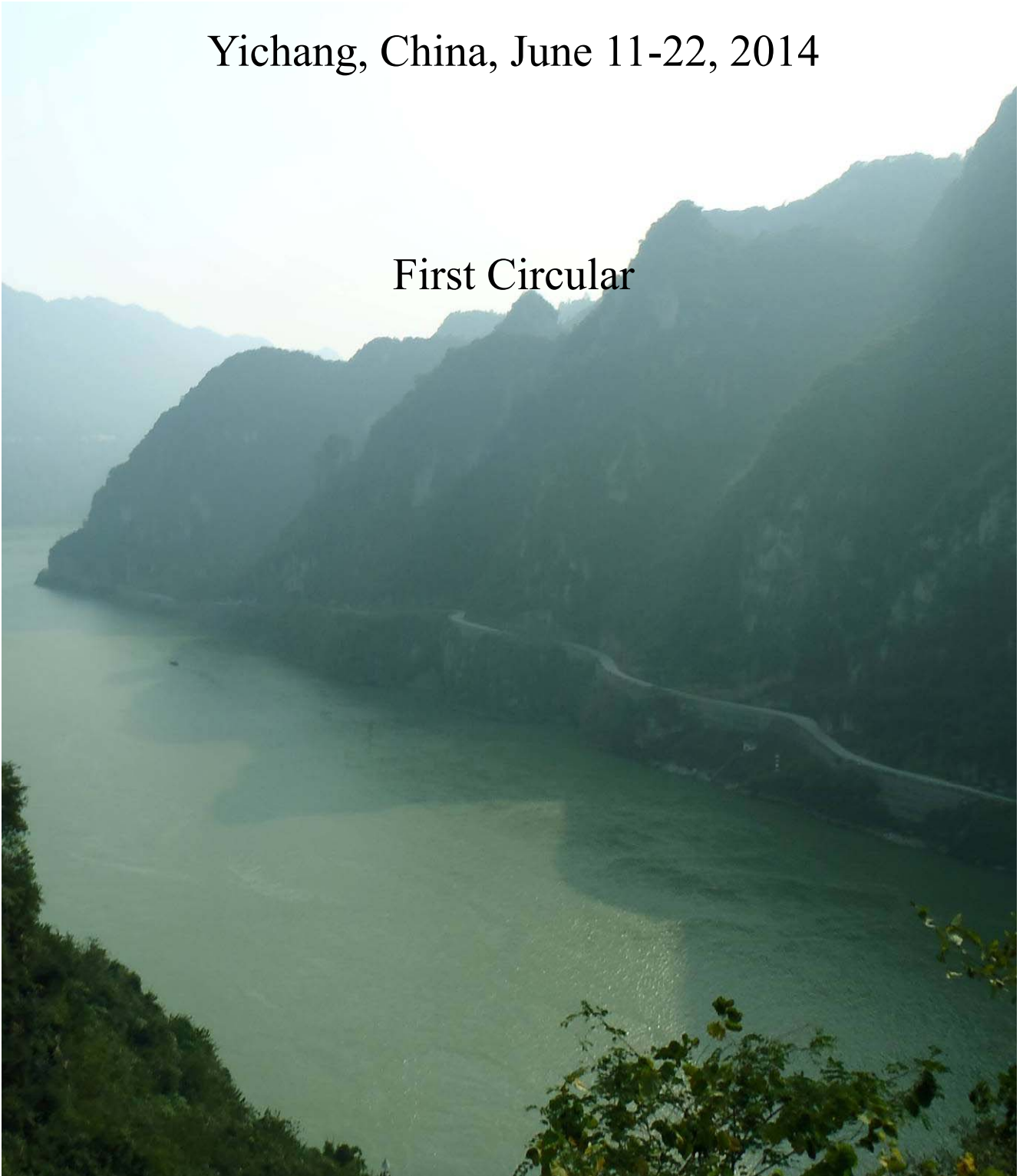


YANGTZE GORGES 2014

*—A SYMPOSIUM AND FIELD WORKSHOP ON EDIACARAN SUBDIVISION AND
CORRELATION, AND CRYOGENIAN GLACIATIONS*

Yichang, China, June 11-22, 2014

First Circular



On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the 2014 Ediacaran/Cryogenian Subcommittee symposium/workshop in the Yangtze Gorges area, South China.

1. GOALS OF THE MEETING

In the past twenty years, much progress has been made in Ediacaran paleontology, biostratigraphy, chemostratigraphy, paleoclimatology, paleoceanography, and geochronology. Ediacaran successions in the Yangtze Gorges area of South China have played a role in moving forward the field of Ediacaran stratigraphy. The Ediacaran Doushantuo and Dengying formations are featured prominently in numerous recent investigations: a paleogeographic-stratigraphic framework has been established; diverse spiny acritarchs, macroalgal fossils, Ediacara-type macrofossils, and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ excursions—calibrated against precisely dated ash beds—offer promising tools for the subdivision and correlation of the Ediacaran System in South China and beyond; integration of multiple geochemical proxies and a rich paleontological record allows a better understanding of the Ediacaran evolution of ocean redox structures and marine life. Likewise, renewed investigation of Cryogenian successions in South China has made important progress in the areas of radiometric dating, paleoclimate, and paleogeography. Encouraged by these new advances and emerging data, the Organization Committee proposes (1) a three-day symposium in Yichang focusing on key issues in Ediacaran and Cryogenian stratigraphy, followed by (2) a four-day field trip focusing on Ediacaran Doushantuo and Dengying formations in the Yangtze Gorges area of Hubei Province, and (3) a three-day field trip focusing on Cryogenian successions in neighboring Hunan Province. As the primary goal of this meeting, we hope to achieve some progress toward choosing appropriate criteria for the subdivision of the Ediacaran System and the definition of the Cryogenian System.

