



FIRST CIRCULAR

10th International Medicinal Mushroom Conference

IMMC10 September 19–22, 2019, Nantong, China

The awareness of the international movement for the medicinal mushroom industry marked an important milestone when the *International Journal of Medicinal Mushrooms* (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 2 years. The IMMC2 was then held in Pattaya, Thailand, in 2003; 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, in 2015, and the IMMC9 was held in Palermo, Italy, in 2017. The 10th International Medicinal Mushroom Conference will be held in Nantong, China, September 19–22, 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 in the hills, the river, the people, the city, the bridge, and the mushrooms.

THEME OF THE CONFERENCE: Medicinal Mushroom Science: Innovation and Challenge

Organizers

- International Society for Medicinal Mushrooms
- China Chamber of Commerce of Foodstuffs and Native Produce

Co-organizers

- China Chamber of Commerce of Foodstuffs and Native Produce, Edible Mushroom Branch
- Internationally Cooperative Research Center of China for New Germplasm Breeding of Edible Mushroom
- Jiangsu Alipay 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

- Honorary Chairmen: Prof. Shu-Ting Chang and Prof. Solomon P. Wasser
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PROGRAM 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; and
8. Industrialization of Medicinal Mushrooms Products (including Management, Marketing, Laws and Regulations, and Standardization).

C. Poster Exhibition

Poster time: 8:30 am to 18:00 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

There are 60–80 standard stands (3 m × 3 m) available for exhibiting mushroom products and the latest research. This is the best way to inform potential customers about your products and services. Every standard stand fee is USD 1,028, including one attendee's conference fee. To participate in the exhibition, please e-mail expo@immc10.com or call Mr. Yadong Huang (+86-13552827268), Mr. Dongming Zhao (+86-13910657921), or Mr. Ziqiang Liu (+86-13311573135). The fax number is +86-10-87109861.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts

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

Your abstract 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). The abstract 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 the IJMM journal format (which can be downloaded from www.immc10.com) if the IMMC10 secretary informs you of your abstract's acceptance. Full papers 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 e-mail paper@imm10.com.

DEADLINES

August to September 2018	Opening of the conference website and distribution of the first circular
September 2018	Opening of registration online
March 15, 2019	Distribution of the second circular
May 15, 2019	Abstract submission deadline
June 15, 2019	Notification to authors of abstract acceptance
June 30, 2019	Early bird registration deadline
July 31, 2019	Full paper submission deadline
August 31, 2019	Closing date for registrations online and accommodations
September 18, 2019	Registration desk opens
September 19–22, 2019	IMMC10 2019

For more information, please visit www.immc10.com.

CONFERENCE FEES

Registration Fees

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

Online registrations are available from September 2018 on the conference website: www.immc10.com.

Registration Type	Early Bird (until June 30, 2019)	Normal (after June 30, 2019)
Regular attendees	USD 553	USD 599
Student*	USD 383	USD 415
Accompanying person	USD 383	USD 415

*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.

Note: 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 questions about registration, please e-mail secretary@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: COMMCNSHBJG

If you have any questions about payment, please e-mail 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.

- Cancellation on or before May 1, 2019: 80% refund
- Cancellation on or before July 1, 2019: 50% refund
- Cancellation after August 1, 2019: No refund

ACCOMMODATION

Hotels and Rates

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

Hotel Name	Discount Price (USD) (per room per night)		
	Deluxe King Room	River View King Room	Deluxe Twin Room
Intercontinental Hotel	USD 115	USD 130	USD 115

Hotel Reservation

Please complete the registration form and send it to the conference secretariat. The secretariat 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 put 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 questions about accommodations, please e-mail 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 mushrooms and would support organizing this important event.

There are five levels of sponsorship (in US dollars):

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

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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

A 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. Participants from Germany, Russia, France, Korea, the Netherlands, Croatia, Malaysia, Spain, Singaporean, or Thailand who hold a private passport and are staying in China for not more than 30 days do not need a visa (see the List of Agreements on Mutual Visa Exemption Between the People's Republic of China and Foreign Countries: <http://cs.mfa.gov.cn/zlbgbgz/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 online 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 e-mailed 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 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, and so forth. It is about 120 kilometers away from the Shanghai Hongqiao High Speed Railway Station and about 130 kilometers 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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TIME TABLE

WEDNESDAY September 18	THURSDAY September 19	FRIDAY September 20	SATURDAY September 21	SUNDAY September 22
9:00–22:00 Conference Registration	7:00–8:30 Breakfast	7:00–8:30 Breakfast	7:00–8:30 Breakfast	7:00–8:30 Breakfast
	9:00–10:00 Opening Ceremony	9:00–10:30 Keynote Speeches	9:00–17:00 Scientific Excursion	9:00–10:30 Keynote Speeches
	10:00–10:30 Photo and Tea Break			
	10:30–12:30 Keynote Speeches	10:30–10:45 Tea Break		10:30–10:45 Tea Break
		10:45–12:30 Satellite Symposia		10:45–12:00 Satellite Symposia
	12:30–14:00 Lunch	12:30–14:00 Lunch		12:00–14:00 Lunch
	14:00–16:00 Satellite Symposia	14:00–16:00 Satellite Symposia		14:00–16:00 Satellite Symposia
	16:00–16:15 Tea Break	16:00–16:15 Tea Break		16:00–17:00 Closing Ceremony
	16:15–18:00 Satellite Symposia	16:15–18:00 Satellite Symposia		18:00–21:00 Dinner and Closing Party
18:00–20:00 Welcome Reception	18:00–20:00 Dinner	18:00–20:00 Dinner	18:00–22:00 Poster Session	
	20:00–22:00 Evening Party	20:00–22:00 Visit to Nantong		