



SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

The 8th International Symposium on Fungal Endophyte of Grasses (ISFEG)

13-16 August 2012, Lanzhou, China

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INVITATION

We cordially invite you to attend the “The 8th International Symposium on Fungal Endophyte of Grasses (ISFEG)”, conference which will be held in Lanzhou, China, between 13-16 August 2012 organized by State Key Laboratory of Grassland Agro-Ecosystems; College of Pastoral Agricultural Science and Technology, Lanzhou University.



The conference will provide you with a valuable opportunity not only to share experiences and engage in open and meaningful dialogue about the interaction of endophyte, grass and animal among colleagues from across the globe, but also to enjoy the cultural inheritance and distinguished landscapes of central geography of China, where the ancient silk road, grassland ecosystems of alpine, loess plateau dryland farming and mountain-desert-oasis. It will generate interest and international linkages between endophyte colleagues.

The conference will provide a stage for young and established researchers to present their works in front of the welcoming international audience by both oral and poster presentation.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Lanzhou!

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SESSIONS AND TOPICS

Session 1: Fungal Endophytes

1. Diversity
2. Evolution and Systematics
3. Biotechnology

Session 2: Interactions of Endophyte, Grass, Environment and Herbivore

1. Alkaloids
2. Environment

3. Herbivores
4. Role of Endophytes in Pastoral Ecosystems

Session 3: Application of Endophyte Technologies

1. Novel Endophyte Breeding and Safety Assurance
2. Seeds and Technology Transfer

CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

All papers are to be submitted electronically and are limited to a size of no more than three A4 pages, including introduction, materials & methods, results & discussion, conclusions and selected references. Times new roman with a size of 12 points is to be used, with line spacing of 18 points. The authors are requested to provide their papers in MS Word (.doc) format, submitting to: grasscenter@lzu.edu.cn .

Poster presentations are welcome. Poster layout is perpendicular with size of 120 cm X 90 cm. The poster number is requested according to the registration and session order.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference will be English.

PROGRAM

Day	Date	Time	Activity
1	13 Aug (Mon)	10:00 – 21:00	Reception/Registration
2	14 Aug (Tue)	8:30 – 9:10	Opening ceremony
		9:30 – 12:00	Session 1: Invited presentations Christopher Schardl German Spangenberg Richard Johnson
		14:00 – 18:00	Session 1: Volunteer presentations Keith Clay, Wayne Simpson, Zhiwei Wang, Juan Pan,
		18:00 – 20:00	Welcome banquet
3	15 Aug (Wed)	8:30 – 12:00	Session 2: Invited presentations Russell Rodriguez Carolyn Young Kari Saikkonen Kun Gao

		12:00 – 14:00 14:00 – 18:00	Lunch – Lanzhou Beef noodle show Field trip to Yuzhong campus, LZU
4	16 Aug (Tur)	8:30 – 12:00	Session 3: Volunteer presentations Wade Mace, Stanley Faeth, Adrian Leuchtman, Alison Popay, Henry Michelle, Yubao Gao, ...
		14:00 – 17:30 17:30 – 18:00 18:00 – 20:00 21:30	Session 3: Invited presentations John Caradus Volunteer presentations Stefan van der Heijden, Chris Pennell, S. Finch, ... Closing ceremony Closing banquet Departure for tour – route 1
5-7	16-19 Aug	22:20 (16 th) ~ 9:19 (19 th)	Field tour - route 1 Silk Road by train
5-6	17-18 Aug	7:30 (17 th) ~ 17:00 (18 th)	Field tour, route 2 Labrang monastery by bus

REGISTRATION

The registration fee will be as the follows:

Category	Before June 20, 2012	After June 20, 2012
Standard	US\$ 400	US\$ 500
Student	US\$ 300	US\$ 400
Accompany	US\$ 200	US\$ 200

The registration fee will cover the costs of the publication, reception, banquet and regular meals during the conference.

The participants can pay the registration fee by the information below.

Beneficiary's Bank: BANK OF CHINA, GANSU BRANCH BANKING DEPARTMENT
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SWIFT CODE: BKCHCNBJ660
Beneficiary: LANZHOU UNIVERSITY
Account No.: 104016939603
Postscript: 8th ISFEG meeting registration fee

HOTEL

The participants have to pay for hotel by themselves. Please indicate hotel room requirement in the registration form. We can book rooms for all participants and you will pay for it while you check in.

The Hotel Information

Hotels	Price	Address
Xilan International Hotel ★★★★	Single (or twin) room: 75 US\$ /night (new), 65 US\$ /night (old). Breakfast included.	39 Dingxilu Road, Lanzhou 730000 (200 m west to our college)

FIELD TRIP AND TOUR

Route 1. Silk road. To view symbiosis of endophytes and *Achnatherum inebrians*, *Hordeum brevisubulatum* in desert-mountain-oasis ecosystem through the ancient silk road and visit the Mogao Grottoes. Fee: about 280 US\$ per person.

16th: Leaving Lanzhou for Silk Road by train T9201 on 10:20 PM

17th: Arrival at Jiayuguan city on 6:31 AM

Viewing Jiayuguan Pass (western end of the Great Wall)

Bus view to Dunhuang city

18th: Viewing Dunhuang grotto, Crescent Spring.

Leaving Dunhuang for Lanzhou by train K9668 on 7:20 PM

19th: Arrival at Lanzhou 9:19 AM

Route 2. Alpine grassland. To view symbiosis of endophytes and *A. inebrians*, *Festuca sinensis* in alpine grassland system in the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and visit the Labrang Buddhism Monastery. Fee: about 225 US\$ per person.

17th: Leaving Lanzhou for Xiahe by bus 7:30 AM.

Viewing alpine grassland with drunken horse grass / endophyte symbiote and *Vicia sativa* seed production field.

Visiting Tibetan house with yak milk tea and barley liquor.

Campfire party at night.

18th: Viewing Labrang Tibetan Monastery.

Lunch at Linxia city.

Back to Lanzhou about 6:00 PM.

Travel agency: Yellow River Travel Agency. You will be asked to send a copy of your passport to book train ticket and payment.

Fees covered: Transportation, accommodation, tickets, meals, insurance and tips.

IMPORTANT DATES

Paper submission deadline	June 20, 2012
Early-bird registration ends	June 20, 2012
Reception	August 13, 2012
Symposium	August 14-16, 2012
Post-symposium tour	August 17-19, 2012

RECEPTION

On August 13, our people will meet you at Lanzhou Zhongchuan Airport. Otherwise, Please take shuttles bus to city center, then take a taxi to Xilan Hotel (about 7 Yuan RMB), or take a taxi directly from airport to Xilan Hotel (about 150 Yuan RMB).

Anyway, please let us know your exact arrival and leaving time and flight number.

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