

PROPOSAL
FOR
THE SIXTH WORLD CONGRESS
OF
INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL INFORMATICS ASSOCIATION
MEDINFO 89

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Chinese Medical Informatics Association has the pleasure of inviting International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA) to hold its 6th World Congress of MEDINFO'89 in China.

The Congress is proposed to be held in Beijing, the capital city of China, on Oct. 16-20, 1989. Both the Congress Technical Programme (including: technical sessions, plenary lectures, poster sessions and etc.) and Exhibition suggested to be located in the following place: Beijing Exhibition Center, Xi Yuan Hotel and Friendship Hotel, or any hotels in this areas. The distance from Beijing Exhibition Center to Xi Yuan Hotel is about 1.3km and 3km to Friendship Hotel. Those Hotels and Exhibition Center are all located in the western suburbs of Beijing where a lot of the universities (such as Beijing Univ., Qinghua Univ., Beijing Medicine Institute) and research institutes of Chinese Academy of Sciences located in also. It's about 6km from the area to the downtown and 30km to the Beijing Airport.

2. CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS AND PAPERS

It is expected about 800 participants from abroad with 500 papers to be presented at the Congress and 200 participants with 80 papers from domestic. The Chinese Organizing Committee will do their best to attract and organize great deals of local scientists, doctors and engineers to attend the MEDINFO'89 at special charge.

3. CONGRESS FACILITIES

Beijing Exhibition Center, as one of the largest Exhibition Center in Beijing, is a modern, spacious and well-equipped international Exhibition Center consisted of several group of buildings, in which, its congress hall (Amphitheatre) has 2700 seats, its Exhibition Center has about 15,000M² exhibiting booth and have:

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| (A) Auditorium Room (1100 seats) | 1 Room |
| (B) Meeting Room (200 seats) | 3 Rooms |

Besides the Beijing Exhibition Center, there are about 35 meeting rooms or halls (50-500 seats) in the Friendship Hotel and Xi-Yuan Hotel. Public address systems, recording facilities, slide projector, head projector and other services are readily available for all congress meeting rooms.

Each Congress site can provide the modern office and telecommunication facilities, such as photo-copy machine, telex, telegram, electrical type-writer and so on, for participants using.

The Congress Banquet to be held in the Great Hall of The People, in which the world famous Banquet Hall can contain 5000 guests have formal banquet. Meanwhile, there are a few large hotels available for congress reception.

4. ACCOMMODATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Since 1980's, following the policy of "Opening the Door to outside world while enlivening internal economy, and transformation of the economic system", China has been developing rapidly. Beijing, as the capital city of China, is progressively becoming a modern city. More and more foreign guests are going to visit

Beijing and a great deal of the international congresses, symposia or workshops have been or being held in Beijing, tourist trade is expanding by leaps and bounds as well. Lots of first class hotels have put into operation through the way of investment by China or joint venture with foreign companies. So far, by the middle of 1985, in Beijing, more than 15000 standard hotel rooms with airconditioners, colour TV and private bath room are available for receiving about 28000 foreign guests everyday. By 1989, it is expected more than 25000 in additional hotel rooms will be available to receive near 60000 foreigners each day.

It is proposed that the Secretariat of MEDINFO'89 Congress as well as most attendees be accommodated in Xi Yuan Hotel, which 30 stories new building with revolving restaurant on the top floor, has 749 spacious and airy, tastefully furnished rooms and close to 1500 beds, in addition to single and double rooms, there are a number of luxuriously appointed suites. The modern, comfortable rooms are equipped with air conditioning, safety call devices, sound and cable TV systems. Inside the Xi Yuan Hotel, other buildings have 400 rooms (800 beds) for receiving guests.

The typical standard hotel room's rates are as following:

(based 1985's price)

Category:	Single room occupancy:	Twin room occupancy:
A	US\$ 60-80	US\$ 45-50 X2
B	US\$ 50-60	US\$ 30-45 X2
C	US\$ 40	US\$ 25-30 X2

5. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The Xi Yuan Hotel, Friendship Hotel and other 5 hotels for accommodating the participants of MEDINFO'89 can be reached in 35 min. from the Beijing Airport by taxi. The taxi fare is about US\$10-15.00. There will be enough shuttle buses among each congress site for participants attending both scientific and social activities of the congress.

