The 10th International Medicinal Mushroom Conference

First Circular

The awareness of the international movement for the medicinal mushroom industry made a marked important milestone when the International Journal of Medicinal Mushroom (IJMM) was launched in 1999 by Begell House Inc. (USA). This organized effort then led to the inaugural International Medicinal Mushroom Conference (IMMC) held in Kiev, Ukraine, in 2001 where it was agreed that there would be an IMMC every two years. The IMMC2 was then held in Pattaya, Thailand, in 2003; The IMMC3 was held in Port Townsend, Washington, USA, in 2005; and afterwards IMMC4 was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in 2007. The IMMC5 was held in Nantong, China, in 2009. In 2011 the IMMC6 was held in Zagreb, Croatia. Next, the IMMC7 was held in Beijing, China, in 2013. The IMMC8 was held in Manizales, Colombia and the IMMC9 was held in Palermo, Italy. The 10th International Medicinal Mushroom Conference will be held in Nantong, China, 19-22 September 2019. We invite scientists, students, mycologists, medical doctors, immunologists, contagious disease specialists, naturopaths, biochemists, and all those who are interested in studying and discussing the most current research on medicinal mushrooms and their properties.

Nantong City is located in the Southeast China T-type Yangtze River economic zone, neighboring Shanghai. It is well known as the treasure place, the village of longevity, sports and education. There are beautiful hills, clear waters and brilliant people in Nantong. It is known as the “First City in Modern China”. The endless glamour and profound cultural connotations of Nantong can be seen from the hills, the river, the people, the city, the bridge and the mushrooms.

The theme of the conference: Medicinal Mushroom Science: Innovation and Challenge

Organized by:
International Society for Medicinal Mushrooms
China Chamber of Commerce of Foodstuffs and Native Produce

Co-organized by:
China Chamber of Commerce of Foodstuffs and Native Produce, Edible Mushroom Branch
Internationally Cooperative Research Center of China for New Germplasm Breading of Edible Mushroom
Jiangsu Alphay Bio-Technology Co., Ltd.
Strategic Alliance for Technological Innovation of National Food and Medicinal Mushroom Industry
Key Laboratory of Edible Mushroom Processing, Ministry of Agriculture

Date and Location

The 10th International Medicinal Mushroom Conference (IMMC10) will be held in Nantong, China, September 19-22, 2019.
Registration date: September 18, 2019.
Organization

Local Organizing Committee
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Programs of the conference

A. Keynote speeches

B. Scientific Forum on Medicinal Mushrooms

Different symposia dedicated to:

1) Biodiversity of Medicinal Mushrooms (Conservation, Taxonomy and Ecological Distribution);
2) Genetics and Breeding of Medicinal Mushrooms (including Molecular Biology);
3) Cultivation and Fermentation of Medicinal Mushrooms;
4) Biochemistry and Pharmacology of Medicinal Mushrooms Active Compounds;
5) Medicinal Mushrooms in Veterinary and Agriculture;
6) Medicinal Mushrooms in Clinical Practice;
7) Nutritional and Medicinal Value of Mushroom Products;
8) Industrialization of Medicinal Mushrooms Products (including Management, Marketing, Laws and Regulations, Standardization).

C. Poster Exhibition

Poster time: 8:30 am-6:00 pm, September 19-22, 2019.

Posters should follow the conference themes including title, authors and relevant institutions, introduction, materials and methods, results and discussion, and main references. The poster size should not exceed 80×110 cm (width×height).

D. International Mushroom Expo

60-80 standard stands (3m×3m) are available for exhibiting mushroom products and the latest researches. It is the best way to inform potential customers about your products and services. To participate in the exhibition, please send E-mail to expo@imme10.com, Tel: +86-13552827268 (Mr. Yadong Huang); +86-13910657921 (Mr. Dongming Zhao); +86-13311573135 (Mr. Ziqiang Liu), Fax: +86-10-87109861.

Call for papers

Abstract

We would be pleased to receive abstracts from interested authors that follow the symposia themes.
Abstracts should focus on current issues relevant ongoing research and/or progress made in culinary-medicinal mushroom industry and should be scientific and/or of technical content.

Your abstracts should clearly define the objectives of the presentation or the topics covered, key conclusions reached, and potential benefits for scientific development and progress made in the industry. Abstracts should not be more than 500 words but not less than 300.

The abstracts will be published in a book of abstracts, which will be printed and distributed to the participants at the conference.

The electronic version must be prepared in Microsoft Word format and in the required abstract form (download from www.immc10.com). It should be submitted online (www.immc10.com) before May 15, 2019.

**Full paper**

Several excellent papers received for the IMMC10 will be published in the International Journal of Medicinal Mushrooms (IJMM). Please send the full paper manuscripts according to journal format of the IJMM (can be download from www.immc10.com) if the IMMC10 secretary informs you of your abstract’s acceptance. Full paper should be submitted online (www.immc10.com) before July 31, 2019. The paper manuscript should not have published in any venue before.

**Award for Outstanding Paper**

In order to encourage the scholars who participated in the conference to submit high-level and excellent academic papers that are in line with international standards, “The 10th International Medicinal Mushroom Conference Award for Outstanding Paper” has been set up. The first prize for one person will be RMB 20,000 (approximately USD 3,000), the second prize for three persons will be RMB 5,000 cash (approximately USD 760 each), and the third prize for five persons will be RMB 3,000 cash (approximately USD 460 each). Please download the information about the award at www.immc10.com.

If you have any questions, please send E-mail to paper@immc10.com.

**Deadlines**

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**Conference fees**

**Registration fees**

The “Preliminary Registration Form and Expression of interest form” will be published online register system.

