The 10th International Medicinal Mushroom Conference

Second Circular

The International Medicinal Mushroom Conference (IMMC) is also known as the "Olympic Games of Edible and Medicinal Mushrooms". It is a platform for all medicinal mushroom researchers to come and discuss basic and currently important scientific questions, share the results of individual studies, make new or renew friendships, and work together to develop a new chapter in medicinal mushrooms.

The awareness of the international movement for the medicinal mushroom industry made a marked important milestone when the International Journal of Medicinal Mushroom (IJMM) was launched in 1999 by Begell House Inc. (USA). This organized effort then led to the inaugural International Medicinal Mushroom Conference held in Kiev, Ukraine, in 2001, where it was agreed that there would be an IMMC every two years. The IMMC2 was held in Pattaya, Thailand, in 2003; the IMMC3 took place in Port Townsend, Washington, USA, in 2005; the IMMC4 was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in 2007; the IMMC5 in Nantong, China, in 2009; the IMMC6 in Zagreb, Croatia, in 2011; the IMMC7 in Beijing, China, in 2013; the IMMC8 was held in Manizales, Colombia and the IMMC9 was held in Palermo, Italy. The 10th International Medicinal Mushroom Conference will be held in Nantong, China, 19-22 September 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 progress made in the industry itself.

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 water and vibrant 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 from the hills, the river, the people, the city, and its interesting history.

The theme of the conference

Medicinal Mushroom Science: Innovation and Challenge

Organized by

International Society for Medicinal Mushrooms
China Chamber of Commerce of Foodstuffs and Native Produce
Mycological Society of China
Jiangsu Academy of Agricultural Sciences

Co-organized by

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, Ministry of Science and Technology
Jiangsu Alphay Bio-Technology Co., Ltd.
The 10th International Medicinal Mushroom Conference (IMMC 10) will be held in Nantong, China, September 19-22, 2019.

Location: Alphay International Conference Center, Nantong, Jiangsu, China

Registration date: September 18, 2019.

Organization

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Dr. Pu Liu (China)  
Ms. Dan Jiang (China)  

Programs of the conference

A. Keynote speeches

1) Prof. Solomon P. Wasser (Israel/Ukraine)  
   Are Mushrooms Indeed Medicinal?
2) Prof. Yu Li (China)  
   A History of Medicinal Mushrooms: Past, Present and Future in China
3) Prof. Ulrike Lindequist (Germany)  
   On the Way to an Evidence-Based Mushroom Therapy - What Can Be Done?
4) Prof. Jingsong Zhang (China)  
   Study on Key Problems of Ganoderma lucidum Industry Development

B. Scientific Forum on Medicinal Mushrooms

Different symposia dedicated to:

1) Biodiversity and Ethnomycology of Medicinal Mushrooms (Conservation, Taxonomy Ecological Distribution, Historical and Sociological Impact);
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 Values of Mushroom Products;
8) Industrialization of Medicinal Mushrooms Products (including Management, Marketing, Laws and Regulations, Standardization).

C. Chinese Academy of Engineering Forum

Chinese Engineering Science and Technology Symposium--Forum for the Fungal Health Industry
This symposium has invited famous experts research in fungi all around the world to make discussions in academic as well as prospective topics from various aspects around fungi comprehensive health industry, which is one of the highest level of symposia held by the Chinese Academy of Engineering. This symposium aims to explore the development trend of mycomedicine through interdisciplinary integration and to promote the development and upgrading of Chinese mycomedicine research, leading the development of fungi health research to a more professional, extensive and highly integrated level.

**Form:** Thematic reports and seminars

**Date:** September 19-21, 2019

**Registration:** September 18, 2019

**Location:** Alphay International Conference Center, Nantong, Jiangsu, China

**Organized by:**

Chinese Academy of Engineering  
Mycological Society of China  
Jilin Agricultural University

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Chinese Academy of Engineering, Department of Agriculture  
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, Ministry of Science and Technology  
Key Laboratory of Edible Mushroom Processing, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
National Edible and Medicinal Mushroom Industry Technology Innovation Strategic Alliance

**Topics:**

This symposium will discuss the following topics with the focus on cutting-edge issues, gathering top experts, presenting academic views and discussing the results.

1) Mycomedicine and Health Industry;  
2) Germplasm Resources of Mycomedicine;  
3) Quality Identification, Quality Control and Safety of Mycomedicine;  
4) Active Components, Mechanism of Action and Formation of Mycomedicine;  
5) Mycomedicine and its Culture;  
6) Education and Training of New Scientists in Mycomedicine.

**D. International Seminar on Professor Shu-Ting Chang’s Academic Thoughts**

**Date:** September 18, 2019  
**Location:** Alphay International Conference Center Nantong, Jiangsu, China

**E. Poster Exhibition**

Poster display time: 8:30 am-6:00 pm, September 19-22, 2019.  
Poster presentation time: 4:00 pm-6:30 pm, September 21, 2019.  
Posters should follow 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).

**F. International Mushroom Expo**

Twenty standard booths (3 m×3 m) colored in blue and six jumbo booths (6 m×6 m) colored in yellow
are available to exhibit mushroom products and the latest researches. It is the best way to inform potential customers about your products and services. To participate in the exhibition, please send e-mail to expo@immc10.com, Tel: +86-13552827268 (Mr. Yadong Huang); +86-13506270081 (Mr. Xu Gu), Fax: +86-10-87109861.

**International Mushroom Expo Booth Layout**

**Call for papers**

**Abstract**

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

Submitted abstracts should clearly define the objectives of the presentation or the topics covered, discuss key conclusions reached, and conclude the 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). It should be submitted online (www.immc10.com) before June 5, 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 journal format of the IJMM (can be download 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 been previously published in any venue.

