



Countdown to Hangzhou

IFPRA Asia Pacific 1999 Conference

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 在中国杭州召开的1999年IFPRA 亚太地区会议

It is said that after touring Hangzhou, which had been the capital of China's Southern Song Dynasty, the renowned 13th century Italian traveller Marco Polo exclaimed in admiration that it was the most beautiful and majestic city in the world. While majestic is perhaps not the right word to describe Hangzhou's status now, as the city is no longer an imperial capital, it has certainly surpassed the past fame in terms of beauty. All those who have visited Hangzhou, whether they are heads of state or just ordinary tourists, are captivated by its charm.

The beauty of Hangzhou lies in the West Lake which covers an area of 5.6 square kilometres. The lake, its islands and the magnificent gardens which surround it will feature during the 1999 IFPRA Asia Pacific Regional Congress in October next year.



The world famous West Lake is located in the west of the city of Hangzhou.

Hangzhou is located 180 kilometres from Shanghai and has excellent road, rail and air services.



"Three Pools Mirroring the Moon" - West Lake

The Congress Committee is well advanced with its planning and promises an enjoyable and informative event. Remember, when you visit Hangzhou next year you will be among the 17 million tourists that visit annually - 'Paradise on Earth'.

The Chinese Association of Parks is co-opting its members from throughout China to assist with the Congress, the site visits and a proposed Post Congress Tour. The Beijing Association of Parks will collect and publish the congress papers, the Shanghai Association of Parks will publish a book on the 100 most famous gardens in China and issue a copy to each delegate. The Hangzhou Association of Parks has the responsibility for the day to day activities and the congress venue.

Welcome to New Look IFPRA Asia Pacific Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the new-look IFPRA Asia Pacific Newsletter. The new circular format is an initiative of the Regional Executive and aims to provide our members with information of interest on a regular basis. We would like to strongly encourage you to contribute to the new newsletter. Articles, newspapers stories, photographs etc of interest to members in the region can be sent electronically (Email: ipcs@zip.com.au) for publication in any language used in the region. Its your newsletter - make the most of it!



Hangzhou Jinxi Hotel Conference Venue



Yunqi Bamboo Path

The theme selected for the Congress is “Green Culture in the New Century”. Subthemes dealing with land systems, garden cities, environment, ecology, traditional and modern gardening, technology and management will also be pursued.

The Call for Papers has been extended to October, 30. Registration details will be available shortly, however further information can be obtained from The Conference Secretariat, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China. “The magazine of scenic spots and historic relics, Jiangyuanlong 12, Xiaoying Lane. Postcode 310003. Telephone: 0086 0571 7027890, Fax: 0086 0571 7011944.

Chairmans Message

The Executive Committee of IFPRA Asia Pacific recently met in Beijing. There were a number of issues discussed in regards to regional affairs, however the most significant related to the format and method of production of our newsletter, the Circular.

The Executive resolved that a new style of the Circular will be in A3 format, as now presented to you. It will be produced in either 4, 6 or 8 pages subject to the amount of information submitted for publication and with the provision that articles could be received by Email. Information can also be obtained and printed in other languages by this method. The total content of the newsletter will now be included on the regions website (http://www.zip.com.au/~ifpra_ap). So I extend to you an invitation to be actively involved with the new newsletter, even small items of news such as those in the “regional snapshots” section may be of interest to other members.

My other news is that Commissioner Ms. Zheng Shuling has been nominated by the Chinese Association of Parks (CAP) for the position of Chairman Elect for the Region. The CAP has also nominated Mr. Li Rusheng as the additional Commissioner for China.

