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Chengdu Institute of Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)
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THE 8th WORLD CONGRESS OF HERPETOLOGY

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Invitation

Nanjing Normal University, Hangzhou Normal University, Lishui University, and the city of Hangzhou warmly invite herpetological colleagues and students from all over the world to attend the 8th World Congress of Herpetology (WCH8), to be held 15-21 August 2016 in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China, which is a world-class conference city and offers a wealth of scientific resources, historic figures, cultural heritages and entertainment. The congress will be co-hosted by Chengdu Institute of Biology, Institute of Zoology, and Kunming Institute of Zoology of Chinese Academy of Sciences, and sponsored by China Zoological Society (CZS), Chinese Herpetological Society (CHS), International Society of Zoological Sciences (ISZS), and Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles (SSAR). The hosts, co-hosts, and sponsoring societies will work together in the planning and organizing of the congress. We invite CHS to meet jointly with the WCH8 in Hangzhou.

China has a long history of herpetological research. Studies conducted in China have contributed significantly to our present day understanding of herpetology, global biodiversity and life science. China currently has a spirited and collegial herpetological community that extends from coastal to inland regions, and from the northernmost to southernmost parts of the country. Chinese researchers from across the country have established a significant international presence in diverse areas of herpetology. The WCH8 in Hangzhou will highlight China's southeast coast and the organizing committee naturally will draw largely from the significant herpetological expertise in that region. We will be aided by our herpetological colleagues in other parts of China, giving this congress a truly Chinese flavour. We promise a wonderful social and intellectual experience in one of the world's most beautiful settings.

Detailed information about the 2016 Congress will appear on the WCH8 website (www.wch2016hangzhou.com) and other related sources such as the WCH website (www.worldcongressofherpetology.org), and we encourage you to consult these sources for important dates and details of registration and submission of abstracts, papers (for possible publication in *Asian Herpetological Research*, *Current Zoology*, or *Integrative Zoology*), and oral / poster presentations.

We look forward to seeing you in Hangzhou in August 2016.

Sincerely yours,

Professor Jean-Marc Hero

Secretary General, WCH Deputy Director, Environmental Futures Research Institute Griffith University, Australia

Professor Xiang Ji

Secretary General Elect, WCH Chair, Local Organizing Committee (WCH8) President, Chinese Herpetological Society Nanjing Normal University, China



About WCH

The World Congress of Herpetology (WCH) was founded on August 2, 1982. Initial funding was contributed by herpetology societies around the world, and was put toward the first WCH meeting in Canterbury, UK, 11-19 September 1989. The objectives of the Congress are to promote international interest, collaboration and co-operation in herpetology. These are to be achieved by holding periodic international congresses of herpetology, by establishing specialist committees, by serving as the Section of Herpetology of the International Union of Biological Sciences and by undertaking or encouraging such other activities as will promote these objectives. The WCH has continued to meet every 3-5 years since 1989, as proposed by the constitution. The WCH2 was held in Adelaide, Australia, 29 December 1993 to 6 January 1994, the WCH3 in Prague, Czech, 2-10 August 1997, the WCH4 in Bentota, Sri Lanka, 3-9 December 2001, the WCH5 in Stellenbosch, South Africa, 19-24 June 2005, the WCH6 in Manaus, Brazil, 17-22 August 2008, and the WCH7 in Vancouver, Canada, 8-14 August 2012.

The WCH8 will be held in Hangzhou, China, 15-21 August 2016.

About WCH8

The WCH8 will have 9 plenary lectures, 31 symposia in 9 thematic groups, and contributed paper sessions not covered by any symposium.

Main Theme: Adaptation, Evolution and Global Survival Crisis of Amphibians and Reptiles Venue: New Century Grand Hotel Hangzhou, 818 Middle Shixin Road, Hangzhou, China Official Language: English

Delegates: About 1,000 participants from over 60 countries and regions are expected!

