

FIRST CIRCULAR: CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The 5th International Geo-hazards Research Symposium (IGRS 2016), organized by International Geo-Hazards Society, will take place in Taipei, Taiwan from Monday Oct. 17 to Thursday Oct. 20, 2016. The venue was confirmed during the 4th IGRS held at the NASA Ames Research Center in California, USA in Dec. 2014. After the demise of Prof. Tsanyao Frank Yang in March 2015, who was the Convener for the IGRS 2016, the International Committee decided to organize the 5th IGRS as a memorial conference for Prof. Yang to commemorate his monumental contribution towards the International Geo-Hazards Society and research in various geo-hazards fields. He envisioned holding the IGRS in Taiwan to bring together the scientific advances in obtaining perception and response to the geo-hazards.

Like previous IGRS conferences, we aim to bring together researchers from all aspects of Geo-hazards Science community. Geo-hazards could be geological, hydrological or geomorphological in nature and threaten all mankind. Natural geo-hazards are the major cause of loss of life and property. The threat could only be addressed successfully through a multidisciplinary approach involving international or global participation. We work on improving our scientific understanding of the nature and causes of such hazards and to work towards more reliable prediction of their occurrence and magnitude. In order to help plan the Taiwan IGRS 2016 meeting and ensure the involvement and participation of the world-wide scientific community, several committees have been set up. An International Scientific Committee, chaired by Prof. Sheng-Rong Song (National Taiwan University, Taiwan) has been established and a National Organizing Committee, supported by a group of scientists from across Taiwan, is overseeing the running of the Conference.



5th International Geo-hazards Research Symposium- *in memory of* *Prof. Tsanyao Frank Yang*

October 17 to
October 20, 2016

CONFERENCE TOPICS

1. Earthquakes and Tsunami
 2. Floods and Landslides
 3. Volcanism
 4. Typhoon
 5. Geo-hazard assessment, mapping, management and modeling
 6. Gas Geochemistry and Hydrogeology
 7. Radiation and Medical geo-hazards
 8. Earthquake Engineering
- Both oral and poster presentations will be held on these topics.

IMPORTANT DATES

On-line registration and submission opens
March 1, 2016

Abstracts submission deadline
June 30, 2016

Acceptance of the abstracts notification
July 31, 2016

Early-bird registration deadline
August 31, 2016

All abstracts are to be submitted in English.

REGISTRATION FEE

International Delegates – US \$ 250 (early bird)
US \$ 300 (full registration)
Students from Abroad – US \$ 100 (early bird)
US \$ 150 (full registration)
Accompanying person – US \$150
Local Delegates – NTD 3000
Students from Taiwan – NTD 1000
Excursion – US \$ 50 (subjected to change)
Registration fee includes admittance to all sessions, proceedings, welcome reception, refreshments during breaks, lunches, dinner and Conference Banquet.

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference is English.

WEATHER

Weather in October in Taipei is usually pleasant – the day time temperatures and night temperatures are fairly similar (average temperature 27°-25°C). October is the end of the tropical cyclone (typhoon) season, so there is less rain and more sunny days.

VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will be held in the Union Development Building, Ta-Pinglin which is in Xindian District, New Taipei City, Taiwan (R.O.C.).

NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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EXCURSION

Following the three-day program, one day field trip will be organized on Oct. 20 to visit one of the hazard-affected areas in Taiwan.

INFORMATION and CORRESPONDENCE

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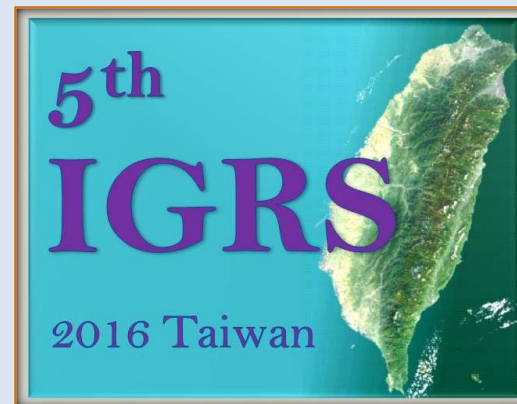
Please fill in the Pre-registration form and send back by **Feb. 15, 2016**.

Pre Registration Form

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Prefix	<input type="checkbox"/> Prof. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.
Full name as in passport	
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Nationality	
Institution/organization	
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Session type	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral <input type="checkbox"/> Poster <input type="checkbox"/> Attend only
Abstract title -1	
Author(s)	
Abstract title -2	
Author(s)	

Field trip participation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I want to attend the field trip on Oct. 20 <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dietary choice	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Non-vegetarian
Special request	

Information of Accompanying Person

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