The Yangze River Delta, is the only city of Jiangsu province facing the Yangze River and the Yellow Sea.

Nantong has a prosperous economy, outstanding regional conditions, profound culture, and prospective future development. Nantong is known as the Home of Longevity and is one of the three places where Chinese people enjoy the longest lifespan. Known for its healthy, scenic, comfortable, and harmonious environment, this beautiful spot along the river has won a provincial award for high-quality living.

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The international movement for the medicinal mushroom industry marked an important milestone when Begell House Publisher (USA) launched the International Journal of Medicinal Mushroom (IJMM) in 1999. Solomon P. Wasser is the current Editor-in-Chief of the IJMM. The inaugural International Medicinal Mushroom Conference (IMMC) was held in Kiev, Ukraine, in 2001. Afterwards, it was agreed to hold an international conference of medicinal mushrooms every two years. The IMMC2 was held in Pattaya, Thailand, in 2003; IMMC3 was held in Port Townsend, USA, and the IMMC4 was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in 2007. The IMMC5 will be held in Nantong, China, in 2009.

The city of Nantong, situated in the central section of China’s Coastline and on the northern flank of the developed Yangze River Delta, is the only city of Jiangsu province facing the Yangze River and the Yellow Sea.

Date and Location
The 5th International Medicinal Mushroom Conference (IMMC5) will be held in Nantong Jiangsu, China between the 18th and 21st of June, 2009.
Registry date: June 17, 2009.

Programs of the conference
A. Scientific Forum on Medicinal Mushrooms
1. Taxonomy, ecology and germplasm depositories.
2. Nutritional attributes and medicinal effects.
3. Physiology, biochemistry and genetics.
4. Medicinal importance of β-glucans and lectins in medicinal mushrooms
5. Cultivation techniques and fermentation processes used in medicinal mushroom production.
6. Medicinal mushrooms in folklore, and their coincident and differing roles in modern-day Chinese and Western medicine.
7. Satellite symposia:
   c. Industrial-scale production, promotion and marketing of medicinal mushrooms.

B. International Industrial Exhibition of Medicinal Mushrooms and Mushroom Products
Offering 50-80 standard stands (3m*3m) to exhibit mushroom products and the latest research

Call for papers
We would be pleased to receive contributions from interested authors that follow the conference topics. Abstracts should focus on current issues relevant to science progress and/or to industry, and should be of a scientific and/or technical content.
Abstracts should clearly define the objectives of the presentation, topics covered, key conclusions reached, and potential benefits for science developments and industry. At least 500 words are required for Abstracts.

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Conference fees and Meal fees

Conference fees
US$350 for regular attendees
US$230 for students (with student card)
US$420 for late registrants (after 1 March 2009)
On-line registration form will be available from 30 April 2008 on the conference website http://www.immc5.com. Conference fee includes: admission to all scientific sessions, free entrance to the conference exhibition, conference bag and registration documents, including printed program and book of abstracts, book of proceedings, scientific excursion, and coffee breaks.

Meal fees
US$150 for all attendees
The meal fee for a delegate covers the following:
Welcome reception
Lunches and dinners during the conference
River Hao He cruise
Closing Ceremony

Exhibition fees
Offering 50-80 standard stalls (3m*3m) to exhibit mushroom products and the latest research. Every standard stand fee is US$1,000.00, including one attendees’ conference fees.

The official language of the conference is English.

Deadlines
1 August 2008    Return the preliminary registration form
30 November 2008    Submission of abstracts
1 February 2009        Notification of authors on abstract acceptance
1 March 2009   Early registration fee payment
1 April 2009  Hotel reservation

For more information visit http://www.immc5.com

Accommodation
There will be several hotels of different categories available in Nantong city.
For more information visit the conference website at http://www.immc5.com

Weather in Nantong
Average temperature in June is around 23-25°C.

Transport
The Nantong Airport provides flights to Beijing, Guangzhou, Chengdu, Wuhan and Shenzhen. There is 25 kilometers distance from airport to cityhotels, half-hour by car.
The construction of Sutong Highway Bridge spanning the Yangtze River officially began in Oct., 2002, while the construction of Chongqi and Chonghai bridges linking Nantong’s Qidong and Haimen with Shanghai’s Chongming Island will get started this year, making Nantong part of Shanghai’s so called One-hour Economic Circle in the real sense.

For intercontinental flights we recommend a connected flight via Shanghai, Beijing, or Guangzhou.

Post conference tours and field expeditions (at extra cost)
1. A tour of Northeast Changbai Mountain, Jilin province (Tradition of Chinese culture and wild mushrooms) : Nantong — Shanghai — Changchun — Changbai Mountain — Yanji — Beijing
2. A tour of Shangri-La, Yunnan province (Wild mushrooms and beautiful scenery): Nantong — Shanghai — Kunming — Dali — Lijiang — Shangri-La — Xizang Linzhi — Chengdu
3. A tour of Wuyi Mountains, Fujian province (Edible mushrooms): Nantong — Shanghai — Wuyi Mountains — Xiamen — Zhangzhou — Gutian — Fuzhou
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People who are interested in receiving the second circular for this conference should complete and return this form by 1 August 2008 to:
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