

First circular

International Symposium

**“The Yunnan Biodiversity Hotspot Project –
program, objectives, and application”**

April 02 – 06, 2016, Dresden, Germany

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Welcome to Dresden!

General information

During the Sino-German symposium “The Yunnan Biodiversity Hotspot – its history and future threats” held in Kunming, PR China, August 05 – 09, 2015 the participants set up a preliminary outline and scientific content for the joined multidisciplinary “The Yunnan Biodiversity Hotspot Project”. Under the leadership of Volker Mosbrugger (Senckenberg) and Zhou Zhe-Kun (XTBG) scientific core questions and core topics were designated as well as working groups and head persons were established. In a strategy paper next working steps towards a full application at the German and Chinese National Science Foundations, respectively (DFG and NSFC) were outlined. One of these steps, a following up meeting to be held in Dresden, Germany in spring 2016, will bring together again the project community and will summarize recent activities of the working groups. The major objective is to discuss the outline and content of the preproposal which has to be submitted to the national science foundations in summer 2016.

On behalf of the project-co-ordinators and the organizing committee you are invited to attend the following up meeting “The Yunnan Biodiversity Hotspot Project – program, objectives, and application” in Dresden, Germany, April 02-06, 2016.

Organizing committee

Volker Mosbrugger	Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung Frankfurt/M., Germany
Lutz Kunzmann	Senckenberg Naturhistorische Sammlungen Dresden, Germany
Torsten Utescher	Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung / Universität Bonn, Germany
Christoph Neinhuis	Technische Universität Dresden, Germany
Karolin Moraweck	Technische Universität Dresden / Senckenberg Naturhistorische Sammlungen Dresden
Zhe-Kun Zhou	Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden (CAS), Yunnan, PR China
Tao Su	Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden (CAS), Yunnan, PR China
Sun Hang	Kunming Institute of Botany (CAS), Yunnan, VR China

Preliminary program

Date	Program item
April 2	Arrival / Welcome <i>afternoon:</i> eventually guided city tour <i>evening:</i> Welcome Party in the exhibition building Japanese Palace with visit to the Senckenberg special exhibition 'Tibet'
April 3	Lecture event and discussion <i>morning:</i> overview presentations of project co-ordinators and head persons of core topics <i>afternoon:</i> "World Café" (round-table discussion in the respective core themes)
April 4	Lecture event and discussion / infrastructure <i>morning:</i> presentation of results of "World Café" discussions; synthesis and coordination of core topics Final discussion and outlook <i>Late afternoon:</i> visit to the Senckenberg Natural History Collections Dresden (collections and labs) <i>evening:</i> Reception of the Executive Director Senckenberg Dresden
April 5	Practical palaeontological field work Field trip to the MIBRAG opencast mine Schleenhain (Palaeogene floras) <i>evening:</i> visit to the Botanical Institute of the Technical University Dresden
April 6	Practical palaeontological field work <i>morning and afternoon:</i> field trip to the Vattenfall opencast mine Welzow-Süd (Neogene floras) <i>evening:</i> Farewell / closing event
April 7	<i>morning:</i> check-out / departure

Presentations

Overview talks of the project co-ordinators and head persons of the core topics are mandatory presentations. This group of colleagues has been designated by the project leaders in a strategy paper in August 2015. For giving additional presentations please ask the project co-ordinators Volker Mosbrugger, Torsten Utescher, Zhou Zhe-Kun and the organizing committee (Lutz Kunzmann).

Venue



The Japanese Palace – exhibition building of the Senckenberg Naturhistorische Sammlungen Dresden in the city centre.

Accommodation

Hotel rooms with special rates (single occupancy) are pre-booked in the hotel *Motel One* (in the proximity of the symposium venue; webpage: <http://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/dresden/hotel-dresden-palaisplatz>) for the period April 02 – 07. Final bookings will be made by the organizing committee after the final registration end of February 2016. Later bookings have to be made by the participants at their own expenses.

International and domestic travel options

Dresden airport is located about 10 kilometres from the symposium venue and hotel. Dresden is a destination for international airlines and low-cost carriers. Direct flights to Dresden are available by Lufthansa/Star Alliance from Frankfurt, Munich, Düsseldorf, Stuttgart, Hamburg, Cologne/Bonn, Zurich, and by Aeroflot from Moscow.

Dresden main train station is located in the city centre in a 15 minutes' travel by tram far from the venue/hotel. Dresden has Eurocity (EC) and Intercity Express (ICE) connections, e.g. to Berlin.

Dresden has good international and national highway connections: the A17 Dresden-Praha, the A4 Dresden-Görlitz-Wroclaw (Poland), the A13 Dresden-Berlin.

Expenses

Participants are requested to travel to Dresden at their own expenses. All costs in Dresden (accommodation, meals, transport, field trips) are intended to be covered by third-party funding from the Technische Universität Dresden and the Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung Frankfurt/M.

Important dates

Pre-registration: **December 15 2015**

Second circular: **January 10 2016**

Final registration: **February 29 2016**

Abstract submission: **February 29 2016**

Contact

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Organizational questions – Karolin Moraweck, Karolin.Moraweck@senckenberg.de

Symposium webpage:

http://www.senckenberg.de/root/index.php?page_id=647&standort=true&sektionID=28&abteilungID=8&standortID=2&showPageID=17877

Pre-registration

Please paste the following text into an e-mail and indicate ,YES' or ,NO' after each heading, and send ASAP to Lutz.Kunzmann@senckenberg.de

Attend the symposium:

Attend the 2-days field trip:

Welcome to Dresden in April 2016!

On behalf of the organizing committee,

Lutz Kunzmann