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*Student rate applies to those registered for a higher degree. Student registration forms must be accompanied by a signed letter from the head of the department confirming the student’s status.

The fee does not include accommodation costs.

Conference fee includes: admission to all scientific sessions, free entrance to the conference exhibition, conference bag and registration documents, printed program and book of abstracts, book of proceedings, scientific excursion, welcome reception, lunches and dinners during the conference and coffee breaks.

If you have any question about registration, please send E-mail to secretary@immc10.com.

Exhibition fees

60-80 standard stands (3m×3m) are available for exhibiting mushroom products and the latest research. It is the best way to inform potential customers about your products and services. Every standard stand fee is USD1,028, including one attendee’s conference fee. To participate in the exhibition, please send E-mail to expo@immc10.com.

Payment

All payment from non-PRC participants should be in US dollars.

Payment can be made using a Bank Draft, Bank Transfer. Please refer to the following bank information:

**BENEFICIARY:** CFNA

**BENEFICIARY’S BANK:** BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS CO., LTD

BEIJING MUNICIPAL BRANCH

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 110060194145300004859

**SWIFT CODE:** COMMCCNSBJG

If you have any question about payment, please send E-mail to secretary@immc10.com.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation of registration should be sent in writing to the secretariat by E-mail (secretary@immc10.com).

An administrative charge will be deducted from the amount, according to the date the cancellation letter is received. All refunds will be processed after the Conference. Registration fees are not transferable.

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**Accommodation**

Hotels and Rates: A number of hotel rooms have been reserved at a special discount rate for participants. Only bookings made through the secretariat can take advantage of these rates. All rates are inclusive of taxes and services.

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Hotel Reservation: Please complete the registration form and send it to the conference Secretariat. The secretary will handle your reservation before 25 August 2019.

Notes:

1. The room rate includes service charge and taxes.
2. The discount price includes one buffet breakfast.
3. For those who intend to share rooms, please write down your roommate's name in the hotel reservation form online.
4. Check-in time is at 2:00 pm and check-out time is at 12:00 noon.

If you have any question about accommodations, please send E-mail to hotel@immc10.com.

For more information visit the conference website at www.immc10.com

**Sponsorship**

The Organizing Committee would like to offer the following sponsorship levels and benefits to private persons and companies that are interested in medicinal mushroom and would support the Committee in finance to organize this important event.

There are six levels of sponsorship:

- Diamond Sponsorship ($ 50,000)
- Platinum Sponsorship ($ 30,000)
- Gold Sponsorship ($ 15,000)
- Silver Sponsorship ($ 8,000)
- Bronze Sponsorship ($ 5,000)
- Friend Sponsorship ($ 1,500)

For more information on sponsorships, please contact Mr. Ziqiang Liu or Mr. Dongming Zhao.

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We would like to extend our deep appreciation to all our partners and sponsors who will help make the IMMC10 a big success.
**General Information**

**Language**

The official language of the conference is English.

**Weather in Nantong**

Nantong is located in the temperate zone affected by subtropical monsoons with four distinctive seasons. The average daily temperature during the symposium in September is around 18-30°C.

**Passport and Visa**

Valid passport and a visa are required for entry into China. Visas can be obtained from your local Chinese Embassy or the nearest Consulate General. Germany, Russia, France, Korea, the Netherlands, Croatia, Malaysia, Spain, Singaporean, Thailand etc.; participants holding a private passport and staying in China for not more than 30 days do not need a visa (List of Agreements on Mutual Visa Exemption Between the People’s Republic of China and Foreign Countries: http://cs.mfa.gov.cn/zlbg/bgzl/lhqz/t902373.shtml). Early registration is advised so that adequate time is allowed for obtaining visas.

To obtain a business visa, participants upon registration can provide passport information on line with a scanned copy of the passport so that the organizer can prepare and send an official visa invitation letter, which lists the city where the applicant should apply for the visa, the passport data, the gender of the applicant and any accompanying persons, the date of entry and the length of stay. Alternatively, participants can apply for a tourist visa through a travel agent after booking air tickets and completing the hotel reservation.

**Letter of invitation**

Requests for formal letters of invitation to attend the IMMC10 should be mail to secretary@immc10.com. This invitation is only intended to facilitate participants travel and visa arrangements. It implies no provision of any support, financial or otherwise.

**Insurance**

The registration fees do not include insurance of participants against accidents, sickness, cancellation, theft, property damage, or loss. Participants are advised to arrange adequate personal insurance before leaving their countries.

**Transportation**

**IMMC10 Address:** No. 68-A, Zhongyang Road, NETDA, Nantong, Jiangsu, China

**Airplane:** The conference venue is 20 kilometers from Nantong Xingdong International Airport (airport code: NTG). Nantong Xingdong International Airport has 30 domestic flights such as the flights to Beijing, Shenzhen, Kunming, Chengdu, Tianjin and Guangzhou, as well as 4 international flights to Osaka, Taipei, Bangkok, and Nha Trang. Travelers may choose to arrive to the city of Shanghai, which has the largest number of flights in the region. It is about 180 kilometers away from Shanghai Pudong International Airport (airport code: PVG), and 120 kilometers away from the Shanghai Hongqiao Airport (airport code: SHA).

**Train:** The conference venue is 20 kilometers from the Nantong Railway Station. The Nantong Railway Station has many fast trains to Nanjing, Beijing, Taiyuan, Chongqing, Jilin, Ji’nan, Xuzhou, Wuhan, etc. It is about 120 km away from the Shanghai Hongqiao High Speed Railway Station and about 130 km away from the Shanghai Railway Station.
Car: The conference venue is about 17 kilometers from the Nantong Bus Station and 12 kilometers from the East Nantong Bus Station.

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