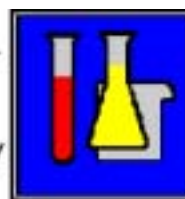




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23rd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR ORGANIC PETROLOGY

BEIJING, P. R. CHINA
15-22, SEPTEMBER 2006



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1. HOST ORGANIZATION, CO-SPONSORS AND COMMITTEES

(1) Host Organization

China University of Mining and Technology (Beijing) (CUMTB) will be the host organization and sponsor the meeting.

(2) Co-sponsors and Contributors

- Petroleum University (Beijing)
- China University of Geosciences (Beijing)
- Shanxi Institute of Coal Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Science
- Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry, Chinese Academy of Science
- Institute of Coal Chemistry, China Central Coal Mining Research Institute
- Xian Branch, China Central Coal Mining Research Institute
- China National Administration of Coal Geology
- China United Coalbed Methane Corporation, Ltd
- Research Institute of Petroleum Exploration and Development, China National Petroleum Corporation (RIPED, CNPC)
- Langfang Branch, RIPED, CNPC
- Research Institute of Petroleum Exploration and Development, China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (RIPED, SINOPEC)

(3) Beijing Committee (Organizing and Scientific Programme)

Chairman and vice-chairman of the meeting

- Chairman: Jianyong Qiao, President of CUMTB
- Vice-chairman: Professor Dexin Han, Member, Chinese Academy of Engineering
Professor Jinxing Dai, Member, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Other members:

Chengzao Jia, Digang Liang, Shuichang Zhang, Jian Li, Zhusheng Jiang, Zhijun Jin, Wenhui Liu, Shenglin Sun, Guoqiang Wu, Sanli Feng, Gonghui Liu, Ningning Zhong, Tieguan Wang, Minghua Du, Peng Chen, Pengda Zhao, Jun Deng, Erhan Sun, Yang Wang, Pingan Peng, Xianming Xiao, Qun Zhang, Xirong Jia

(4) Local Operation Committee

The chairman and following persons are members of Beijing Committee

- Chairman: Liqian An, vice-president of CUMTB
- Members: Chen-Lin Chou, Kuili Jin (planning), Yaodong Jiang, Yue Wang, Qinfu Liu, Yuegan Tang, Daiyong Cao, Longyi Shao
- Secretaries: Shifeng Dai, Xianqing Li

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2. SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

(1) Key Conference Themes

- Organic petrology and geochemistry of non-marine source rocks
- Coal-derived hydrocarbons (coal-derived oil, unconventional natural gas and coalbed methane) exploration and development
- Coal petrology, coal-measure sedimentology and the hazardous elements in coal related to the environment and human health
- Organic petrology in the coalmine security and coal utilization: mine fire, gas burst, coal slurry (CWM) and other less-conventional utilization technologies
- New techniques in organic petrology/geochemistry

(2) Date of the Meeting: September 15-22, 2006 (Friday to Friday)

Sept.14: registration

Sept.15: registration, pre-meeting field trip

Sept.16: registration, short course, icebreaker reception

Sept.17: technical sessions, business lunch

Sept.18: technical sessions, conference dinner

Sept.19: technical sessions

Sept.20-22: post-meeting field trip

(3) Registration Fee

Full registration includes icebreaker, lunches, tea breaks, and abstract.

TSOP member before June 30, 2006	200USD
TSOP member after June 30, 2006	225USD
Non-member before June 30, 2006	230USD
Non-member after June 30, 2006	255USD
Student	70USD
One-day registration (includes tea break, lunch, abstract)	105USD
Conference dinner, Sept.18	12USD (another 12 USD or more paid by Beijing Committee)
Indicate day:	Sept.17, Sunday Sept.18, Monday Sept.19, Tuesday

(4) Field Trip

- Pre-meeting field trip: To be held on Friday, September 15, 2006. The proposed theme of the trip: Geology of Western Beijing Jurassic and Permo-Carboniferous Basin. This region is a hot bed for growing a lot of Chinese geologists including the first generation of coal petrologists and coal geologists due to its favourable geological phenomena: This famous for its Yanshan Movement and Yanshan Cycle, distinctive stratigraphy, Quarternary Glacial vestiges etc. There are Permo-Carboniferous and Jurassic Coal Measures mainly with anthracite reflecting the so-called recoalification. This region shows us a well-known scenery and Buddhist civilization. The Pool and Cudrania Temple and Fragrant Park together with Blue Cloud Temple (with Dr. Sun Yat-Sen's glassy coffin). Field trip leader: Prof. Qinfu Liu and Prof. Longyi Shao. Fee: 40 USD, limited: 20 persons.