2. SPONSORS AND ORGANIZERS

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3. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULES AND IMPORTANT DATES

Preliminary schedules

June 11, 2014: Arrival in Yichang, Hubei Province; registration

June 12-14, 2014: Symposium, fossil exhibit and examination

June 15-18, 2014: Field excursions in the Yangtze Gorges area, to examine the Jiulongwan, Tianjiayuanzi, Jiuqunao, Sixi, and Xiaofenghe sections.

June 19-21, 2014: Field excursions in Hunan Province, to examine Shibao-Yuanjia section near Huaihua.

June 22, 2014: Departure from Changsha, Hunan Province

Important dates

July 20, 2013: First circular

Dec 31, 2013: Deadline for financial assistance application

Feb 28, 2014: Second circular

March 31, 2014: Deadline for registration, registration fee payment, abstract submission

May 1, 2014: Final circular

4. REGISTRATION AND ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

To register for the Yangtze Gorges meeting, please fill out the attached form and email it to Dr. Chuanming Zhou at cmzhou@nigpas.ac.cn, with a subject line of “Registration-(your name)”. All participants are invited to submit abstract(s). Participants are encouraged to use the attached template when preparing an abstract. Abstracts should be no longer than two A4 pages using 12 pt Times New Roman font and double spaced. The abstract title should be followed by the authors’ names, their affiliations (including e-mail address), abstract text, and references. Tables and Figures are allowed in the abstract. Authors are responsible for the scientific content of their abstracts. The deadline for registration and abstract submission is March 31, 2014.

5. FEES AND PAYMENT

Registration fee: US\$1,200/person, which covers meeting material, all meals during the meeting, 11 nights of shared double-bed hotel room during the meeting and field excursions (those who prefer single occupancy are requested to pay an extra of US\$350.00), and transportation during the field excursions.

International participants can choose to pay the registration fee by cashier’s check or wire transfer. Personal checks and credit cards will not be accepted. A special account will be set up for this meeting and payment information will be made available in the second circular. Deadline for registration fee payment is March 31, 2014.

Chinese participants should pay the registration fee at the registration desk, on June 11, 2014.

6. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Limited financial assistance (partial waiver of registration fee) may be provided for PhD students, young scientists, and those from developing countries who will give an oral presentation at the meeting. Criteria for granting financial assistance to participants are based on scientific merits and contingent upon availability of funds from NSFC, LPS, and CAS. To apply, please complete the Financial Assistance Form and email it to Dr. Chuanming Zhou at cmzhou@nigpas.ac.cn.

7. MEETING VENUE

The symposium will be held in Yichang, Hubei Province, China. Information about the Yichang city is available at <http://en.yichang.gov.cn/>. The official language of the meeting is English.

8. TRAVEL INFORMATION

We recommend that international participants make a connection at Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK), Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG), or Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (CAN), which serve direct flights to Yichang Sanxia Airport (YIH). Direct flights are also served between Yichang and other major Chinese cities, including Xi'an, Chengdu, Kunming, and Guiyang. Speed trains are served between Yichang and Wuhan (2 hrs), Nanjing (6 hrs), and Shanghai (8 hrs).

Changsha is the provincial capital of Hunan Province. The Changsha Huanghua International Airport (CSX or HHA) serves flights to/from all major Chinese cities (Beijing Capital, Shanghai Pudong, Nanjing, Guangzhou, Hong Kong), as well as Seoul, Singapore, and Bangkok. Speed trains are served between Changsha and Beijing (~6 hrs), Shanghai (9.5 hrs), and Guangzhou (~3 hrs).

9. VISA INFORMATION

For those who need a visa to visit China, invitation letter will be provided upon request. Please contact Dr. Dan Wang at danwang@nigpas.ac.cn, or Chuanming Zhou at cmzhou@nigpas.ac.cn.

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2. Institution and E-mail Address: _____

3. Are you a PhD student () or a post-doctoral fellow ()?

If so, please indicate your advisor: _____

And ask your advisor to provide a support letter to be emailed to Dr. Chuanming Zhou at
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4. Are you planning to give an oral presentation at the meeting? If yes, please provide the title of your presentation: _____

5. Please briefly describe your financial needs to participate in this meeting and the relevance of this meeting to your research:

6. Signature/date: _____

Please send this form by Dec 31, 2013 to Chuanming Zhou: cmzhou@nigpas.ac.cn,

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