

The 14th International Symposium on Nitrogen Fixation with Non-Legumes and the 3rd Asian Conference on Plant-Microbe Symbiosis and Nitrogen Fixation

Sponsored by the Chinese Society of Agricultural Biotechnology, organized by the Biotechnology Research Institute of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and hosted by the Sichuan Society for Cell Biology, the 14th International Symposium on Nitrogen Fixation with Non-Legumes (14NFNL) and 3rd Asian Conference on Plant-Microbe Symbiosis and Nitrogen Fixation (3APMNF) will take place October 29 – November 3, 2014 in Chengdu, China.

Every other year, NFNL is the largest-scale, highest standard, and strongest authority international conference of its type, while APMNF brings together Asia's leaders in this field to act as not only an academic conference, but a platform for exchange. The conference is expected to have about 500 guests – about 300 foreign and 200 Chinese. Leading academic researchers and professionals will present. Conference topics include: 1) biological nitrogen fixation (BNF) genomics and gene regulation; 2) nitrogen-fixing microorganism resources, ecological and evolutionary studies; 3) BNF and its use in agricultural applications; 4) BNF and environmental remediation and biological energy; 5) BNF and the global nitrogen cycle; and 6) current and cutting-edge research in the field of BNF and biological synthesis.

Please visit the official website: <http://www.bnfchengdu2014.com/>

1. Advisory Board and Organizing Committee Information

International Advisory Board for the 14th International Symposium on Nitrogen Fixation with Non-Legumes

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Conference Secretariat:

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2. Abstract Submission

1. **Essay requirements:** abstract must be in English and submitted by 15 September 2014. Abstracts may be submitted online.
2. **Presentation types:** special guest speakers, special topics, and oral presentations and poster exchanges.
3. **Poster presentation requirements:**
 - a. Wall poster size is 90 cm (width) x 120 cm (height)
 - b. Poster content must include title, author's name, work unit, research objective, methods, results, and discussion.
4. **Conference working language:** English

3. Conference Registration Fee

The registration deadline is 20 September 2014.

The registration fee for both conferences is RMB 7000; for only one conference the fee is RMB 4000. Students are half-price.

Note: This includes the conference registration, materials, food and beverages at inter-session breaks. Participants will supply food and travel expenses themselves.

4. Conference Accommodation Arrangement Options:

Note: Prices listed per room per night (e.g. RMB 1000 per room per night)

1. Century City Intercontinental Hotel (5-star accommodations located at the venue)
 - ☐ Standard double room (including two breakfast tickets): RMB 1000
 - ☐ King size room (including one breakfast): RMB 1000
2. Century City Holiday Inn (quasi 5-star accommodations located at the venue)
 - ☐ Standard double room (including two breakfast tickets): RMB 700
 - ☐ King size room (including one breakfast): RMB 700
3. Business Hotel (a 3-star hotel located a 10-minute drive from the venue with daily shuttles provided by the conference)
 - ☐ Standard double room (including two breakfast tickets): RMB 280
 - ☐ King size room (including one breakfast): RMB 280

The organizing committee will supply lunch and dinner for participants.

Century City Conference Center is located in Gaoxin District of Chengdu, which is about 16 km (a 20-minute car ride) from the international airport. It is also 16 km from the Chengdu train station, which is connected to subway Line 1, and 15 km from Chengdu East Train Station, accessible with a transfer from Line 2 to Line 1 on the subway. There are many business hotels near the conference center that can be reserved upon demand, and daily shuttles will run between sites.

In order to secure your room for the conference period, please register by 31 August 2014. October is Chengdu's major travel season, and we will need registration payment before 25 September; please use your discretion if a business group must cancel.

5. Business Sponsorship and Participation

The conference will take place over five days, with approximately 500 people guests expected to attend. We welcome support in several brackets:

1. Title Sponsor (RMB 10,000-60,000)

- a. Registration fees for 2 participants (accommodations not included)
- b. Name on display (1-2 locations) at the conference venue
- c. Sponsor logo printed on website and conference materials
- d. Sponsor materials may be distributed at the meeting
- e. We will provide 1-2 booths
- f. A 15-minute talk at the technology talks (with simultaneous translation)
- g. Participate in an opening dinner party for our title sponsors

2. Presenting Sponsorship (RMB 30,000-50,000)

- a. Registration fee for one participant (accommodations not included)
- b. Company name on display at one location at the venue
- c. Sponsor materials may be distributed at the meeting
- d. Sponsor logo printed on conference website and materials
- e. Provide one booth
- f. A 15-minute talk at the technology talks (with simultaneous translation)

3. Participation Sponsorship (RMB 20,000)

- a. Registration fee for one participant (accommodations not included)
- b. Company name on display at one location at the venue
- c. Sponsor materials may be distributed at the meeting
- d. Sponsor logo printed on conference website and materials

4. Other Support

- a. Logos will be printed on the conference website and materials

Please contact the conference secretariat if you are interested in sponsorship or participation as a company.

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6. Payment for Conference Registration and Participation

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