Program at a Glance

15 August, Monday

Registration
Welcome Cocktail Party
PPT Show of Amphibians and Reptiles in China

16 August, Tuesday

Opening Ceremony Plenary Lectures:



- 1. **Barry Sinervo** (University of California, Santa Cruz, USA): The Sixth Mass Extinction is Underway: The Current Reptile and Amphibian Biodiversity Crisis Compared to Extinctions over the Past 200 Million Years
- 2. **Kate Sanders** (University of Adelaide, Australia): *Rapid Radiation* and Speciation of Sea Snakes
- 3. **Yiming Li** (Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China): *Dynamics of Species Range: Roles of Climate, Topography*



and Human Activities

Concurrent Sessions: Symposia, Contributed Paper Sessions

WCH Exec & IHC Meetings

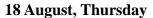
Chinese Traditional Art Performance, OR Other Evening Activities



17 August, Wednesday

Plenary Lectures:

- 1. **Krystal Tolley** (South African National Biodiversity Institute, South Africa): Ever Since Gondwana: The Influence of Changing Climate, Fragmenting Forest, and Spreading Savanna on the Biogeography of African Reptiles
- 2. Indraneil Das (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia): Ethnoherpetology: Perspectives and Conservation Concurrent Sessions: Symposia, Contributed Paper Sessions Poster Session (Free Drinks / Student Party)



Mid-conference Excursion (Day Trips to Local Sights)



Plenary Lectures:

- - 1. Paula Cabral Eterovick (Pontif éia Universidade Cat dica de Minas Gerais, Brazil): A Challenging World for Frogs
 - 2. Hidetoshi Ota (University of Hyogo, Japan): Systematics and Biogeography of the East Asian Herpetofauna, with Emphasis on the Recent Contributions from the Molecular, Cytogenetic, and Fossil Studies

Concurrent Sessions: Symposia, Contributed Paper Sessions WCH 2020 Bids & Auction



20 August, Saturday

Plenary Lectures:

- 1. Corinne Richards-Zawacki (University of Pittsburgh, USA): Selection and the Evolution of Warning Color Diversity in the Strawberry Poison Frog
- 2. Francesco Ficetola (University of Grenoble-Alpes, France): What Determines Biogeographical Patterns of Amphibians and Reptiles: The Past, the Present and the Humans

Concurrent Sessions: Symposia, Contributed Paper Sessions WCH Exec & IHC Meetings

Closing Ceremony Closing Banquet **Awards**

21 August, Sunday

Post-conference Tours (Optional)









City of Hangzhou

Hangzhou (30 °16'N, 120 °12'E), located along southeast coast of China, is the capital of Zhejiang Province and works as the center of politics, economy, science, education and culture of the province. Hangzhou is a key national tourism city, and is renowned as Paradise on the Earth, Cultural State, Home of Silk, Tea Capital, Town of Fish and Rice, Oriental Capital of Leisure, and City of Quality Life.

Hangzhou is at the west end of Hangzhou Bay, on the lower reaches of Qiantang River, and at the south end of the Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal. It is one of the three key cities, of which the other two are Shanghai and Nanjing, in Yangtze River Delta and a traffic hub in southeast China. The northwest and southwest of Hangzhou belong to the West and Central Zhejiang Hill Region; while the northeast and southeast to the North Zhejiang Plain Region with dense river networks. The hill regions of the city account for 65.6% of the total area.

Hangzhou is one of the cradles of Chinese civilization. Kuahuqiao Culture within Xiaoshan District has a history of 8,000 years and Liangzhu Culture, within Yuhang District, has a history of 5000 years. Since Hangzhou was set up as a county capital in Qin Dynasty, it has a history of more than 2200 years. It used to be the capital of Wuyue State (during the Five-Dynasty-Ten-State Era in Chinese history) and South Song Dynasty (1127-1279); that made Hangzhou one of the seven ancient capitals in China. Hangzhou was once called as Qiantang in the ancient time. In 589, the 9th year of Kaihuang Period of Sui Dynasty, Qiantang County was upgraded as Hangzhou City, which was the first time when the name "Hangzhou" came into history. In 1129, the 3rd year of Jianyan Period of South Song Dynasty, Emperor Gaozong visited Hangzhou and upgraded it as Lin'an prefecture. In 1138, the 8th year of Gaozong's Shaoxing Period, South Song Dynasty established its capital in Lin'an and the city remained to be the national capital for over 140 years.

