

IWHA Kunming Conference 2013

The Role of Water in the History: Exploring Historical Wisdom for Current Water Management

Call for Abstracts

Conference Date: 28th to 30th, January 2013

Conference Place: Kunming City, Yunnan Province, China

Conference Venue: Yijing Garden Resort Hotel of Kunming
(<http://www.yjg-hotel.com/>)

Sponsor:

International Water History Association (IWHA)
Kunming University
Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences (YASS)

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Background:

The challenge of water crisis has become a predominant problem in the contemporary age, in the interest of against water crisis as well as realizing the sustainable water use and management, not just more technical progress and hydraulic engineering are necessary but also wisdoms. For this purpose, we need to take a historical view to understand the role among water and civilizations. Accordingly, exploring wisdoms, experiences and lessons of water use and management from the history for the sustainability are highly valuable because all civilizations are rooted in water, and the history of water management was dated back for thousands years that created immense wisdoms we might be inspired. Today, international academia has placed importance on this relationship, increasingly enhanced attentions to water historical and cultural heritages and continually learned experiences from the history. Consequently, as a new discipline, water history study has received more and more attentions. The academic activities regarding to water history were conducted frequently in recent years. We believe that by sharing research outcomes among

experts and scholars around the world, this conference will provide us a good opportunity to understand the relationship between water and civilizations, to discover wisdoms and experiences of water management from the history and to promote academic exchanges in water history. As a result, we can effectively deal with some of global challenges including water crisis, poverty and climate change.

As an important international scientific organization, International Water History Association (IWHA) has successfully organized a series of global and regional conferences on the topic of water history that have promoted international understandings, research and applications of water history studies. Coming IWHA Kunming regional conference 2013 will bring together scholars, engineers and governmental officials from China and around the world, to explore the theme of "historical wisdom for current water management". The purpose of the conference is to make our contribution by promoting water history study, learning global experiences of water management, and understanding the role of water in the formation and development of civilizations.

On behalf of the organizing committee, you are invited to submit conference abstract to attend 2013 IWHA Kunming conference from 28th to 30th of January 2013 in the *Spring City* of China, Kunming City. The conference has identified a number of internationally famous experts as the keynote speaker.

Topics

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- (a) The role of water in the formation and development of ancient civilizations.
- (b) Theories, practices, and techniques of water history and water culture.
- (c) Water culture from the history and its on-age values.
- (d) Urban and rural water management history.
- (e) The history of water management in rivers, lakes and wetlands.
- (f) Historical experiences and wisdoms in water use, management and protection.
- (g) Water techniques in ancient civilization
- (h) Water history of Dian Chi Lake
- (i) The development of ancient hydraulic engineering and the transformation of Kunming City.
- (j) Water treatment of Dian Chi Lake and its effects.

Abstracts Submission:

Authors are invited to submit their English written abstract via e-mail to kmconference2013@yahoo.cn no later than November 20th, 2013. Abstracts will be accepted based on quality, content and relevance to the conferences topics. Once your abstract being accepted, please note that as a result of selection by the Scientific Committee, the formal conference invitation will be sent and your final paper should be submitted no later than 30th December, 2013.

Abstracts must contain: personal title, name of authors (name of presenting author must be underlined), institution affiliation, address (city/country), telephone number, e-mail address. Abstracts should contain about 500 words. Do not include references, charts or graphs. No attachments will be accepted.

Registration fees:

Participant (members of IWHA, IWA and network institutions of the sponsors)

\$200 per person

Accompanying Persons

\$100 per person

Other participant

\$ 300 per person

The fee includes conference registration fee, hotel, meals, refreshments, technical visit, transport in Kunming, gifts, conference proceedings and programs.

Accommodation:

Participant' accommodation will be arranged and paid by the conference. Accompany person will pay accommodation about 50\$/night per person.

Registration procedure:

The registration ways will be announced after 20th October 2012.

International Transport:

International transport is for the participant's own account. The conference will pick participants up at Kunming International Airport.

Important Dates to Remember:

- 20.11.2012 Submission of abstracts
- 15.12.2012 Notification of authors regarding abstracts acceptance
- 30.12.2012 Submission of full papers
- 20.11.2012 Registration open

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