



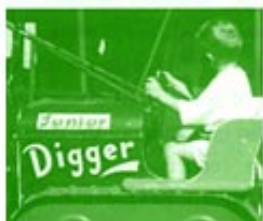
Successful Regional Congress

1999 IFPRA Asia Pacific Congress - Hangzhou, China

Convenors of the IFPRA Asia Pacific Regional Congress, which was held in Hangzhou, China over the 7-10 October, 1999, need to be congratulated on developing a very informative and comprehensive program. Some 300 delegates participated in a Congress that was wide ranging in the number of different areas that were covered and that lived up to the theme "New Century and Green Culture". Papers covered everything from planning practice in the development of new landscapes, through to conservation of the natural environment and how to determine how a park may be best utilised

One event delegates should not have missed was participating in the Post-Congress tour.

Two weeks can go so fast when you are not only learning about the culture and pace of such a fascinating country, but also having a great time on top of it. This multi-cultural, multi-lingual crew, made largely up of Americans, Belgians, Japanese, English, New Zealanders and Australians, travelled to some of the most ancient cities in China, such as Shanghai, Guilin, Kunming, Xi'an, and Beijing, and enjoyed not only the hospitality of their Chinese hosts and



Delegates assembling outside the National Tea Museum, Hangzhou - the main venue for congress sessions

by different segments of the population. Delegates also visited many different parks, landscapes and cultural areas that have made Hangzhou, and surrounds, one of the leading tourist areas in China.

Congratulations to Zheng Shuling, Executive Chairperson of the Congress, the Construction Ministry of the People's Republic of China, Hangzhou Municipal Council and Landscapes and Cultural Relics Administration, and the China Parks Association.

interpreters, but also each other. This was the crew that was to celebrate Roger Pollards birthday in a lounge in Xi'an airport, appreciate Rob Small undertaking an impromptu Maori welcome at an official function in Beijing, but also learnt how to bargain better than the locals (or at least think we did). A great time had by all and some good memories to remember.

Dr. David Aldous - World President

Wishing you all the best for 2000

Visit the IFPRA Asia-Pacific Web Site: www.zip.com.au/~ifpra_ap

4th National School in Park Management

Both national and international park and leisure managers are invited to attend the fourth live-in National School in Park Management, which will be held over the 4-6 July, 2000 at Queen's College, The University Of Melbourne.

The program will involve interactive classes, industry visits and syndicate group discussion on a wide range of business, marketing, planning, and administrative issues that relate to effective parks, recreation, leisure, horticulture and tourism management.

The registration of A\$1500.00 includes basic board and accommodation at Queen's College, all meals, morning and afternoon teas, transport to and from syndicate group working sites, and lecture notes.

Applications will close off May 31, 2000, but an early acceptance is advisable, as numbers are restricted to 30 participants. Further details from Dr David Aldous on telephone +61 3 92506880, fax +61 3 92506800 or e-mail d.aldous@landfood.unimelb.edu.au.

Chairpersons Message

At the hand over of the Chairperson's role to me during the IFPRA Asia Pacific Commission Meeting held at Hangzhou during the 1999 Congress, I indicated that we as professionals gather together for the same purpose - men and women to create a beautiful living environment, advising that we should make full use of this organisation to set up close cooperative relationship and provide more opportunity for communication among fellow members in the Asia Pacific region.

Since the China Parks Association became a member of IFPRA in 1995, I have obtained consistent help and support from all Commissioners. Thank you very much for your kindest assistance. I would like to give special thanks to Mr Rob Small whose role I have now taken over, Dr Kanzo Hirano -former chairman of IFPRA Asia Pacific and Mr John Brandenburg who has been working as Secretary for our Region for quite a long time. Also, I would like to thank Mr David Aldous, President of IFPRA and Mr Gabe De Buysscher - former President of IFPRA. During the next three years in my term of office, I hope to get your continuous assistance and support.



Ms. ZHENG Shuling - Chairperson

Commissioners News

At the World Commission Meeting held in Hangzhou the following IFPRA Asia Pacific members were confirmed as members of the Commission:

Executive

Chairperson - Ms Zheng Shuling (China)
Chairman Elect - Dr Russell Arthur Smith (Singapore)
Immediate Past Chairman - Mr Rob Small (New Zealand)

Commissioners

Australia - Dr Anne Binkley
China - Mr Li Rusheng
Japan - Dr Mariko Handa
New Zealand - Mr Rob Small
Saudi Arabia - Mohammed Al Humaidhi
Singapore - Mr Otto Fung Wai Chan

In addition to the above John Brandenburg was appointed Secretary for the period 1999/2000 to 2001/2002. There are no Commissioners for Malaysia and Hong Kong and local members should have their professional organisations nominate persons to represent them in the Federation.