Over 80% of colleges, universities and research institutions in Zhejiang Province are gathered in Hangzhou. The city now has 36 universities with 409,600 undergraduate students and 29,700 graduate students. A number of national museums can be found in Hangzhou. Fine



examples are the National Silk Museum and National Tea Museum. Along with the other museums in Hangzhou, they provide a fascinating insight into the history of Chinese traditional products.

Hangzhou dishes are noted for their elaborate preparation, sophisticated cooking and refreshing taste. Many local specialties will be sure to make your trip a cultural experience. We recommend that you try Beggar's Chicken, West Lake Vinegar Fish, Dongpo's Pork and Fried Shrimps with Longjing Tea, Pian Er Chuan Noodle, Shallot Stuffed Pancake, etc.

The shopping environment in Hangzhou is exciting and convenient. Travelers and tourists like to go to Qinghefang Street. It is one of the most famous and historic streets in the city and reflects many of the features of the Southern Song Dynasty. Shoppers will admire the antique buildings while purchasing items from a wide range of local goods such as silks, tea or maybe a silk parasol, brocade or a beautiful Hangzhou fan. These are just some of the items to be found but there are many more.

At night Hangzhou has much to offer and teahouses and various kinds of pubs are both plentiful and popular. Choosing one overlooking the West Lake for a pleasant chat over a cup of tea is sure to make you feel totally relaxed and refreshed.



Weather

Hangzhou is in subtropical zone with monsoon climate. With abundant sunshine and rainfall, it has clear distinction of four seasons. The average temperature is 16 °C around the year, 29 °C in the summer and 4 °C in the winter. The average rainfall is 1435 mm around the year and the average relative humidity 76%. There are two rainy seasons – one is the Plum rain season from June to July, and the other is the typhoon rain season from August to September.

Average Daily Temperatures (Fahrenheit / Celsius)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Aver.	46 °F	50 °F	57 °F	70 °F	79 °F	84 °F	91 °F	90 °F	82 °F	72 °F	63 °F	52 °F
High	8 °C	10 °C	14 °C	21 °C	26 °C	29 °C	33 °C	32 °C	28 °C	23 °C	17 °C	11 °C
Aver.	34 °F	37 °F	43 °F	54 °F	63 °F	70 °F	77 °F	77 °F	68 °F	59 °F	48 °F	39 °F
Low	1 °C	3 °C	6°C	12 °C	17 °C	21 °C	25 °C	25 °C	20 °C	15 °C	9 °C	4 °C



Registration

- All participants contributing oral presentations and posters and/or attending any sessions, accompanying persons and vendors must register online (www.wch2016hangzhou.com)
- Online registration has been available since 1 March 2015

Registration Fees (All in US Dollars)

	Early 1 March 2015 - 31 March 2016	Regular 1 April 2016 - 15 June 2016	On-site 16 June 2016 - 21 August 2016				
General	480	530	600				
Students	320	360	420				
Accompanying Persons	100	125	150				
Following are optional							
Meal (Lunch and/or Dinner) Plan	18 per meal	18	Not Available				
WCH Cocktail Party (15 August)	35	35	Not Available				
WCH Banquet (20 August)	65	65	Not Available				
Chinese Traditional Art Performance (16 August)	55	55	Not Available				
Mid-conference Excursion (18 August)	55	55	Not Available				
T-Shirt	25	25	Not Available				
4G-USB stick with Abstracts	10	10	Not Available				
Additional \$20 levy to support students from under-represented countries							

Payment

- Payment by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners) is accepted online via secure server. See the registration site for the details of bank transfer payment
- NO credit card payments will be accepted at the conference site, and only payments in cash of EURO, USD, and CNY (RMB) can be accepted at the conference registration check-in desk

