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1. Notice: Conference Venue Changed

The 20th CODATA International Conference venue has now been changed to **the China Resources Hotel Beijing (Beijing Huarun Hotel)**. The China Resources Hotel (Beijing Huarun Hotel) is a four-star hotel, located in the east of Beijing, near the Beijing World Trade Center - CBD district of Beijing. The hotel offers rooms ranging from standard to luxurious suites. For business travelers there are function rooms of various sizes, and a business center which provide typing, photocopying and fax services. There are a number of dining opportunities in the hotel serving both Chinese and Western food. There is also a coffee shop and a bar on site.
For a description of this hotel, see **http://www.codata.cn/2006/venue/index.html**.

If you have already reserved in one of the hotels around the Beijing International Convention Center (the previous location), we advise you to cancel this booking immediately. We apologize for this change, but the new venue is much more appropriate considering the large size of the conference. The complete conference program will now take place at this venue as well. We encourage you to reserve in the conference hotel, please make reservation on the website of the conference:
http://www.codata.cn/2006/accommodation/index.html

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Many thanks for your understanding!

Welcome to CODATA 2006 Conference!

2. Organization

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ZHANG Xian'en, China

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YAN Baoping, Vice-President of Chinese National Committee for CODATA

Secretary-general:

XIAO Yun, Secretary-general of Chinese National Committee for CODATA

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CAO Yongsheng, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences

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3. Schedule of the Conference

Date / Time	Oct. 22 Sunday	Oct. 23 Monday	Oct. 24 Tuesday	Oct. 25 Wednesday
Morning	Registration	Opening Ceremony	Plenary 1	Key sessions
		Plenary 1	Plenary 2	Key sessions
		Plenary 2	Key sessions	Parallel Sessions
Afternoon		Key sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions
		Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions
		Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Closing Ceremony
Evening	Reception	Banquet	CODATA Prize	

4. Scientific Program

Plenary Lectures
Professor XU Guanhua (Minister of Ministry of Science and Technology, China**)**
Scientific Data Sharing—Strategy and Potential of Science Innovation in China
Professor Jane LUBCHENCO (Past-President ICSU**)**
Science's Sine Qua Non: Making Scientific Knowledge Understandable, Relevant and Useful
Professor Tony HEY (Vice President for Technical Computing, Microsoft**)**
e-Science and Cyberinfrastructure
Professor LIU Depei (President of Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences**)**
The Brief Introduction for the Project Construction of Medical Science Data Sharing

Key Sessions
Key session A1, CODATA: 40 Years of Bringing Data to the World
Key session A2, Scientific Data Sharing and Application in China
Key session A3, Data, IT, and Applications
Key session A4, IAP Special Session: Role of Scientific Data in Natural Disaster Management
Key session D1, Young Scientists
Key session D2, Scientific Data Archiving Practices: Past, Present, and Future
Key session D3, Scientific Data and Science Innovation
Key session H1, The International Polar Year
Key session H2, Roundtable: CODATA Vision of the Future
Key session H3, Crossing the Social-Natural Science Data Boundaries
Key session I1, Global Information Commons for Science Initiative
Key session I2, International Association of Universal Design (IAUD Joint Session)
Key session I3, Data Stewardship

Parallel Sessions
Room-1
Session B1, CEOS/WGISS Data Resources, Technology and Services (1)
Session C1, CEOS/WGISS Data Resources, Technology and Services (2)
Session E1, eGY: International Data Sharing
Session F1, Virtual Observatories in the Geosciences
Session G1, Best Practices for Scientific Data Stewardship
Session J1, International Polar Year Activities
Session K1, Progress in Environmental Data Management
Session L1, Workshop on "The New Frontier in Defining the Data to Knowledge Paradigm"

Room-2
Session B2, Bioinformatics
Session C2, Primary Biological Databases
Session E2, Medicine & Health Data
Session F2, Brain Bank (1)
Session G2, Brain Bank (2)
Session J2, A Challenge to Scientific Risk Estimation on Health Effects of Low Dose Radiation

Session K2, Species 2000 and China: Completing the Catalogue of Life
Session L2, Bioinformatics/Biodiversity

Room-3
Session B3, Managing Astronomical Data
Session C3, Integrating Heterogeneous & Very Large Datasets for Global Water Cycle Studies: A Case Study for GEOSS
Session E3, e-science (1)
Session F3, e-science (2)
Session G3, Infrastructure & Technology for Scientific Data
Session J3, E-Science Networking
Session K3, E-Science Visualization
Session L3, Database Methods

