International Symposium on Paleoanthropology in Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the Discovery of the First Skull of Peking Man and the First Asian Conference on Quaternary Research Beijing, 19-23 October, 2009

SECOND CIRCULAR

In commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the discovery of the first skull of Peking Man, the International Symposium on Paleoanthropology and the First Conference on Quaternary Research of Asia will be jointly held in Beijing, 19-23 October, 2009. A special session on "Suyanggae and Her Neighbors" and the Asian Paleolithic Association's annual meeting will be concurrently held during the symposium. The organizing committee warmly invites colleagues and friends around the world to join the symposium. The theme of the symposium is: Human Evolution and Environment Changes. Both oral and poster contributions are welcome. Topics of scientific sessions planned are as follows:

- 1. Origin and evolution of humans
 - 1.1 Origin of early hominids
 - 1.2 Origin of modern humans
 - 1.3 Aspects of human evolution
- 2. Early human Behaviors and cultures
 - 2.1 New discoveries of Paleolithic in Asia
 - 2.2 Migration and interaction of early humans between the East and the West
 - 2.3 Interdisciplinary study of Paleolithic archaeology
- 3. Changes in geological environment and human activities in Asia
 - 3.1 Environmental background for the evolution of early hominids
 - 3.2 Environmental change and development of civilization
 - 3.3 Recent human activity and its environmental effects

Sponsors:

The Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology,
Chinese Academy of Sciences
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Arrangements of the Symposium

1. Schedule

19 October, 2009: Registration, Xiyuan Hotel, Beijing

20 October, 2009:Opening ceremony and key-note speeches

21 October, 2009:Oral presentations panels

22 October, 2009: Morning: oral presentations panels

Afternoon: poster sessions

23 October, 2009: Mid-conference excursion (the Peking Man Site at Zhoukoudian) and

closing ceremony

2. Accommodation

The symposium sessions will take place at Xiyuan Hotel (http://www.xiyuanhotel.com.cn/web/english/index.aspx), which is across street of the IVPP. The official conference hotel for accommodation is the Xiyuan Hotel, and a special rate will be available for the reservation made before the start of the conference. Should you have your own selection of hotels nearby, we would be happy to provide information but offer no reservation.

A. The Xiyuan Hotel wing building (also known as Xiyuan Hotel Villas)

Single Room RMB 258yuan/day (about \$ 40US per day)

Standard Room A (one bed) RMB 400yuan/day (about \$60US per day)

Standard Room B (two beds) RMB 400yuan/day (about \$60US per day)

Deluxe Room A (one bed) RMB 458yuan/day (about \$70US per day)

Deluxe Room B (two beds) RMB 458yuan/day (about \$70US per day)

B. The Xiyuan Hotel main building

Standard Room A (one bed) RMB 610yuan/day (bout \$90US per day)

Standard Room B (two beds) RMB 610yuan/day (bout \$90US per day)

Please specify your choice in the registration form.

3. Registration

Registration fee is \$400US for professional participants, \$250US for students and accompanying persons. The registration fee covers the symposium materials (for professional and student participants), banquet, meals (except the supper on October 22) and mid-conference excursion.

Reduced registration fee is offered for early payment: \$300US for professional participants and \$200US for students and accompanying persons, which should be made before **31 August 2009**. To make the advanced payments, please use the Bank Wire Transfer. The bank information shows below:

Bank Name: Bank of China Beijing New Century Hotel Sub-Branch

Add: No.6 South Road Capital Gymnasium, Hai Dian District, Beijing 100044, China

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Please kindly fill in the form of the SECOND CIRCULAR REPLY and return it, before 10 July 2009, to the secretariat via email (kjc@ivpp.ac.cn), fax (+86-10-68337001) or normal post to the address below:

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Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology

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4. Field Trips

Two routes of post-symposium field excursion are planned.

Route 1 (3 days, RMB2000yuan or \$300US/person): Nihewan Paleolithic Site (Yangyuan county, Hebei), Xujiaoyao Paleolithic Site (Yanggao county, Datong, Shanxi), the Huayan Monastery of Datong and the world cultural heritage-Yungang Grottoes (Datong, Shanxi)

24 Oct (Day 1): Beijing-Yangyuan-Nihewan (overnight stay at Yangyuan)

25 Oct (Day 2): Yangyuan-Xujiayao-Datong (overnight stay at Datong)

26 Oct (Day 3): The Huayan Monastery of Datong-Yungang Grottoes-Beijing

The field trip fee includes transportation during the field trip, 2 nights lodging and 3 days meals, and tickets to the sightseeing spots.

