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 and your name

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

Indicate: registration fee for YES Congress 2009 and your name

13. SPONSORSHIP

A limited number of sponsorships will be available to scientists participating in the YES Congress who are from developing countries and whose abstract have been accepted by the Scientific Council.

To apply for these sponsorships, please contact your YES Country representative, (see <http://www.yescongress2009.org/ioc/42.html>), or contact Elyvin Nkhonjera

at elyvinnkhonjera@yahoo.co.uk. Applicants are not eligible to apply for sponsorship until they have received notification that their abstract has been accepted

It is our interest to include work from young scientists engaged in global scale studies / projects in all disciplines of geo-sciences. These studies should be of wide interest for Society.

Abstracts are expected to have science-based content; all abstracts will be peer reviewed by the Program Committee to assess their scientific merit and applicability to the meeting.

We encourage applications that provide innovative insight into the Congress themes. We especially encourage presentations that propose solutions that are applicable across a range of scales (local to global).

Sponsorships will be awarded based on 1) acceptance of abstract, 2) need of applicant, and 3) availability of sponsorship funds. 4) from developing countries.

Organisational Sponsorship:

Delegate sponsorship packages are available for organisations wishing to sponsor delegate. This may either be an external, to company, delegate and sponsorship would therefore be allocated by the IOC, alternatively organisation are welcome to sponsor individuals from within the company to attend the Congress. These are both dependant on acceptance of abstracts.

14. TRAVEL AND LODGING

14.1 Local Climate

Climate in Beijing in last-October: Predicted temperature is usually around 2oC (mid-night) to 20oC (noon time). This is the best season in Beijing always with shining sun.

14.2 How to get VISA

For those who need official letters to apply Chinese entry-visa for Academic Activity, please provide the following information and send them via email to reg_yes@yahoo.cn

1, You may apply Chinese entry-visa for Sightseeing (as a tourist) at Chinese consulate/embassy in your country. In this case you don't need to fill in the form below.

In your email, please provide your registration form. [Click here to download the registration form.](#)

2, If you have companions, you should also provide their registration form.

Upon receiving the above information, the China University of Geosciences (Beijing) will issue an official letter for you to apply entry visa for academic activities.

To find a nearby Chinese embassies or consulates general, you can visit Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs website at <http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/wjb/zwjg/default.htm> for information about missions overseas.

Please pay attention to recent upgraded Visa policies from Chinese Consulate/Embassy in your country!

Please note that the visa application procedure may take up to two months!

14.3 How to go to China University of Geosciences(Beijing)

Arrival in Beijing

The Beijing Capital Airport (with international and domestic terminals) is about 25km from China University of Geosciences. During 25-28 Oct. 2009 there will be our reception personnel at the airport to answer your questions.

Taxi is available at the airport, the fare to China University of Geosciences is about 80-100RMB, the airport buses are also available, 16RMB to Xueyuanqiao stop, and then, walking to Our University.

If you take the taxi, please show the driver this text with map([click here to get the text](#)).

Subway is another way you could choose. It will cost you 27RMB to WUDAOKOU , and then, walking to Our University.

14.4 Hotel Information

Through the effort of COC, some hotels have been chosen as the ones the congress recommends. They can give the people who come to China to attend this congress a discount. The price per person per day is about 300~600 RMB/night (30-60€/night). The detailed information of the hotel will be seen in the web page <http://www.yescongress2009.org/travel-and-lodging.html>. Room reservations can be made starting in May.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Questions or suggestions / comments to the Congress should be sent to:

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