Room-4
Session B4, Disaster Data (1)
Session C4, Disaster Data (2)
Session E4, Interdisciplinary Communication for Risk Management with Multi-Data Mining (1)
Session F4, Interdisciplinary Communication for Risk Management with Multi-Data Mining (2)
Session G4, Interdisciplinary Communication for Risk Management with Multi-Data Mining (3)
Session J4, Data Mining/Knowledge Management
Session K4, Electronic Journal Publication
Session L4, Digital Library

Room-5
Session B5, The Applications of IT Data in the Social Sciences
Session C5, Application of IT Data in *Literae Humaniores*
Session E5, The Development, Management & Sharing of Social Science Data
Session F5, International Social Science Data Archives: Models, Policies, & Principles
Session G5, Social Science Data Issues
Session J5, Environment-conscious Actions for Sustainable Development (1)
Session K5, Environment-conscious Actions for Sustainable Development (2)
Session L5, Environmental Information Systems for Decision Support

Room-6
Session B6, Human Science Integration & Its Synthetic Research Methodology (1)
Session C6, Human Science Integration & Its Synthetic Research Methodology (2)
Session E6, Solar-Terrestrial Data
Session F6, Towards the Increased Use and Availability of Anthropometric Data for Engineering
Session G6, Geoscience Data
Session J6, Remote Sensing Data & Applications
Session K6, Advances in Metadata
Session L6, Supporting Sustainable Access to Scientific Data through Metadata

Room-7
Session B7, Computational Informatics: Integrating Data Science with Materials Modeling (1)

Session C7, Computational Informatics: Integrating Data Science with Materials Modeling (2)
Session E7, Computational Informatics: Integrating Data Science with Materials Modeling (3)
Session F7, Computational Informatics: Integrating Data Science with Materials Modeling (4)
Session G7, Materials Science
Session J7, Chemical and Physical Data
Session K7, Cyberinfrastructure for the Geosciences
Session L7, Data Access Systems

Room-8
Session B8, Open Source
Session C8, Recent Developments in Intergovernmental and National Data Access Policies
Session E8, Data Access Policy
Session F8, Data Role in Promoting Public Understanding of Science (1)
Session G8, Data Role in Promoting Public Understanding of Science (2)
Session J8, Task Group on Preservation of and Access to Scientific & Technical Data in Developing Countries

Room-9
Session B9, Clean Energy Recovery from Coal & Coal Resources
Session C9, The Internationally Distributed Hydrate Database: Quick Wins

Posters
About 200 posters will be displayed during the conference.
Poster P1, Data Archives
Poster P2, Data Policy
Poster P3, Data Mining
Poster P4, e-Science
Poster P5, Metadata
Poster P6, Information Technology
Poster P7, Scientific Data Sharing and Application in China
Poster P8, Geoscience
Poster P9, eGY
Poster P10, Biology
Poster P11, Brain Bank
Poster P12, Medicine and Health
Poster P13, Physics and Chemistry
Poster P14, Disaster Data
Poster P15, Social Science Data

The final list of Sessions and Posters will be published in the Program of the Conference

5. Notes for Authors

Publications

All the papers will be published in the Abstract Book of the Conference. A selection of full papers in electronic version will be published in the *Data Science Journal* and also on the CODATA international website.

Language

The conference working language is English.

Projectors

Overhead projectors and computer-aided projectors (for Microsoft PowerPoint presentations only) will be available. Mac computers will not be available for PowerPoint presentations. Mac users can connect to the computer-aided projectors if they bring their own computer and connecting cord.

Poster Display Board

Each poster presenter will be provided with a vertical surface to mount their poster presentation. The area available for the poster is limited to a rectangle 250 cm tall by 100 cm wide. Each board will host one poster, and it is recommended that each poster use the standard size of 120 cm tall by 90 cm wide. Poster materials must be legible from a distance of two meters. Lettering in text and figures should be at least 5 mm, and the heading should be at least 10 mm. The title of the paper, the authors, and their affiliations should appear near the top of the poster in letters approximately 25 mm high. Details for setting up the poster will be sent to you by the end of August.

6. General information

Venue and Accommodation

The conference will be held in the **China Resources Hotel Beijing (Beijing Huarun Hotel)**.