A glance picture of Western Hills, Beijing

- Post-meeting field trip: To be held during September 20-22,2006 (Tuesday to Friday). The themes of Shanxi field trip: The Datong wonderful sights and the Antaibao Surface Mine. The first shows the world-famous Yungang Buddhist Grottoes, which lie in Datong area. There are 53 Grottoes and 5000 stone statues carved during Northern Wei Dynasty, the minority nationality dynasty in Chinese history, over 1500 years ago. Then look the Pleistocene volcanic activity, of which there are more than 20 volcanic cones and basaltic lava fields occurred

mainly in Julebao village and visit the Datong CWM plant. The second object of observation is the Antaibao Surface Mine, Pingshuo. The mine was started by joint venture of Chinese and U.S. companies (Occidental Petroleum Co). It has modern facilities, including coal preparation plant. We will examine the Permo-Carboniferous coal-bearing strata. Field trip leaders: Prof. Longyi Shao, Prof. Kuili Jin and Assoc. Prof. Shifeng Dai. Fee: 170 USD. Limited: 30 persons.



The Yungang Grottoes



Antaibao Coal Mine at Pingshuo is China's largest high quality thermal coal surface mine.

(5) Short Course

A one-day short course (including lunch) is to be held on Sunday, September 16, 2006. The title of the short course: Petrology and geochemistry of coal and non-marine source rocks. Speakers will include Prof. Chen-Lin Chou, Prof. Deyi Ren, Prof. Kuili Jin, and Prof. Yuegang Tang. Fee: delegate, 70 USD, student 30 USD. Limit: 30 persons (including 10 students).



Key Laboratory of Coal Resources, CUMTB, Ministry of Education

Students



(6) STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

TSOP will hold its usual competition for Outstanding Student Paper at the meeting, with a **US\$ 250** prize. The paper may be presented either in an oral technical session or as a poster, and will be judged on both technical content and presentation/delivery. Requirements (from the Procedures Manual) are:

- The student should be a TSOP member in good standing.
- The subject presented must have been initiated by the student and completed while the presenter was a student.
- To be considered a student, a person should be actively enrolled at a college or university at the time of the presentation or have been enrolled within twelve months prior to the presentation. The student should be pursuing a college or university degree as his/her primary professional activity and not working in a professional capacity while pursuing a graduate degree at the same time.
- If a paper has multiple authors, the student must be the senior author and the presenter. The award will not be given unless a minimum of three students enters the competition.
- Papers are presented. If none of the student papers meets a minimum standard, as determined by the Awards Committee, no award may be given.

Abstract



(7) CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstract should be submitted by April 30, 2006.

Abstract up to 3 pages (including figures) will be accepted. Leave 2 cm margins on both sides; use 1.5 line spacing and a 12-point Times New Roman font. The title of each abstract should be in 12-point bold and include names of the authors (12-point) and their affiliations (10-point). Figures in Abstracts should be suitable for black and white reproduction; colour figures may be acceptable (at additional cost) in full-length papers subsequently submitted to the International Journal of Coal Geology. After review and notification of acceptance authors will also be invited to submit their papers for a special issue of the International Journal of Coal Geology.

Abstracts may be submitted by post or e-mail (Word, WordPerfect). Please enclose a copy of your abstract on a diskette/CD if submitting by post.

Indicate whether an oral or poster presentation is preferred.

Abstracts should be sent to:

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(8) Oral Presentations

The oral presentations are scheduled for 25 minutes, including five minutes for questions. Power Point presentations are to be provided on CD or sent to the Program Secretariat by e-mail prior to the meeting, for loading on to the conference computers. Facilities for slide and overhead projection will also be available for the presentations.

(9) Poster guidelines

Each presenter will get ONE poster board (approximately 2.4 m by 1.2 m or 8 ft by 4 ft) to display their poster. Posters are to be put up for display by Tuesday morning. Please bring some Velcro and/or push pins.

3. MEETING VENUE /ACCOMMODATION

Xiaojiao Hotel is a nice hotel with 3/4 star ranking. It has excellent conference facilities, and it has hosted many international meetings.

The address: 18 Wangzhuang Road, Beijing, China 100083.

Telephone: 83-10-62322288

Fax: 83-10-62311142

Web address: xijiao-hotel.com.cn



Xijiao Hotel

The Xijiao Hotel is a prime choice because it is located in the western part of Beijing, adjacent to many Universities, including China University of Mining and Technology, University of Geosciences, Beijing University of Science and Technology, Research Institutes of Petroleum and Development, and other institutions. It is fairly close to Peking University, Tsinghua University, and scenic places like Summer Palace and Fragrant Hill. It is also convenient to get to Downtown Beijing, and to the Great Wall, Palace Museum and Peking Man site. This area is fairly close to Zhongguangcun, the dubbed Silicon Valley of Beijing.