Welcome to New Members - City of Perth, Mr G Dyson, Hobart City Council, Mr R Jacobs and Ms J Peters from Australia, Wellington City Council from New Zealand, Assistant Prof. M Junshan, Shenzhen Municipal Authority, Assistant Prof Y Yifeng and Mr F Youqiang from China and the Institute of Parks & Recreation and Ms L A Lim from Singapore.

Expression of Interest

The Commission is calling for expressions of interest for hosting the 2005 and 2008 Regional Congress. Please contact the Secretary, Mr. John Brandenburg, for further information.



Regional Snapshots

Melbourne - Australia - The A\$400M Docklands Stadium project, which will include Australia's first roofed football ground, is scheduled for opening in February, 2000. This multi-use structure comes with a moving roof, moving seats, and even a moveable pitch. StrathAyr Turf Systems Pty Ltd has the contract to design and construct the playing surface for the Colonial Stadium with a natural turf surface.

Singapore - On behalf of the International Federation of Parks and Recreation Administration we extend an invitation to attend the IFPRA Asia Pacific Congress 2002 in Singapore. The Institute of Parks & Recreation (Singapore) is honoured to have the privilege of hosting the congress.



Singapore has been well known as a garden city. It is famous for its clean and green image, well-planned public parks and dynamic urban life. Despite a challenging tropical climate and limited land area, Singapore has now become a world icon for a modern "City in a Garden". Innovation, experimentation, conservation, planning and management and horticulture are the keys to Singapore's success as a garden city.

With its extensive parks, gardens and recreational facilities, Singapore is a fitting venue for the congress. Delegates will be able to learn of and experience a range of parks, gardens and related features in Singapore as well as in Southeast Asia. In addition there will be presentations by many international experts.

We look forward to seeing you in October 2002 in Singapore. Otto Fung, Organising Chairman and Russell Arthur Smith, President IPR (Singapore).

Miyazaki - Japan - Every year the National Urban Greenery Fair is held at a selected city under the unified theme of "Configuration of Green-rich Communities, Say It With Flowers By Your Windows, Provide Greenery For Your Communities In Which You Live and Let Us Now Create Much More Greenspaces In Our Communities For Tomorrow!"

Last year "The 16th National Urban Greenery Fair, Miyazaki 1999" took place at Miyazaki City in Miyazaki prefecture of Kyushu located in the southern part of Japan, for 65 days from March 27 until May 30.

The Fair under the special theme "Brilliant Sunshine and Building Communities With Affluent Greenery" aimed at dispatching a strong message of community building with flowers and greenery to both Japan and the whole world from Miyazaki. The Fair attracted about 1.9 million visitors during the period, and the maximum number of visitors per day was about 100,000.

In 2000 the 17th National Urban Greenery Fair is to be held in Tochigi prefecture from September 9 to November 5.



Yume-Hana Kan (Dream and Flowers Pavillion) and Hotel

Sydney - Australia - According to estimates the following are the approximate food quantities required for the estimated 13 million meals to be dished up to athletes and officials, the Olympic family, the Games workforce, technical officials, the media, sponsors and ticket holders over the 33-day Olympic Games period:

- Fruit: 4,200,000 units
- Vegetables: 760 tonnes
- Beef: 200 tonnes
- Lamb: 90 tonnes
- Pork: 110 tonnes
- Chicken: 450 tonnes
- Seafood: 280 tonnes
- Cheese: 140 tonnes
- Margarine/Butter: 80 tonnes
- Coffee: 24 tonnes
- Eggs: 3.4 million
- Bread Rolls: 3.5 million
- Bread loaves: 262,000
- Cooking oils: 70,000 litres
- Milk: 160,000 litres

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Venue: Canberra, ACT. Australia.

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17 - 21 September

19th IFPRA World Congress

Venue: Somerset West (40km from Cape Town) South Africa.

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2002

5 - 9 June

Millenium Turfgrass Conference

Venue: Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Australia.

Contact: AGCSA - Level 1, 19 Railway Parade North,

Glen Waverley. 3150. Australia.

IFPRA Asia / Pacific Congress - October

Venue: Singapore.

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IFPRA Europe Congress

Venue: Stavanger, Norway

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