

第八届世界两栖爬行动物学大会
The 8th World Congress of Herpetology



Hosts:

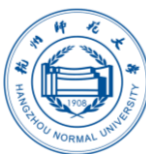
Nanjing Normal University
Hangzhou Normal University
Chinese Herpetological Society
China Zoological Society

Co-Hosts:

Chengdu Institute of Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)
Institute of Zoology, CAS
Kunming Institute of Zoology, CAS

Participating Societies:

Asiatic Herpetological Research Society
Jiangsu Zoological Society
Zhejiang Zoological Society





Invitation

Nanjing Normal University, Hangzhou Normal University, Chinese Herpetological Society, China Zoological Society and the city of Hangzhou warmly invite herpetological colleagues and students from all corners of the world to attend the 8th World Congress of Herpetology (WCH8), to be held 16-21 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 hosts will work together in the planning and organizing of the Congress. We invite the following societies to meet jointly with the WCH8 in Hangzhou

- Chinese Herpetological Society (annual meeting in 2016)
- Asiatic Herpetological Research Society (6th Asiatic Herpetological Meeting)
- Jiangsu Zoological Society (meeting scheduled in 2016)
- Zhejiang Zoological Society (meeting scheduled in 2016)

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 and in [Asian Herpetological Research](#), [Current Zoology](#) and [Integrative Zoology](#) soon, and we encourage you to consult these sources for details of registration and paper / abstract submission.

We look forward to see 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, 16-21 August 2016.**

The WCH8 plans to have 7-8 plenary lectures, and up to 30 symposia that include contributed papers and posters. Suggestions for symposia should be directed to the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, Professor Xiang Ji (xji@mail.hz.zj.cn / jixiang@njnu.edu.cn) by 31 October 2015

Proposed Schedule for the WCH8:

- Distribution of first announcement –15 February 2015
- Distribution of call for abstracts, papers (for possible publication in *Asian Herpetological Research*, *Current Zoology* and *Integrative Zoology*), and symposia –early March 2015
- Online abstract / paper submission is available from 1 March 2015
- Online registration is available from 1 March 2015
- Distribution of second announcement – 15 August 2015
- Last date for receipt of early registrations – 31 March 2016
- Last date for receipt of regular registrations – 15 June 2016
- Last date for receipt of abstracts and papers – 15 June 2016
- On-site registrations – 16 June - 21 August 2016
- Conference – 16-21 August 2016

Please Contact

- Dr. Hong Li (njlihong@outlook.com) for general questions
- Dr. Xiao-Mao Zeng (zengxm@cib.ac.cn) and Dr. Jia-Tang Li (lijt@cib.ac.cn) for abstract submission. Please contact the editorial offices of [Asian Herpetological Research](#), [Current Zoology](#) and [Integrative Zoology](#) for information on manuscript submission
- Dr. Jian-Fang Gao (wch8hz@outlook.com) for registration (payment)
- Dr. Zheng Wang (zhengw1028@163.com) for auction / donation / advertisement
- Dr. Long-Hui Lin (linlh@outlook.com) for pre- / post-congress tours
- Dr. Hong-Liang Lu (honglianglu@live.cn) for social / spouses / children programs



Registration

All participants contributing oral presentations and posters and/or attending any sessions and accompanying persons must register online (www.wch2016hangzhou.com). Online registration will be available from 1 March 2015.

Registration Fees (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 or Dinner) Plan	<i>18 per meal</i>	18	Not Available
WCH Banquet (20 August)	65	65	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.

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation requests made by 31 March 2016: 100% of the total will be refunded
- Cancellation requests received on or after 1 April 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 early January 2016)
- Welcome reception (16 August 2016 in the Congress venue)

Accompanying Person Fee Includes

- Cultural and social programs in the Congress venue (The details will be available on the WCH8 website in early January 2016)
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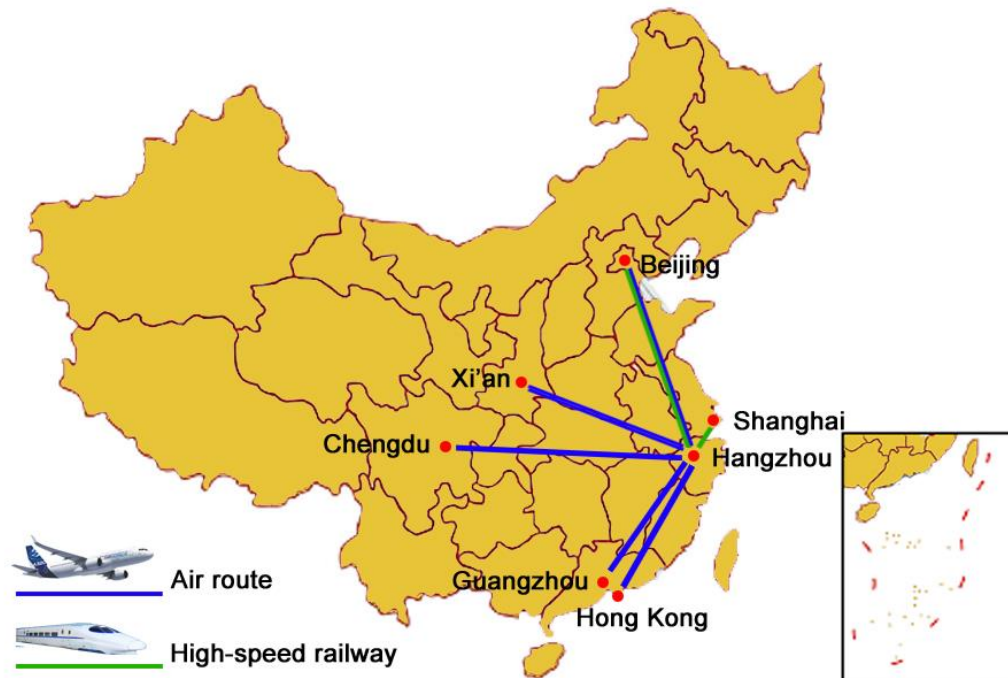
Invitation Letter to the Congress

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.

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 accounts 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