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation requests made on or before 15 June 2016: 100% of the total will be refunded
- Cancellation requests received on or after 16 June 2016: No refund
- A handling fee (for both credit card and bank transfer) will be deducted from the refund

Participant Fee Includes

- · Access to all scientific sessions, symposia and meetings
- Registration documents and materials
- Cultural and social programs in the Congress Venue (The details will be available on the WCH8 website in January 2016)

Accompanying Person Fee Includes

Cultural and social programs in the Congress Venue (The details will be available on the WCH8 website in January 2016)

Invitation Letter to the Congress

An invitation letter is issued for the purpose of visa application and/or to obtain funding for attending the Congress. This letter does not imply any financial obligation on the part of the Congress organizers. If you require an invitation letter, please contact **Dr. Jian-Fang Gao at wch8hz@outlook.com**. Please note that your registration must be complete and paid in full before an invitation letter will be issued. If your entry visa to China is denied, we will refund your registration payment in full without penalty.

Post-congress Tours (Excursion)

Post-congress Tours are planned for participants to deepen the understanding of culture, history, landscape, humanity and herpetofauna in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, or China. The list of tours and the details are available on the congress website (www.wch2016hangzhou.com).

Additional WCH8 Details

Meal: Meal (lunch or dinner) is NOT included in the registration fee. The WCH8 participants are free to choose their own lunch or dinner from the restaurant in the Congress Venue (New Century Grand Hotel Hangzhou, NCGH) as well as a variety of shops (restaurants, takeaways and supermarkets) in the nearby shopping complex.

Childcare: Childcare service is available on a daily basis in NCGH. You need to register your child in advance. The details of the childcare service and the registration will be available on the congress website in early April 2016.

Exhibition: On-site exhibition includes academic books, specialists' equipment, promotion of organizational activities, etc. If you are interested in holding an exhibition in the Congress Venue, please contact **Dr. Jian-Fang Gao at wch8hz@outlook.com**.



Accommodation

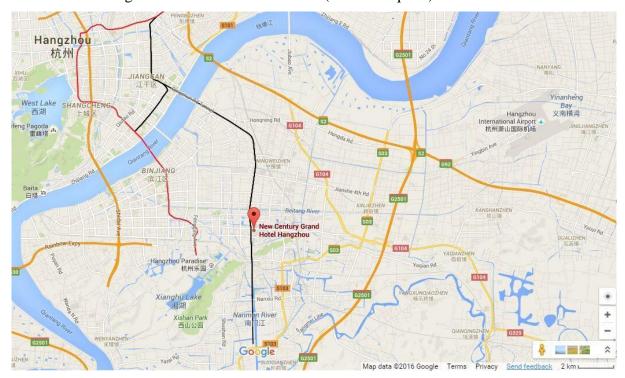
There is a plenty of accommodations available in Hangzhou, from thrifty to deluxe, and the WCH8 participants are free to choose their own taste. However, the Organizing Committee recommend staying around the Middle Shixin Road Area for an easy access to the Congress Venue, New Century Grand Hotel Hangzhou. Some other areas along the METRO (Subway) Line 2 are also convenient. See the congress website for other two most convenient hotels of which both are cheaper than the Congress Venue.



New Century Grand Hotel Hangzhou

818 Middle Shixin Road (Shixin Zhong Lu), Hangzhou 311202, China Website: http://www.newcenturygrandhotel.com/en/

The five-star hotel in a height of 218 meters is the tallest tower in Hangzhou. The hotel is located in Xiaoshan CBD, 25 min drive (23 km) to Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport. The hotel is within 30 min drive (25 km) to the West Lake, and 2.5 h drive to Shanghai. With about 700 guest rooms, two grand-scale conference halls of 1400 m², 15 meeting rooms of 100-500 m², the hotel is the largest five-star hotel in Hangzhou and can hold 2600 persons for meeting or banquet. Within 2.5 miles of the hotel, there are many large scaled supermarkets. Outside the hotel gate there is a METRO station (Renmin Square) of Line 2.