Special conference rates (currency-1 USD = 8.21 RMB)

- ¥700 per night for 4-star ranking rooms (one bed for individual or a couple)
- ¥300/260 per night for 3-star ranking standard rooms
- Free of charge for swimming, no service charge or tip, ¥40 per full buffet breakfast for individual if ordered.



3-star ranking standard room



4-star ranking room

Method of payment: No credit cards are accepted. Bank transfers should be addressed to our University (our university passes this money in full on to Xijiao Hotel), or, pay at the hotel reception desk.

Account Name: Key Laboratory of Coal Resources, China University of Mining and Technology (Beijing).

Account Number: 816614970408091001

Bank: Bank of China, Beijing Branch, NO.8, YA BAO LU, Beijing, China

Swift Code: BKCHCNBJ110

Other accommodation:

Guesthouse of CUMTB

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4. WELCOME TO BEIJING

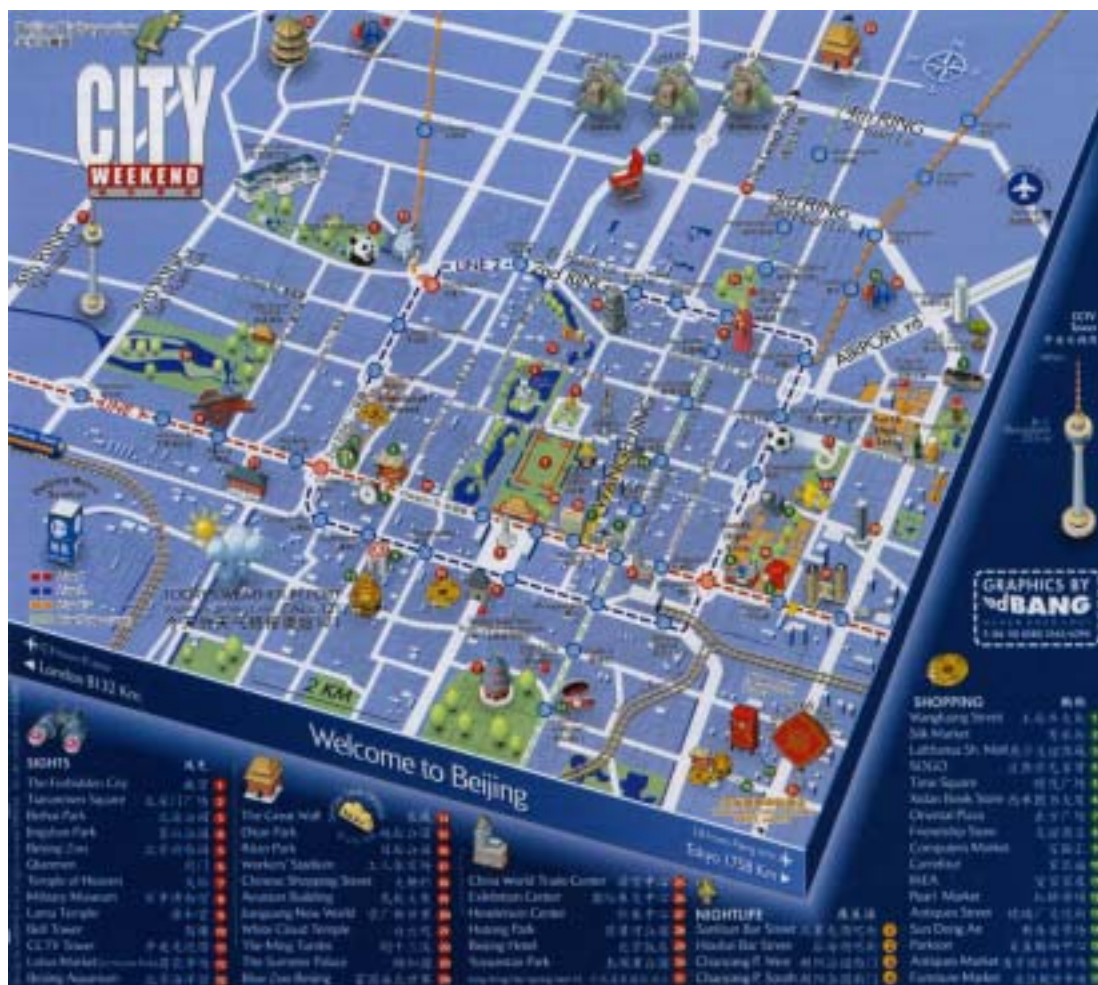
(1) Beijing----an ideal place to visit

Beijing, the capital of China, is the nation's political, economic and cultural center. It lies in the northern part of China, covering an area of 17,800 km². The city has a population of 11 million. During its 3,000-year history, it has been the capital of the Liao, Jin, Yuan, Ming and Qing Dynasties. Beijing boasts innumerable scenic spots and historic sites. There are the world-famous Great Wall, the magnificent Palace Museum (the Forbidden City), the mysterious Ming Tombs, the beautiful imperial gardens such as Beijing Park, Jingshan Park and Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven where the emperors offered sacrifices to heaven, the Great Ball Temple, the Yonghe Lamasery and Zhoukoudian-home of "Peking Man" and "Upper Cave Man". All these have attracted visitors at home and abroad.