The China Resources Hotel (Beijing Huarun Hotel) is a four-star hotel, located in the east of Beijing, near the Beijing World Trade Center - CBD district of Beijing.
● The hotel offers rooms ranging from standard to luxurious suites. For business travelers there are function rooms of various sizes, and a business center which provide typing, photocopying and fax services. There are a number of dining opportunities in the hotel serving both Chinese and Western food. There is also a coffee shop and a bar on site.
● The China Resources Hotel, Beijing is located 8 minutes by car from the Beijing World Trade Center, 15 minutes from the Beijing railway station, and about 30 minutes from the airport.
● All rooms are equipped with IDD telephone, mini-bar, and air-conditioning. Satellite TV, CNN, NHK, and HBO can offer various business, sports and entertainment information. The Internet access enables you to know everything without leaving the room.
● Recreational facilities include a disco, KTV rooms, gymnasium, swimming pool, tennis court, health clinic, currency exchange desk, travel service and beauty salon.

Exhibition

The local organizing committee would like to take the opportunity of the historic 20th CODATA conference to cooperate with companies in various ways. Exhibitions will be held during the conference. Companies interested in making exhibitions or advertisements should contact the Secretariat of CODATA–2006 for details.

Registration

All participants are requested to register at the Conference Website: **http://www.codata.cn/2006/**

The registration fees are as follows:

Participants	Before 31 Aug, 2006	After 31 Aug, 2006
Professional (Chinese Mainland)	RMB 800	RMB 1200
Student (Chinese Mainland)	RMB 400	RMB 600
Professional (other countries and regions)	USD 360	USD 400
Student (other countries and regions)	USD 180	USD 200

- Fees for the participants will cover all scientific sessions, a copy of the Abstract Book, all printed materials of the conference, a welcome reception, banquet and entertainment.
- Students should send a letter from their supervisor along with their registration. The student fees cover the same benefits as for participants.
- **Registration fees from other countries and regions are requested to be paid to CODATA international in US dollars in one of the following ways:**
  - i) **Bank transfer:**
    Account Name: CODATA
    Name of Bank: BRED Banque
    Address: 105 Boulevard de Montmorency, 75016, Paris
    Account No: 10107 00116 00110160850 03
    IBAN: FR76 1010 7001 1600 1101 6085 018
    SWIFT Code BRED FR PP
    Please write your name and "CODATA-2006" on your bank transfer
  - ii) **Credit Card:**
    CODATA accepts American Express, Mastercard, and Visa. Please fill out the **Registration Form** with your credit card information and mail or fax it immediately to:
    CODATA Secretariat
    51 Bd de Montmorency, 75016, Paris, France
    Fax number:+ 33 1 42 88 14 66
  - iii) **Cheque:**
    Send your cheque with the **Registration Form** to:
    CODATA Secretariat
    51 Bd de Montmorency, 75016, Paris, France
    Note: the Registration Form is provided in Appendix A

- **Registration fees from the Chinese mainland are requested to be paid to the Chinese Organization Committee in RMB by bank transfer, cheque or remittance:**
  i) **Bank transfer:**
     Name of bank: Haidian Branch, the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China
     Name of account: Computer Network Information Center, CAS
     *Account No.:*0200049609200016431
  ii) **Cheque:**
     Please send your cheque to:
     CODATA China Secretariat
     No.4 South 4th Street, Zhongguancun, Haidian District, Beijing 100080, P.R.China
  iii) **Remittance:**
     Please remit your registration fees to:
     Ms. Tang Anli
     CODATA China Secretariat
     No.4 South 4th Street, Zhongguancun, Haidian District, Beijing 100080, P.R.China

  ### *Note:*
  1. Please write down clearly your name, your affiliation, and "CODATA registration fee" while transferring or remitting; and fax the duplicate of your receipt to +86-10-58812505. For more infomation please contact Ms.Tang Anli at +86-10-58812512, tal@sdb.cnic.cn
  2. Conference participants need to bear the bank-transfer or remittance charge themselves.

Cancellation of Registration

Cancellations should be made in writing (by fax or mail **NOT** email) to Computer Network Information Center,CAS. Address: No.4 South 4th Street, Zhongguancun, Haidian District, Beijing 100080, P.R.China. Fax: +86-10-5881-2505. The amount of refund will depend on the date when the cancellation notice is received.