For the time being, in Beijing, public transportation operates more than 8000 taxis, 2000 large or mini-buses for tourist and 3500 buses, in addition 500 trolley-buses and 41km of subway. The public transportation fee in Beijing is very cheap,---around 5 U.S. cents per ticket. It is expected, by 1989, taxis and buses will be increased more than twice.

6. LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Beijing, as one of the oldest capital cities in China and in the world, has more than 2000 years history and a great number of historical places and scenic spots which attract more and more tourists from both abroad and domestic.

A) In the downtown and suburbs of Beijing, 32 places of interest including: Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, Yuan Ming Yuan Garden (Ruined Royal Garden), the Fragrant Hills Park, Yonghe palace (Lama Temple), Beihai Park, Coal Hill Park and Temple of Confucius, etc.

B) Outersuburbs, there are 40 places of interest, including: The Great Wall, Ming Tombs, Qing Tombs, Han Tombs, Tanzhe Temple, Jietai Temple, (Temple of Nunhooding Terrace) Museum of Peking Man and ect.

7. POST-CONGRESS TOURS

After the MEDINPO'89, itineraries will be organized by China International Conference Center for Science and Technology (CICCST) for participants and their accompanying persons. Each itinerary will cover some most beautiful and interest cities and scenic spots in China together with some scientific exchange with local scientists and engineers.

PT1: Beijing-Xian-Guilin-Guangzhou-HongKong;

In this itinerary participants will visit world famous Museum of Qin Shi Huang's (The first Emperor of Qin Dynasty) Buried Sculpture Legion (220 years BC.) in Xian, in Guilin, they will visit the Reed Flute Cave and Seven-Star Cave, two of the most beautiful Karst Caverns which is called "Wonder of the World"; and excursion by boat along the Li River having a fantastic view among the Green water and Steep peaks.

PT2: Beijing-Nanjng-Hangzhou-Shanghai-Suzhou;

In this itinerary participants will visit beautiful West Lake, Temple of Soul's Retreat, Pagoda of Six Harmonies, and the Dragen Well Tea garden (Hometown of Chinese Green Tea) in Hangzhou. They will visit Dr. Sun Yatsen's Mausoleum in Nanjing, Several most beautiful gardens in Suzhou and excursion along the Grand Canal (1000 years old) to have a view of South East China water-side vil-lages'pictures.

PT3: Beijing-Chengdu-Leshan-Chongqing-Yantze River (Three Gorges)
-Wuhan-Guangzhou;

In this itinerary, participants will visit Du Fu's Thatched Cottage, Memorial Temple of Zhuge Liang, Dujiangyan (a 2000 year-old

irrigation project) and Mountain Qincheng (Green Town Mt.-famous Taoism Mt.) in Chengdu. They will visit Grand Buddha Temple—one of the Largest Stone-Carving Sitting Buddha in the World in Leshan, and have a excursion by steamboat along Three Gorges on Yangtze River between Chongqing and Wuhan.

Meanwhile, during the Congress , guided city tours will be organized for participants and their accompanying persons.

8. CURRENCY REGULATIONS:

More than 8 main foreign currencies can be changed in the Headquarter and each branches of Bank of China, as well as in hotels, airports and Friendship Stores in China. Travellers check and leading credit cards are accepted by the Bank of China and main hotels also.

9. METHODS OF REGISTRATION FEE PAYMENT;

The Congress Registration Fee and Hotel Reservation Fee and Post-Congress Tour Fee can be directly sent to Cogress Secretariat by Bank Draft and/or to Bank of China by Bank Transfer in US Dollar. The Chinese Organizing Committee will give details about the Methods of Payment in the Congress Brochures.

10. AIR TRAVELS;

Beijing Airport operates more than 27 domestic airlines and 20 international routes to Japan, USA, France, UK, FRG, Italy, Australia, Thailand, Philippines, Pakistan, Burma, USSR, Switzerland, Yemen, Iran, Romania, India, Yugoslavia, etc.

The organizer of the MEDINFO189 will request the CAAC and

other appointed international travel agents offering discount airline, tickets for participants and accompanying persons.

11. PASSPORT AND VISA

For the time being, a valid passport and visa are required for entry into China. The organizer will help all participants and their accompanying persons from IMIA Member countries to get visa.

12. WHO CO-SPONSORSHIP

After China's proposal has been accepted by IMIA General Assembly, the Chinese Organizing Committee will start to discuss with Dr. Eric Goon, Representative and Program Co-Ordinator of WHO on the WHO co-sponsorship for MEDINFO'89.