Since the last decade urban construction of Beijing has been advancing rapidly. Beijing has now all kinds of city functions, modern buildings and advanced infrastructures. The newly-built highways have significantly improved the urban traffic system. Beijing, a city with ancient capital style and features, is showing a picture of prosperous modernization to the world.

There are now quite a number of modern shopping centers in Beijing. Big shops are also available inside the starred hotels. Arts and crafts, handicrafts, silk, embroidery, pottery and porcelain, paintings and calligraphy scrolls as well as Chinese medicine are the main attractions to foreign visitors. Beijing offers traditional food of various parts of China, especially the major Chinese cuisines, and even famous delicacies of

other countries in the world.



Map of the city Beijing

Most banks in Beijing handle exchange of foreign currencies. Major foreign currencies can also be exchanged at large hotels. Credit cards such as American Express, Master Card, VISA, Diners and JCB are accepted in Beijing.

Tipping is not a recommendation on any occasion.

(2) Visa Application

To apply for visas, registrants may be requested by the Chinese Embassy or consulate to submit a letter of invitation. The invitation letter will sent to you as soon as we receive your registration form or message. In the latter case would you please show us your full name, age, sex, nationality, present/past occupation and your contact details?

(3) Customs Regulations

The Chinese customs allows incoming and outgoing foreign visitors to carry articles for personal use only, which should be declared at the customs in accordance

with the regulations. Each visitor will be allowed to carry duty free articles within the reasonable range, e.g., 400 pieces of cigarettes, 2 bottles (0.75L each) of wine, personal articles such as camera, portable radio cassette recorder, miniature movie camera, notebook computer, mobile telephone, etc. should not exceed one piece each. These will be registered and admitted duty free temporarily, but must be retaken out of China when the visitors are going out of the country. Import of arms, narcotic drugs, psychoactive substances and blood products is strictly prohibited.

(4) Travel Insurance

Participants are encouraged to buy personal travel insurance before departure home.

(5) Climate and Clothing

September is the best time in Beijing, with an average temperature from 10-25 degrees Celsius, Precipitation-69.3 (mm), wind speed-1.8 (m.p.s), An umbrella or light raincoat will be useful. People generally wear informal clothes, although western-style clothes, jacket and tie are recommended for formal occasions.

(6) Arrival in Beijing

The Beijing Capital Airport (with international and domestic terminals) is about 25km from Xijiao Hotel (adjacent our university). During 14-16 Sept. 2006 there will be our reception personnel at the airport to answer your questions. There is a Bank of China office inside the lobby of the terminal for money exchange. Foreign currencies also can be exchanged in Xijiao Hotel or other banks. Exchange rates are the same, may be 1USD=8.21RMB.

Taxis are available at the airport, the fare to Xijiao Hotel is about ¥80-100, the airport buses also are available but inconvenient, ¥16 to Beitaipingzhuang stop, then transfer buses ¥1 to Beijing Language University stop, and then, walking to Xijiao Hotel.

(7) Banking/Currency

Decimal currency is used in China with the YUAN (¥) as the basic unit (¥1=100FEN=10JIAO). Notes come in ¥100, ¥50, ¥20, ¥5, ¥2, ¥1, JIAO, 5, JIAO, 2, JIAO, 1; Coins come in ¥1, FEN, 50, FEN, 10, FEN, 5, FEN, 2, FEN, 1.

The currency exchange is as mentioned above. Visa and MasterCard are accepted at banks.

(8) Medical Assistance

Good quality medical care is readily available in Beijing. Visitor is responsible for

the cost of his or her own medical care. If you do not have the type of insurance that will cover the cost of any medical attention you may need while in China, you may wish to arrange for a short-term policy before you leave home. You should also be sure to bring an adequate amount of any medication you take regularly; bring prescriptions written in English for medications and for eyeglasses in case of loss. Information on bilingual doctors and dentists will be available at the information booth at the meeting.

There is a nearest and good hospital, the Third Hospital of Beijing University in our district, only 2km roughly in distance.