The 2nd International Workshop on Urbanization in Watersheds: Towards a Sustainable Urbanization

BACKGROUND:

Urbanization has become a major driving force of global change with over half of world's population living in urban areas by 2014 (Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations). Much of the urbanization is occurring in developing countries in Africa (such as Nigeria) and Asia (China and India) and has been causing substantial social, economic, and environmental transformations. Rapid and unplanned urbanization threatens sustainable development when essential infrastructures and policies do not match with the unprecedented urban growth. As most urban managers focus on economic and social developments, environmental deterioration has become a major issue threatening the quality of life for urban dwellers. For instance, China is now facing threats of polluted air and water, and contaminated foods derived from polluted water and soil after four decades of rapid urbanization. A "New Urbanization Policy" has been implemented in China since 2015 for sustainable development of the economy, society, and the environment. It is assumed that the degradation of the environment with urbanization simultaneously alters biogeochemical processes in the intra-urban ecosystem and surroundings.

The 1st International Workshop on Urbanization in Watersheds (IWUW 2014) addressed ecological and environmental responses to urbanization using watershed and gradient approaches. The second workshop will address the theme of "Towards a sustainable urbanization" and will focus on the development of multi- and trans-disciplinary approaches and application of "critical zone observatory" approaches to urban areas. While these approaches have been successfully applied in recent years in developed countries they have not been well developed in developing countries, where urbanization is proceeding at an unprecedented pace. This workshop thus aims to be a platform for knowledge and experience exchange among scientists, scholars, and graduates from developed and developing countries. The academic committee of the 2nd International Workshop on Urbanization in Watersheds invites you to join us on October 26-28, 2016 in Institute of Urban Environment, CAS, Xiamen, China.

ORGANIZER:

CAS Key Laboratory of Urban Environment and Health, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) 1799 Jimei Road, Xiamen 361021,China

SUBTHEMES: (but not limited)

- Long-term studies of urban watersheds (hydrology, environmental chemistry, biology, social sciences, etc.)
- 2. Applying the critical zone observatory approach to urban ecosystems
- 3. Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems (INFEWS) in Urban Ecosystems
- 4. Urbanization impacts on local, regional, and global biogeochemistry
- 5. Strategies and policies for urban watershed management

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

The Workshop Secretariat invites abstract submissions. Acceptance of abstracts and mode of presentation (oral and poster) will be determined by the Workshop Academic Board. The abstract should have the following structure: Title, authors' names and institutional affiliations, background and objectives, methods, findings and conclusion. Mark the name of the presenting author (@) and the corresponding author (*). Provide email addresses of the presenting and corresponding authors. An abstract must not exceed an A4 page using Times New Roman 12 and Line Spacing 1.25.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Symposium recruitment will be closed on June 30, 2016.
- Abstract submission will be closed on August 31, 2016.
- Online registration will be closed on September 15, 2016.
- Acceptance of presentations will be noticed on September 1, 2016.
- E-Program & abstracts will be available on October 16, 2016.

Fees:

Registration:

Early birds (before Aug. 15, 2016): US\$350 for regular and US\$200 for graduates and postdocs Normal (Aug. 16-Sept. 30, 2016): US\$400 for regular and US\$300 for graduates and postdocs On-site (Oct. 25-28, 2016): US\$450 for regular and US\$350 for graduates and postdocs

Accommodation:

The participants will be accommodated on campus of the Institute of Urban Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences. All guest rooms only have single queen-size bed. The accommodation fee is at US\$55.00 (RMB380.00) a night including three meals a day per person at the Institute Cafeteria.

PAYMENT:

October 26-28, 2016.

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