13. LOCAL ORGANIZERS AND SPONSORS

The MEDINFO'89 will be Co-Sponsored by:

- 1) China Medical Informatics Association (CMIA)
- 2) China International Conference Center For Science And Technology

In Cooperation with:

- 1) China Association for Science and Technology (CAST)
- 2) Chinese Institute of Electronics (CIE)
- 3) Chinese Medical Association (CMA)
- 4) All China Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine
- 5) Chinese Nursing Association (CNA)
- 6) Chinese Society of Hospital Administration
- 7) Chinese Society of Computer Science
- 8) Chinese Society of Artificial Intellegence
- 9) Chinese Society of Computer User

The MEDINFO'89 Congress will be in cooperation and coordination with China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) which is the organization of more than 200 national societies and/or associations covered all fields of science and technology. CAST has no individual members, but in the aggregate, its 200 national societies and/or associations represent more than 2.5 million senior scientists, engineers and professors which engaging in the research and application of basic sciences, engineering, medical science and agricultural science. One of the main tasks of CAST is to organize and vigorously support academic exchanges. Since 1981, with more than 50 international conferences to its credit, CAST and its affiliates have already played host to nearly 10000 Chinese scientists and more than 6000 of their foreign counterparts from about 80 countries.

Under the leadership of CAST, the China International Conference Center for Science and Technology (CICCST) will undertake the tasks of organizing the MEDINFO'89 Congress, exhibition as well as the Post-Congress Tours. CICCST as the non-profit, national-wide service center of CAST, aims to host international congresses, scientific exhibitions and study tours in China. Its 90 staffs has or being organized more than 150 international congresses in different kinds and sizes from 1981 to 1986. Meanwhile, the CAST and CICCST have good relations and satisfactory cooperations with numbers of international scientific organizations and professional firms. It is believed that through the common efforts made by IMIA and China side, the MEDINFO'89 will be surely successful and well done.

14. AUSPICES FOR CONGRESS

The MED INFO'89 will be supported under the auspices of CAST and some governmental and non-governmental organizations (such as the Ministry of Public Health of PRC) in China. It is also expected some foreign companies, firms and organizations provide financial support to the Congress.

15. CONGRESS PUBLICATION

We suggest that the Congress Proceedings may be co-published and co-distributed by North Holland Company and China Academic Publisher. For reducing the time and cost of shipping, The China Academic Publisher can undertake the task of printing. The concerned matters and business could be negotiated between the two firms.

With a view to promoting the cultural exchanges between the People's Republic of China and other countries all over the world, the China Academic Publishers (CAP) was established on 25 December 1980.

The chief missions of the CAP are as follows:

1. to edit and publish the Congress proceedings of international and national symposia held in China, and distribute them at home and abroad;
2. to publish in English or Chinese the works of the famous Chinese scholars and on China's advanced academic achievements, and distribute them on a worldwide basis-
3. to co-publish academic journals and books with other publishing houses at home and abroad.

16. PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR CONGRESS

The Preliminary budget for MEDINFO'89 has been made by Chinese Organizing Group based on 1985's price in Beijing and following assumptions (Subject to change):

I. INCOME

- 1) Registration Fee; Total: US\$200,000 (800 participants from abroad and 200 participants from China)
Pre-Registration Fee: US\$250.00 / participant
Late-Registration Fee: US\$280.00 / participant
Student Registration Fee: US\$130.00 / student
(including: bound proceedings, tea-coffee breaks, reception, cultural performance show, study tours in Beijing, sightseeing tour to Forbidden City and Temple of Heaven).
- 2) Exhibition Fee: Total: US\$75000 (30 exhibitors)
Booth Rate: US\$2,500 / 9m²Booth
(including: space rental, water and electricity supply, carpeted floor; booth with 3 sides billboards; unpacking; repacking and layout exhibits; cleaning service).
- 3) Accompanying Persons Fee: Total: US\$15,000 (100 accompanying persons)
Accompanying Persons Fee: US\$180.00/person (late-registration)
US\$150.00/person (pre-registration)
(including: 4 days accompanying persons programme, congress social programme, reception).
- 4) Contribution; Total: US\$20,000
Total income: 1) plus 2) plus 3) plus 4) = US\$310,000

III. BALANCE

Surplus:	US\$22,000
Distribution of Surplus; IMIA:	US\$17,000 (77.2%)
Chinese Side:	US\$5,000