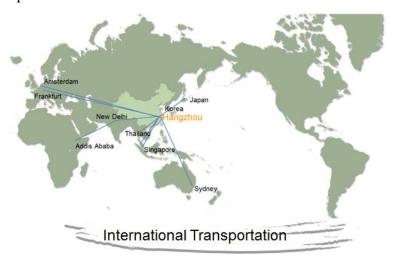




Travel & Transport

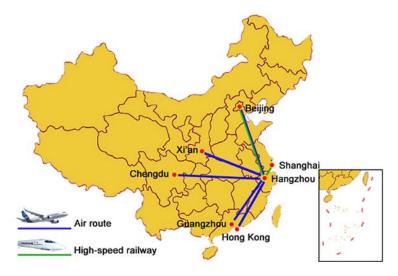
International Flights to Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport (HGH)

- Hangzhou is served by 32 major air carriers. Weekly direct flights from/to Hangzhou: 14 to Europe (Amsterdam and Frankfurt), 7 to Africa (Addis Ababa) and 84 to Asia Pacific destinations (Hong Kong, Macao, Tokyo, Osaka, New Delhi, Seoul, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, and Sydney).
- Via Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Chengdu, and Xi'an, Hangzhou connects nearly all metropolises in the world.



Domestic Flights, or CRH to Hangzhou

- Direct flights connect Hangzhou to more than 70 major cities in China.
- Hangzhou is served by two main railways Common Railway, which provides passenger service to nearly all China cities and CRH (China Railway High-speed train), which allows faster and more convenient trips to many large cities such as Shanghai, Nanjing, Wuhan, Ji'nan, Wenzhou, Fuzhou, Guangzhou, and Beijing. Located downtown, the Hangzhou City Station is served by taxis and local city buses.



City Transportation

Between the airport and the Congress Venue, transfer service is readily available by (prices subject to change):

- airport bus: 3.2 US\$ / 20 RMB in ~45 min (taking airport bus to Xiaoshan Bus Station first and then taking taxi to the Congress Venue at an additional cost of 10 RMB)
- limousine: 24 US\$ / 150 RMB in ~30 min
- taxi: 16 US\$ / 100 RMB in ~30 min

Hangzhou has an efficient public transportation network, consisting of a modern fleet of regular diesel bus, trolley bus, hybrid diesel-electric bus and taxi. Bus Rapid Transit network expands from downtown to suburban areas through dedicated bus lanes on some of the busiest streets in the city. Bicycles and electric scooters are popular.

Map of METRO in Hangzhou (the red five-pointed STAR shows the Conference Venue).





Call for Abstracts

- Online abstract submission is available from 1 March 2015, through a link on the home page of the WCH8 website (www.wch2016hangzhou.com).
- Abstract submission deadline is 15 June 2016. Abstracts will not be accepted after this date.
- Notification of acceptance will commence on 15 March 2016.
- No accepted abstract will be included in the program unless registration and payment has been received. All accepted presenters must be registered and fully paid by **15 June 2016**.
- Abstracts are to be informational and report on work completed. Abstracts based on preliminary results may be considered depending on space availability.
- Abstracts should not have been presented at other meetings or congresses.
- Abstracts submitted for oral presentations, if not selected for oral presentations, may be offered poster presentation.
- Authors who wish to submit more than one abstract should fill out a separate submission form for each
 abstract.
- All abstracts will be reviewed and the final selection made by the Scientific Committee.
- All abstracts must be written in English.
- It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract. Any errors will be reproduced as submitted by the author. All accepted abstracts will appear on in an online program.
- The text should not exceed 300 words, and no graphics will be permitted.

The text of the abstract should include the following points:

- **Objectives:** The purpose of the study or the hypothesis that was tested.
- **Methodology:** The setting for the study, the subjects, the diagnosis or intervention, and the type of statistical analysis.
- Results: Present as clearly as possible the outcome of the study and after significance if appropriate.
- Conclusions: Briefly discuss the data and emphasize the significance of the results.
- **Keywords:** 3-6 words.

Evaluation process: Criteria for evaluating the quality of abstracts include originality of ideas and methods, concise presentation of methods and results, clarity of application and implementation and quality of writing.