**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 10\(^{th}\) International Medicinal Mushroom
Conference Award for Outstanding Paper” has been set up. The first prize for one person will be RMB 20,000 cash (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 send e-mail to paper@immc10.com.

**Deadlines**

22 June 2019    Abstract submission deadline
5 July 2019     Notification to authors of abstract acceptance
30 June 2019    Early bird registration deadline
31 July 2019    Full paper submission deadline
31 August 2019  Closing date for registrations on-line and accommodations
18 September 2019 Registration desk opens
19-22 September 2019 IMMC10-2019

For more information, please visit www.immc10.com

**Conference fees**

**Registration fees**

Preliminary registration takes place by filling out the registration form online. Online registration are available from September 2018 on the conference website: www.immc10.com.

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* Student registration forms must be accompanied by a student ID card and a signed letter from the head of the department confirming the student’s status.

The remittance charge should be paid by the remitter.

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, tour and visiting during the conference, welcome reception, lunches and dinners during the conference and coffee breaks. **The fee does not include accommodation costs and scientific excursions after the conference.**

If you have any questions about registration, please send e-mail to secretary@immc10.com.

**Exhibition fees**

Each standard booth (3 m × 3 m) is equipped with walls (2.5 meters in height), table, chairs, signage and lighting. Each standard booth fee is USD 1028, including one attendee’s conference registration fee.

Each jumbo booth (6 m × 6 m) has floor space only, and needs to be further designed and constructed by the builder. The price of each jumbo booth fee is USD 90 per square meter (minimum 36 square meter).

Payment must be made by bank transfer within 14 working days after invoice date.
**Payment**

Payment can be completed by using an offline or online bank transfer. Please refer to the following bank information:

**BENEFICIARY:** CFNA  
**BENEICIARY’S BANK:** BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS CO., LTD  
**BEIJING MUNICIPAL BRANCH**  
**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 110060194145300004859  
**SWIFT CODE:** COMMCCNSHBIG

Different payment methods may need to pay different bank surcharges. The remittance charge should be paid by the remitter. If you have any questions about payment, please send e-mail to 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 August 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 discount rate for participants. Only bookings made through the secretariat can take advantage of these rates. All rates are inclusive of taxes and services. The Organizing Committee provides free shuttle service to and from the hotels listed below to the conference venue.

The accommodations will be arranged on the basis of first come, first served. If you have any questions about accommodations, please send e-mail to hotel@immc10.com.

**Intercontinental Hotel** (about 8 kilometers from the conference venue)

Add: No. 508, South Yuelong Road, Nantong, Jiangsu Province, China. P.C.:226006  
Website: [https://www.ihg.com.cn/intercontinental/](https://www.ihg.com.cn/intercontinental/)

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Hotel Reservation: Please register for the conference on the website (www.immc10.com). On the Dashboard—“Hotel Reservation” page, select the required room type to confirm the hotel reservation. Reservation information will be sent directly to the hotel. For payment and invoice, please contact the hotel: Ms. Janet Sun (+86-13812696142), e-mail: annie.wu@icnantong.com.

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 write down 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.

Holiday Inn Express (about 2 kilometers from the conference venue)

Add: No. 1101, Xinghu Avenue, Economic and Technological Development Area, Nantong, Jiangsu Province, China. P.C.:226009
Website: https://www.ihg.com.cn/holidayinnexpress/

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Hotel Reservation: On the website (www.immc10.com) “Accommodation” page, click “Book Now” to get the hotel reservation link and fill out the form to complete your reservation. For payment and invoice, please contact the hotel: Mr. Shubin Ji (+86-18260599765), e-mail: shop.ji@ihg.com.

Notes:
1. The room rate includes service charge and taxes.
2. The discount price includes one or two buffet breakfasts.
3. For those who intend to share rooms, please write down your roommate's name in the hotel reservation form online.
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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 the Committee in financing the organizing of this important event.

There are five levels of sponsorship:

- Diamond Sponsorship (USD 30,000)
- Gold Sponsorship (USD 15,000)
- Silver Sponsorship (USD 8,000)
- Bronze Sponsorship (USD 5,000)
- Friend Sponsorship (USD 1,500)

For more information on sponsorships, please contact Mr. Yadong Huang or Mr. Ziqiang Liu.

E-mail: expo@immc10.com
We appreciate all the support from the partners and sponsors, which will make the IMMC10 a wonderful 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. Germany, Russia, France, Korea, the Netherlands, Croatia, Malaysia, Spain, Singapore and Thailand, etc.; participants holding a private passport and staying in China for not more than 30 days do not need a visa (List of Agreements on Mutual Visa Exemption Between the People’s Republic of China and Foreign Countries: http://cs.mfa.gov.cn/zlbg/bgzl/hlqz/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 on line 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 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: Alphay International Conference Center, No. 68-A, Zhongyang Road, Economic and Technological Development Area, 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 the 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, etc. It is about 120 km away from the Shanghai Hongqiao High Speed Railway Station and about 130 km 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.

If you need to be picked up, please contact secretary@immc10.com.

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September 20 | **SATURDAY**  
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| 9:00-22:00  
Conference Registration | 9:00-17:00  
The International Seminar on Professor Shu-Ting Chang’s Academic Thoughts | 9:00-12:30  
Satellite Symposia | 9:00-10:30  
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| 9:00-10:10  
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ISMM Committee Meeting | 18:30-20:00  
Dinner | 18:00-21:00  
Dinner & Closing Party |
| 19:00-21:00  
Welcome Reception | 19:00-21:00  
Welcome Reception | 20:00-22:00  
Visit in Nantong |
| 18:30-21:00  
Dinner |

Notes: The time table may be adjusted in the final circular.