Date Received	Rate of Refund
on or before 21 September 2006	100%
after 21 September 2006	No refunds

Hotel Reservation

Please note that the conference venue (hotel) has now been changed to the China Resources Hotel Beijing (Beijing Huarun Hotel).

Please apply for hotel room reservation in the China Resources Hotel Beijing (Beijing Huarun Hotel) not later than September 15.

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conference hotel, please make your reservation on the website of the conference:
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Room Type	Our Discount Rate	
Deluxe Room	RMB450 (about US$56)	No breakfast
Deluxe Executive Room	RMB550 (about US$69)	No breakfast

Notes:

1. After making room reservation on the conference website, a **Hotel Booking Confirmation Email** with your **Confirmation Number** will be sent to you. You are requested to pay 1 night deposit **(in U.S. dollars)** by bank transfer. Your room reservation validates only after we receive the deposit.

   Name of Bank: World Trade Centre Branch, Bank of China Beijing
   Name of Account: China Resources Hotel CO.LTD
   Account No.: 803503533208092014
   Swift Code: BKCHCNBJ110

   - **Please do write your name (same as the one used for hotel reservation and check-in), Confirmation Number and "CODATA-2006" on your bank transfer.**
   - **Please fax a copy of the bank transfer receipt to: +86-10-58812505.**
   - **Please bring the original copy of the bank transfer receipt with you for check-in.**

2. Check-in starts at 12:00 noon. If you want to check-in earlier, please contact the hotel in advance.

3. Cancellation Policy:
   - **Full Refund (No charge): cancellation or change in length of stay is made 20 days prior to arrival**
   - **1 night charge: Cancellations within 20 days prior to arrival**

7. Visa Information

If you have already registered for the conference, please login in the conference registration system (**http://reg.codata.cn/log/**) with your email and access key and fill in your visa information. If accompanying persons come with you, please fill in their visa information too.

If you have not registered for the conference, please register for the conference as soon as possible (**http://www.codata.cn/2006/registration/index.html**). During the registration procedure, you are requested to fill in the visa information of you and your accompanying persons.

We will send you an invitation letter as soon as possible after having received your registration information and you can go to local embassies of the P.R.China to apply for your visa with the invitation letter.

Notes:

1. You can directly go to apply for your visa with a fax or email copy of the invitation letter in most countries. If you do need the original hard copy, please give a clear indication when registering your information or contact Mr. Liu Lei.
2. If you have any questions please contact:

> Mr. Liu Lei
> Tel: +86-10-5881-2544
> Fax: +86-10-5881-2505
> Email: visa2006@codata.cn

8. Tour Information

Tours Available

A few post- and pre-conference tours, as well as accompanying person tours, have been arranged through **Beijjng North Star INT'L Travel Service LTD**. Please visit the Website for the details: **http://www.chinatravelreference.com**.

You can hit the links under the item of "Itineraries" below to see the details of each tour:

Route No	Itineraries	Date of the activity	Outbound Port	Price
PC --1	Beijing –Cheng De	21/10 –22/10		Double: 110USD/P.p Single: 130USD/P.p
DP --1	Forbidden City –half day's tour	23/10 A.M 25/10 P.M		30USD/P.p
DP --2	Temple of Heaven –half day's tour	24/10 A.M		25USD/P.p
DP --3	Summer Palace –half day's tour	23/10 P.M 25/10 A.M		25USD/P.p
DP --4	Hutong Tour –half day's tour	24/10 P.M		25USD/P.p
DP --5	Great Wall and Ming Tombs –one day's tour	26/10		50USD/P.p
DP --6	Feasting on Beijing Roast Duck	25/10 Evg		25USD/P.p
DP --7	Beijing Opera	24/10 Evg		20USD/P.p
DP --8	Acrobatics	23/10 Evg		20USD/P.p

PT --1	Beijing –Xi'an –Hangzhou –Suzhou Zhouzhuang –Shanghai 7 day's Tour	27/10—2/11	Shanghai	Double: 805USD/P.p Single: 940USD/P.p
PT --2	Beijing –Xi'an –Shanghai 4 day's Tour	27/10—30/10	Shanghai	Double: 650USD/P.p Single: 725USD/P.p
PT--3	Beijing-Guilin –Guangzhou 4 day's Tour	27/10—30/10	Guangzhou	Double: 750USD/P.p Single: 825USD/P.p

Notice:

1. Lunch is included in all the one-day tours.
2. For the reason of the different departure time and the outbound destinations to each tour participant, the outbound departure would not be arranged. All the things concerning the outbound departure would be arranged by tour participants themselves. If any help is needed, please go to our tour guides or tour operator.
3. The prices marked above do not included the tips for tour guides and drivers during all the tours.
4. The prices mentioned above do not included all the airport taxes for domestic and international flights，and oil supplement charge collected by China Civil Aviation Administration, which should be paid before the departure of the tour.
5. The above mentioned prices are only for groups of 10 or more persons.