Abstract topics/subthemes

- 1. Adaptation/Evolution
- 2. Assisted Reproductive Technology
- 3. Diversity/Distribution
- 4. Ecology/Ethology
- 5. Ecotoxicology
- 6. Fossil Record/Paleontology
- 7. Genetics/Development/Morphology/Biogeography
- 8. Landscape/Conservation Genetics
- 9. Online Resources
- 10. Reintroduction/Translocation
- 11. Physiology
- 12. Poison Frogs/Reptiles
- 13. Recovery/Restoration
- 14. Taxonomy/Systematics/Phylogenetics

Choose Your Presentation Type Preference Below

Oral Presentations: Individual presentations allow for a brief overview of the major points / highlights of a particular project or program. Oral presentations are limited to 15 min (regular talk; 12 min presentation and 3 min discussion), or 5 min (speed talk; 3 min presentation and 2 min discussion).

(Submission of Presentation Files: Presenters of the accepted oral presentations are asked to upload their presentation files by 15 July 2016. An instruction with the designated URL will be included in the notification of acceptance to each presenter)

Poster: Material for a display presentation is mounted on a poster board (approximately 180 cm high \times 90 cm wide), which is staffed by the author (this is mandatory) for a designated period of time.



Call for Papers

The Organizing Committee of the WCH8 announces a call for papers to all academics, professionals and students in the field of herpetological studies. The WCH8 will provide colleagues and students with an opportunity to share their latest academic achievements and develop friendships in the field of herpetological studies. All papers will be reviewed by at least two referees. Papers accepted will be published in *Asian Herpetological Research* (IF 0.516), *Current Zoology* (1.814), OR *Integrative Zoology* (IF 1.904).



Submissions of substantial, original and previously unpublished work are invited in all areas related to the themes of the Congress. The strongly preferred submission method for papers is to use the conference management tool Paperdyne. Only PDF and MS Word files will be accepted. If electronic submission is not possible for the authors, hardcopy submissions may also be made. Each hardcopy submission should contain four copies of the paper and should be sent by postal mail to Professor Xiang Ji (College of Life Sciences, Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing 210023, Jiangsu, China).

Papers must be written in English. Each paper should be accompanied by a title page, including the title of the paper, and author's information (including names, affiliations, postal addresses and E-mail addresses), an abstract of less than 300 words and 3-6 keywords.

The deadline for receipt of papers is **15 June 2016** for both electronic and hardcopy submissions. Papers received after this date will be rejected without review. Notification of receipt of papers will be sent to the corresponding author soon after receipt.

Full Conference Support (airfares, accommodation, food and Registration) will be available to the WCH8 participants who organize special issue(s) or column(s) for *Asian Herpetological Research*, *Current Zoology*, OR *Integrative Zoology*.



Important Dates to Remember

30 September 2015 Deadline for Submission of Symposium Proposals

15 February 2016
Deadline for Receipt of Application for Full or Partial Conference Support to Attend the WCH8

15 March 2016
Deadline for Receipt of Application for The Carl Gans Collections and Charitable Fund to
Attend the WCH8

31 March 2016 Deadline for Early Registration

15 June 2016 Deadline for Regular Registration

15 June 2016
Deadline for Abstract Submission of Oral and Poster Presentations

15 July 2016 Deadline for Submission of Presentation Files

> 15 August 2016 Welcome Cocktail Party

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Useful Websites

WCH8: http://www.wch2016hangzhou.com
WCH: http://www.worldcongressofherpetology.org
Asian Herpetological Research: http://www.ahr-journal.com/
Current Zoology: http://www.actazool.org/
Integrative Zoology: http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1749-4877/

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- Jian-Chi Pei (peijianchi@foxmail.com) for abstract submission
- Dr. Long-Hui Lin (linlh@outlook.com) for post-congress tours
- Dr. Hong-Liang Lu (honglianglu@live.cn) for social/spouses/children programs
- The editorial offices of *Asian Herpetological Research*, *Current Zoology* and *Integrative Zoology* for detailed information on manuscript submission