I hope to catch up with Asia-Pacific region members at the Melbourne Congress. We will be holding a commission meeting and an invitation is extended to you all to join us on this occasion. - Rob Small

Commissioners News

18th IFPRA World Congress, 18-23rd, 1998, Melbourne Convention Centre, Melbourne, Australia

It is countdown time for those coming to Australia to attend the IFPRA World Congress. To be officially opened by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, the 18th IFPRA World Congress promises to be one of the more informative Congresses on the park and recreation calendar. The Steering Committee has arranged for a number of significant international and national speakers who will focus on the theme of change, as well as speakers from some 21 countries who will be making presentations on subjects ranging from park planning and management, horticulture, business and technology, education and training, conservation, environment and heritage, multi-culturalism, recreation, tourism, and the sociological and psychological aspects of leisure. Also included is a park and recreation trade expo, workshops and industry tours, as well as pre and post Congress tours. The Steering Committee welcome all to this exciting event. Further information can be obtained from our Secretariat:

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BENDIGO, AUSTRALIA - In May the Royal Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation was voluntarily wound up and a new organisation, Parks and Leisure Australia, established with the merger of the Australian Leisure Institute. The new national office is now located at Bendigo:

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SHANGHAI, CHINA - the Shanghai Botanic Garden opened in April, 1978 is renowned for its magnificent collection of Penjing (Bonsai) the history of which can be traced back to the Tang Dynasty. Visitors to the Gardens will be amazed by the extent and standard of the collection, ranging from miniatures to those that require a crane to move. 200,000 pots are also produced annually for sale, many for the European market.

BEIJING, CHINA - planning is well advanced for a major conservatory to be built at the Beijing Botanic Gardens. Estimated at US\$25 million, the structure will house plants in several climatic zones. The conservatory will complement the 72 hectares of open woodland and specialist gardens established in 1956.

HANGZHOU, CHINA - the 1999 IFPRA Asia Pacific Congress Committee is also planning a Ten Pin Bowling Championship to coincide with the Congress next year. The Congress venue, the Hangzhou Jinxi Hotel, has a 6 lane bowling alley in its basement. Delegates only have 12 months training time to go!

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA – The major sporting event for the region is the XVI Commonwealth Games being held in Malaysia. The games logo “Bunga Raya” is based on Malaysia’s National flower, the hibiscus, with six yellow pollens used to represent the six regions from which the Commonwealth countries hail. The Malaysian national colours – red, white, yellow and blue, have been used to symbolise the games.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA – A new A\$425m stadium seating 60,000 spectators is currently being built in the Melbourne Docklands area adjoining the CBD. The stadium will provide a new all-weather venue for key sporting and entertainment events and is scheduled to be opened in January 2000. A unique adjustable seating configuration is being

designed which converts the area to either an oval or rectangular field for sports and entertainment. The stadium will also have a moveable roof which can be opened or closed within 20 minutes. The stadium will have a turf surface which will be laid on a concrete foundation. A special farm will be established to provide a constant supply of new blocks of turf to ensure that it has a rich green colour required for television.

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA– The latest news is that Brisbane will hold an International Garden Festival in the second half of 2000. Initially proposed for NSW, the festival is anticipated to attract 6 million visitors to Brisbane and will be a major attraction for overseas and interstate visitors to Queensland.

LORD HOWE ISLAND, AUSTRALIA– The World Heritage Listed Island, off the New South Wales coast, is furthering its environmental reputation by banning plastic bags as part of a waste reduction strategy. Calico bags will replace plastic. Each year, the Island ships back to the mainland around 10 tonnes of waste generated by residents and tourists. This ban is designed to reduce the build-up of non-biodegradable waste on Lord Howe Island. Other bans include: dogs and cats (due to fears over the threat to the native woodhen) and restrictions placed on cars with a limit of 100 cars and 70 motorbikes to prevent pollution and accidents.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA – The first of 110,000 seats are now being installed on the new Olympic Stadium at Homebush Bay. A\$1million a day is currently being spent on the Stadium which is due to be opened in June 1999. 30,000 seats a month will be installed. A A\$32million landscaping project of the surrounds will compliment the site. Currently, A\$10million a day is being spent in Sydney on Olympic related projects.

Something Interesting Happening in Your Area?

If so, we’d like to know about it! The “**Regional Snapshots**” section of the circular will be a regular column, providing you with the opportunity to share local snippets of information with other members in the region. Whether it be a newspaper clipping or event organised in your part of the region, share it with us all. Email it to ipcs@zip.com.au or fax it to John Brandenburg (+61 2 9562 1888)



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2001

6 - 13 October

19th IFPRA World Congress

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7 - 10 October

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