# The XVIII CIGR World Congress 2014 on Agricultural & Biosystems Engineering -Upgrading Our Quality of Life September 16 – 19, 2014, Beijing, China

The XVIII World Congress of the International Commission of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (CIGR) will be held in Beijing, China from September 16-19, 2014. Preparation for the big event has been proceeding smoothly. The Preparatory Committee and the Secretariat of the Congress have been set up and appropriate staff and facilities allocated.

#### **Sponsors:**

- International Commission of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (CIGR)
- Chinese Society for Agricultural Machinery (CSAM)
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## **Co-Sponsors:**

•China Food and Packaging Machinery Industry Association (CFPMA)

• Local government offices; local, regional and international associations, Other societies and institutions will be invited and added later.

## **Organizers:**

- Chinese Academy of Agricultural Mechanization Sciences (CAAMS)
- Chinese Academy of Agricultural Engineering (CAAE)
- China Agricultural University (CAU)
- **Theme:** Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering -Upgrading Our Quality of Life
- Time: 16-17 September, 2014

## Venue: Beijing

## Congress Language: English

#### **Scientific Program:**

- · Plenary sessions with invited speakers
- Parallel oral and poster sessions
- Special sessions
- Exhibition and field trips

## Main topics:

(1) Land and Water Systems Engineering

• Irrigation and Drainage Modeling • Water Saving and Productivity

- Soil Sustainability Water Management
- Soil Conservation and Improvement Landscapes and Ecosystem
- Environmental Criteria for Land Use and Other Environmental Considerations
- Salinity, Water Treatment and Reuse and Contamination Control
- Wind Erosion, Water Erosion, Environmental Protection
- (2) Machinery Engineering for Plant Production
- Strategy and Development of Agricultural Mechanization
- Innovation Technologies for Agricultural Equipment
- Tractors Tillage and Seeding
- Harvesting Technology 
  Automation Technology
- Fertilizing and Plant Protection Environmental Impact
- R & D for Farm Machinery and Equipment
- (3) Bioprocessing System Engineering
- Image Processing Drying and Dehydration of Agro-products
- Postharvesting Technology
  Food Quality
- Environmental Impact Mathematical Modeling and Simulation for Food Processing
- Sensors for Quality Assessment Control Physical Properties of Agricultural products
- Food Packaging and Storage Thermal Processing, Chilling and Freezing
- Separation Process Biotechnology
- (4) Information Systems and Precision Farming
- ICT for Agriculture KISIDSS
- Crop Sensing 
  Data Acquisition and Management
- Soil Sensing Field Robots
- Weed Control Yield Sensing
- (5) Rural Electricity and Renewable Energy

- Bioenergy Resources 
  Biogas
- Biomass Handling and Processing Biomass Emissions and Other Environmental Considerations
- Energy Efficiency Liquid Biofuels Biodiesel
- (6) Farming buildings and Livestock Environmental Engineering
- Livestock Structures and Material Handling Equipment
- Precision Livestock Farming
- Livestock Environment and Waste Treatment-Water Quality, Air Quality, Odor Control
- (7) Management, Ergonomics and System Engineering
- Farm management Planning and Calculation
- Safety and Ergonomics System Engineering

#### **Call for papers:**

The Congress will focus on the above-mentioned areas and contributions in those and the related areas are appreciated. Scientists, professors, practicing engineers, enterprises managers and students engaged in agricultural/biosystems engineering are encouraged to participate in this big event and are invited to submit paper proposals to the Congress. Detailed instructions for submitting abstracts will be in the 2 nd announcement.

## **Preparation Office:**

The preparation office is located in CAAMS and the website of the Congress will be available soon. At present

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Based on the rich experiences of successfully hosting the 2004 CIGR international Conference in Beijing, the sponsors and organizers are confident that the 2014 World Congress will provide a fruitful and wonderful academic congress for scientists, engineers, managers and other professionals in the agricultural/biosystems engineering field from all over the world. Put the dates on your calendar now. More details will be available in the  $2^{nd}$  announcement.

For the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing was made more beautiful and more attractive than ever before. A modern Beijing with ancient charm is ready to reach out her arms to welcome you.

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