Route 2 (5 days, RMB5000yuan or \$750US/person): Guangxi Bose Basin Paleolithic sites, Guangxi Bubing Basin Quaternary fossil locations, Gaolingpo Paleolithic site, Chongzuo Cave Biota and the UNESCO world heritage-the Rock Painting of the Mountain Huashan

24 Oct (Day 1): Beijing to Nanning by Air; Nanning to Baise by bus

(overnight stay at Baise)

25 Oct (Day 2): Morning, visit Fengshudao paleolithic site;

Afternoon, visit the Youjiang Ethnic Museum and the Deng Xiaoping Memorial Hall (overnight stay at Baise)

26 Oct (Day 3): Morning, visit MehuiDong Cave site in Bubing Basin;

Afternoon, visit Gaolingpo paleolithic site; then move to Chongzuo;

Evening, a tour of Quaternary fossil collections

(overnight stay at Chongzuo Ecological Park)

27 Oct (Day 4): Morning, visit Chongzuo cave fossil localities;

Afternoon, visit the UNESCO world heritage-the Rock Painting of the Mountain Huashan.

Evening, watch the white-headed langur (*Presbytis leucocephalus*)

(overnight stay at Chongzuo Ecological Park)

28 Oct (Day 5): Chongzuo to Nanning Airport, departure

The field trip fee includes Beijing-Nanning round-trip airfare, transportation during the field trip, 4 nights lodging and meals, and tickets to the sightseeing spots. If you plan not to come back to Beijing after the end of the tour, you will get the refund for the one-way airfare.

Please note that the reservation for the field trips will be on the first come first service basis due to the limited seats available. However, if the reservation is less than 8 persons per trip, we may have to cancel the field trip.

5. Call for Abstracts

All abstracts (in English and within 1 A4 page) should be submitted no later than 10 July 2009. The abstract should include: title, authors' names (capitalized family names), the institutions and addresses, email address of the corresponding author and main-text of abstracts (see the example below). The abstract should be submitted 1.5 spaced in 11-point, Times New Roman font, with 2.5 cm margins top, left and right, 2.0 cm bottom margin. Figures are not permitted. The abstract should be created in, or converted to, Microsoft Word 2000 or 2003.

6. Language

The official languages of the symposium are English and Chinese.

7. Presenter Audio-Visual Instructions and Requirements

All presentations must be loaded on the CONFERENCE COMPUTER the day before the presentation.

All meeting rooms will be equipped with

- >1 Windows computer, with CD/DVD drive, PC-XP with Office 2000/ PowerPoint 2000 or Office 2003/ PowerPoint 2003.
- >1 or 2 screens, depending on room size, LCD projectors, laser pointer and microphone. You will not be permitted to connect your own computer to the LCD projector. Bring your presentation on CD or memory stick and bring a backup copy. Your presentation must be in a format that is compatible with the equipment listed above.

8. Guidelines for Poster

Posters are on display throughout the symposium and an afternoon session will be allocated for poster viewing.

The standard poster size is 0.9m wide x 1.2m high. Smaller, landscaped-size posters are acceptable.

9. Weather

Beijing's temperature in October is about 13 degree C (day) – 4 degree C (night). Remember to check the weather before your travel. Beijing adopts the GMT+8 Time Zone.

10. Key Dates

Second circular reply and abstract submission **before 10 July 2009** Early payment with reduced fee **before 31 August 2009**

11. Conference Website

Please regularly check the following website for information update: http://www.ivpp.ac.cn/en/peking_conference/peking_conference.html

Preliminary Report on the Excavations of Shuidonggou Localities 3,4,5 in Ningxia

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The Localities 3, 4 and 5, which distributed in the southwest margin of the Shuidonggou basin, are the important localities of Shuidonggou site. These localities were not formally excavated since discovered in 1923. The three localities were excavated from August to October 2004, as a salvage archeological project due to the construction of the diversion channel of Ningdong Heavy Chemical Base. The excavations exposed an area of about 80 m². More than thousand of stone artifacts and ostrich egg fragments were excavated and collected from the three localities.

The upper cultural layer and surface lithic assemblage: a total of 928 pieces (479 from surface and 347 from layer ① of locality 4; 102 from upper layer and surface of localities 3,5) of stone artifacts were excavated and collected from the localities 3,4,and 5. More than 30% of blade and high percent of chert as the raw material is the main character. Preliminary analysis of retouched tools and technique as well as the stage of fossilization of ostrich egg fragments and extinction age of the ostrich in the region indicate that the lithic assemblage stage of localities 3,4 and 5 can be put to the end Upper Paleolithic to early Lower Neolithic of China.

The lower cultural layer lithic assemblage: about 85 pieces of stone artifacts were excavated from the layer (6) of the three localities, which seems more primitive in the cultural feature than the upper cultural layer by analyzing the type, morphology and technique of the stone artifacts. About 61.5% of the raw materials were dolomite, which shows similar to the Shuidonggou cultural of Upper Paleolithic in North China. Cores, flakes, blade and biface retouched tools are the main classes without typical microlith and levallois-style cores. The principal technique is direct hammer percussion with commonly core preparation, which the bipolar and soft-hammer percussion are seldom flaking technique.

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