Notes for Tour Participants:

1. Those who want to join the Pre-conference tour (PC-1) need to arrive Beijing at least one day before the tour. The Pre-conference tour will depart from the lobby of China Resources Hotel in the morning of the 21st October and all the tour participants for the PC-1 will meet there and set off at 08:30 AM.
2. Those who have registered the Post-conference tour need to have a check with the remittance bill at the tour registration desk in China Resources Hotel after arrival in Beijing and get the information concerning the post-conference tour.
3. All the prices for the Pre and Post-conference are only for groups of 10 or more persons. When the participants for any tour route are less than 10 persons, the tour operator has the right to raise the price of the tour route or to cancel the tour route.
4. Because the outbound destinations and the departure times are different for each participant of the Post-Conference tour, it would be impossible to arrange outbound departure for whole tour group. All the Post-conference tour would come to an end on the last day of the tour after breakfast. The things concerning the outbound departure would be handled by tour participants themselves.
5. Post-Conference tour participants need to have their outbound air-tickets ready in advance according to the outbound port of the tour route he or she has chosen. In order to guarantee a smooth outbound departure, 3 days before departure time tour participants need to have the outbound air-tickets reconfirmed.

6. All the prices for each tour program do not include airport taxes and tips for tour guides and drivers, and oil supplement charge collected by Chinese Civil Aviation Administration, which should be paid before the departure of the tour.

7. Those who have registered for any one of the Post-conference tours and paid the money, but for some reason wants   to cancel, need to pay the loss according to the regulation below:

    A. 15 days before the tour, need to pay 10% of the total cost of the tour

    B. 7 days before the tour, need to pay 20% of the total cost of the tour

    C. 1 days before the tour, need to pay 50% of the total cost of the tour

    D. On departure date, no money can be refunded.

How to Apply for the Tour:

For persons who are willing to participate in the tour program, please fill out the **Tour Registration Form** and send it back via fax (+86-10-5881-2505) or email (travel2006@codata.cn) no later than one month before the tour. A confirmation letter will be sent after the fax or email tour registration form is received. Meanwhile, please remit the cost of the tour to the designated tour program organizer, Beijing North Star International Travel Service LTD. When sending the money, **please write down the name of the participant and the tour program clearly on the remittance bill** and keep the bill safe for the future check with the tour program organizer. (Tour participants need to bear the remittance charge themselves)

Information of the bank account of the tour program organizer:	
Name:	Beijing North Star INT'L Travel Service LTD.
The Account-Number:	803202247608091001
The Name of the Bank:	Bank of China Beijing Aoyuncun Sub-Branch
Swift Code:	BKCHCNBJ110

Notes: Tour Registration Forms is provided in Appendix B and C

Contact Information:

If you want to ask for more information concerning tours, please contact the conference secretariat, or send emails to Beijjng North Star INT'L Travel Service LTD directly.

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Email: bnsit@chinatravelreference.com

Notice to Japanese: OFFICIAL TRAVEL AGENCY in Japan

If you will stay LESS THAN 15 DAYS in China, YOU DO NOT NEED TO APPLY A VISA, if you will please contact **Travel Partners Co., Ltd.,** which was pointed as an official travel agency for the convenience of the delegates from Japan to China.

The official travel agency will offer you the following services:

1. Registration & hotel

You can make your registration, reserve your hotel through the official travel agencies, and in order to avoid trouble of international bank transfer, you can also pay your registration fees, hotel deposit and tour fees through the official travel agencies.

2. Visa application to China

Any one who needs the visa for the CODATA 2006 Conference in China can contact the official travel agencies directly. They will help you to get the visa and the information about travel in China.

3. International Air Tickets

The discounted air tickets are available through the service offered by the official travel agencies.

4. Insurance

Any one who needs the insurance for your travel to China, the official travel agencies can offer you good service and information on it.

Contact information of the official travel agency in Japan:

Company name: Travel Partners Co., Ltd.

