

First Announcement

The 4th Xishuangbanna International Symposium

Saving All the Plants in a Changing World



January 3-4, 2019 Xishuangbanna, China

Hosted by

Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Many plant species are of direct importance for human survival and well-being, providing most of our food as well as a huge diversity of other products and services, from timber, fibers, and medicines to clean water and erosion control. Numerous other species provide indirect benefits through their contributions to the maintenance of terrestrial ecosystems. Moreover, every plant species is the product of millions of years of successful evolutionary adaptation and thus forms an irreplaceable part of the Earth's natural heritage. Plant diversity is now threatened by habitat loss and degradation, overexploitation, invasive species, pollution, and climate change. Saving every plant species is a huge task, but it is not an impossible one if given a high enough priority. In recent decades, botanical gardens have built on their long history of studying the diversity and uses of plants by becoming leaders in plant conservation, locally, regionally, and globally. There have been some successes, but the threats are still accelerating and the future is uncertain. We therefore need to discuss how our gardens can work individually and in regional and global networks to stop the loss of plant diversity.

The Xishuangbanna International Symposium, held every five years, aims to bring together leading scientists to present cutting-edge research, address current debates, and assess future directions for research and action on biodiversity conservation and botanical gardens. The 1st Xishuangbanna International Symposium, attended by 180 delegates from 20 countries, was held in January 1999, and focused on "Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development". The 2nd Xishuangbanna International Symposium was held in January 2009, with the major theme of "Biodiversity Conservation: Research Imperative for Scientific Institutions". The 3rd Xishuangbanna International Symposium was held in January 2014, with major theme: "Botanical Gardens and Climate Change". The Xishuangbanna International Symposium is becoming an important platform, bringing scholars from all over the world.

The 4th Xishuangbanna International Symposium, to be held on 3-4th January 2019, will feature the major theme: "Saving all the plants in a changing world". The ultimate aim of the Symposium is to provide some of the solutions for saving plant diversity and to assess how botanical gardens can play a key role in plant conservation. In order to achieve this, we will review the frontiers of conservation science, the development of institutional policy, the educational role of botanical gardens, and current progress in plant conservation.

The symposium program will include six major sessions. Each session will feature two keynote

speakers. We also invite participants to contribute posters during the symposium.

The Academic and Organizing Committees warmly invite you to participate in the 4th Xishuangbanna International Symposium – Saving All the Plants in a Changing World, and also encourage you to forward our invitation to other people who may be interested.

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Theme

Saving All the Plants in a Changing World

General Topics

1. Frontiers in conservation science.
2. Post-2020 Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC): national and regional partnerships.
3. China's Belt & Road Initiative: opportunities for botanical garden partnerships.
4. Conservation and climate change.
5. Education for plant conservation.
6. Plant evolution and conservation: insights from genomics.

Program

2nd January (Wednesday): Participants arrive, registration and reception

3rd January (Thursday):

 Opening ceremony

 Plenary sessions

 Group sessions

 Poster sessions

 Banquet

4th January (Friday)

 Plenary sessions

 Discussion

 Closing ceremony

 Garden tour

Registration

1. Fees

There is no registration fee, but participants must pay for transport to Jinghong Airport in Xishuangbanna, as well as all accommodation. The day before the conference (January 2nd), the Congress Secretariat will arrange free pick-up services at the airport. Food and beverage costs during the conference will be paid by the organizers, but all expenses incurred outside the conference will be covered by participants themselves.

2. Participants

We expect about 100 registered participants, which may include:

-  Plant conservationists
-  Other scientists
-  Decision makers and governmental officials
-  Conservation practitioners from NGOs
-  Graduate students

3. How to Register

1. **Email:** Please return the registration form to xtbgsymposium@xtbg.org.cn

2.Fax: Please return the registration form to (Fax) +86-691-8715070

2.Official Website: <http://xtbgsymposium2019.csp.escience.cn>

Important date node:

April 1, 2018

Issue the first round of meeting; the official website on the line, start the registration and abstract submitted

July 1, 2018

Issue the second round of meeting

September 30, 2018

Registration ends

October 30, 2018

The abstract submission ends

Conference Report

1. Presentation Time

Speakers must confirm the presentation time based on the type of the report.

Report Types	Report Time
Keynote	50 min

2. Language

English

3. Posters

The poster must be made into an electronic version and submitted to the conference secretariat. When submitting, please mark the poster's title, author and affiliation. For the exhibition, the poster's author should make a paper version. The dimensions are: 120 cm (height) x 90 cm (width), portrait typesetting, the number of pages does not exceed 4, and the electronic version file size does not exceed 20M.

4. Abstract

When submitting the abstract, please indicate the selected topic.

The title of the abstract is limited to less than 30 words and the abstract to 500 words. The

Academic Committee of the Conference will review the submitted abstracts for oral presentations or poster exchanges. Once the review is completed, the secretariat will send an invitation letter to the submitter's mailbox.

5. How to Upload

Email: xtbgsymposium@xtbg.org.cn

Passport & Visas

A valid passport is required for all travel in China. The visa entry requirements for China vary according to your country of origin. Please contact the Embassy or Consulate of China in your respective country for further details.

Personal Invitations

If you require an Official Letter of Invitation, please contact the Congress Secretariat. This letter does not represent a commitment by the organizers to provide financial support.

Please return the registration form to:

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Registration Form

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Title/Position		Gender	
Nationality			
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Affiliation/Inst.	
Full mailing address (including zip/postal code, city and country)	
Presentation	General topic:
	Title:

The Symposium details will be released in subsequent notifications

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