Address: 2F, K.C.M. Bldg., 25-6, Nihombashi-Hakozakicho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan 103-0015

Person in charge: Ms. Yuriko Matsukawa, Ms. Noriko Hagita

Tel: 03-5645-3700

Fax: 03-5645-3775

Email: chinadesk8@gold.ocn.ne.jp

9. Transportation

Arrival in Beijing:

Participants can make their own way to the conference venue by taxi. The distance between the airport and the Hotel is about a 30 minute drive. The note below will help you to get to the venue:

1. By Shuttle Bus and Taxi

You may take the shuttle bus from Beijing Capital Airport to Guo Mao (every 30 minutes, 16 RMB) and then take a taxi to China Resources Hotel (taxi charge about 16 RMB from Guo Mao to the hotel).

2. By Shuttle Bus and Subway

You may take the shuttle bus from Beijing Capital Airport to Xi Dan (every 30 minutes, 16 RMB) and then take the subway, Line 1 (3 RMB), to Si Hui Dong Station, which is then a 5-minute walk from China Resources Hotel. It usually takes one hour from the Airport to Xi Dan and half an hour from Xi Dan to the hotel.

3. By Taxi

From Beijing Capital Airport, take a taxi directly to China Resources Hotel. It usually takes 30 minutes and about RMB100 to get to the hotel.

Travel Notes in Chinese:

The travel notes below could help you. Please print it and show it to the driver.

Please take me to

China Resources Hotel, Beijing

请送我到华润饭店

（朝阳区建国路 35 号，四惠桥往东，电话：51385555）

Please tell me when the Public Shuttle Bus arrives at Xi Dan, thanks!

我在西单下，快到时请叫我，谢谢！

Please tell me when the Public Shuttle Bus arrives at Guo Mao, thanks!

我在国贸下，快到时请叫我，谢谢！

Please give me the receipt, thanks!

请把发票给我，谢谢！

10. Other Information

Brief Introduction

Beijing, the capital of the Peoples Republic of China, serves as the center of politics and culture, with an area of 16 800 square km and a population of 13 million. As the capital of seven ancient dynasties, Beijing has numerous imperial gardens and a great cultural heritage, including the famous Forbidden City (Palace Museum), Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, Ming Tombs, and Great Wall. Beijing is also known for it traditional handicrafts; Cloisonne and silk flowers are popular examples. Local dishes are dominated by Shandong cuisine and imperial flavor, but different cuisines from all over China are also very popular in Beijing. Following the rapid development of tourism and transportation in the last decade, especially as a result of its successful bid to host the 2008 Olympics, Beijing has now become a world-famous, modern metropolitan city.

Climate and Clothing

The temperature of Beijing during the conference period usually ranges from 18 to 23ºC. The hotel and conference halls are all air-conditioned.

Currency and Banking

The Chinese currency is RMB. Foreigners can make currency exchange at all banks and hotels using cash and traveler's checks. The exchange can also be made by credit card using special ATM machine. The rate of USD: RMB is about 1.0:8.0.

11. Correspondence

Conference Secretariat (local):

Address: No.4 South 4th Street, Zhongguancun District, Beijing 100080, P.R.China
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Conference Web site: < http://www.codata.cn/2006/index.html >

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12. Map of China Resources Hotel in Beijing City
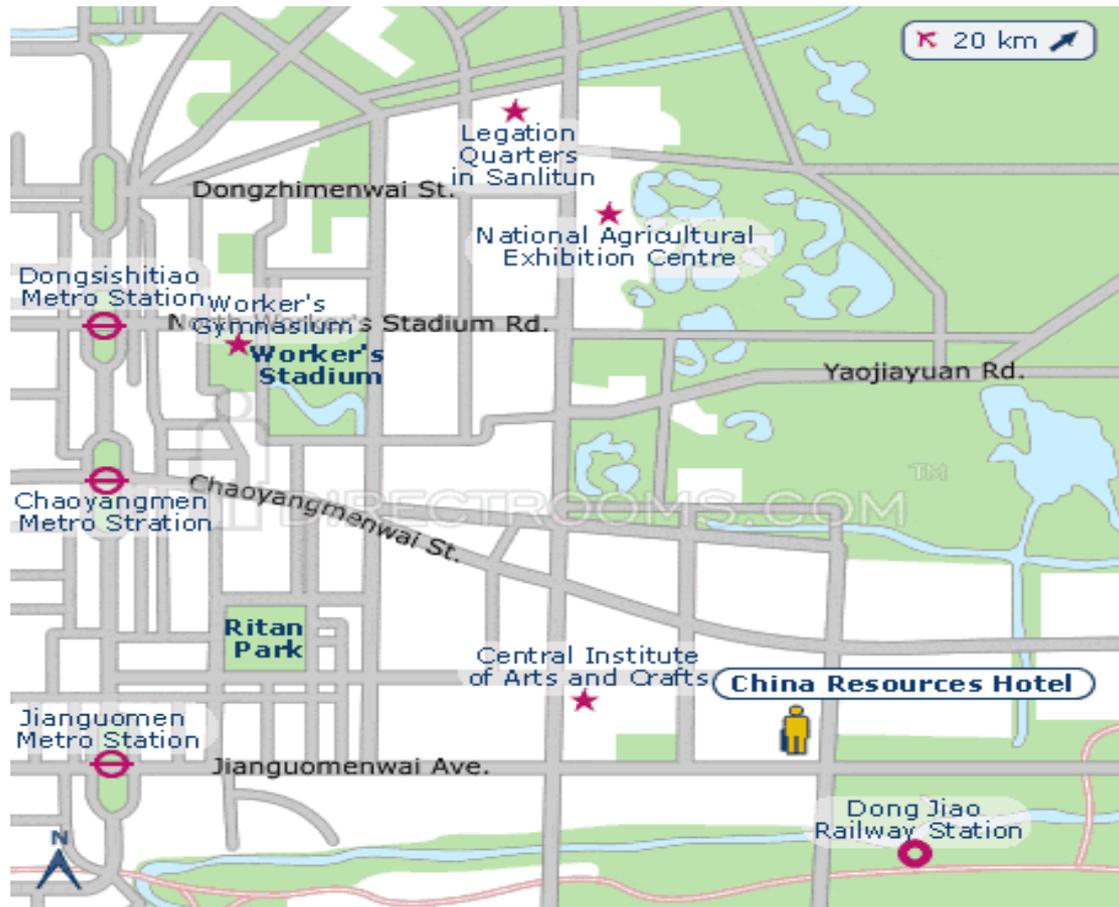
Appendix A: The Registration Form

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NOTE: If you registered on our website, please check here _____ and fill in only your name, email, and payment information below. If you have not registered online, please completely fill out this form.
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Participant (Use one form per person)
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Registration Fees: Before and on 31 August 2006: 360 USD (Students 180 USD)
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Name on Card:_____
Authorised Signature_____
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Appendix B: Tour Registration Form 1—Pre- & Post- Conference Tours

Full Name					
Tour No.	Tour Route		Price	Date	Choice
PC-1	Beijing –Cheng De		130 USD	21/10-22/10	
PT-1	Beijing –Xi'an –Hangzhou –Suzhou Zhouzhuang –Shanghai 7 day's Tour		940 USD	27/10-2/11	
PT-2	Beijing –Xi'an –Shanghai 4 day's Tour		725 USD	27/10-30/10	
PT-3	Beijing-Guilin –Guangzhou 4 day's Tour		825 USD	27/10-30/10	
	Name of tour Participants		Passport Number		Gender
Adults	1				
	2				
	3				
Children (Under 12 years old)	1				
	2				
	3				
Accommodation Requirement	Single		Double		
	If no roommate could be found, I prefer to pay the single room charge.				
Country or Region					
Telephone		Fax			
Email					
Diet Preference					

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Appendix C: Tour Registration Form 2—Tours during Conference

Full Name					
Tour No.	Tour Route	Price	Date & Time		Choice
DP –1	Forbidden City –half day's tour	30 USD	23/10 A.M		
			25/10 P.M		
DP --2	Temple of Heaven –half day's tour	25 USD	24/10 A.M		
DP --3	Summer Palace –half day's tour	25 USD	23/10 P.M		
			25/10 A.M		
DP --4	Hutong Tour –half day's tour	25 USD	24/10 P.M		
DP --5	Great Wall and Ming Tombs –one day's tour	50 USD	26/10		
DP --6	Feasting on Beijing Roast Duck	25 USD	25/10 Evg		
DP --7	Beijing Opera	20 USD	24/10 Evg		
DP --8	Acrobatics	20 USD	23/10 Evg		
	Names of tour Participants				
Name	1				
	2				
	3				
Telephone					
Fax					
Email					

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