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Dear colleagues,

We would like to heartily welcome you to the 10th International Workshop on Long-Term Changes and Trends in the Atmosphere that will be held in Hefei, China in May 14-19 2018. The workshop themes are supported by the trends working group II.F of IAGA, ICMA, IAMAS, IUGG, VarSITI and SCOSTEP. The workshop will be hosted by University of Science and Technology of China, and the venue will be Swan Lake Hotel in Hefei. The registration and abstract submission are now open.

Abstract Submission and Registration:

- Please complete your online conference registration by March 31 2018 at <http://trends2018.csp.escience.cn/dct/page/65554>
- Please submit your abstract by February 15 2018 at <http://trends2018.csp.escience.cn/dct/page/65558>
- Online registration fee: \$380; Onsite registration fee: \$450: The fee will cover the meals (both lunch and dinner) during the meeting
- Procedures to pay your registration fee online:

(1) Go to registration page to fill necessary information.

(2) Submit your registration and you will receive an email confirmation.

(3) Go to payment page to pay your registration fee with your credit card

- Hotel reservation is within the [registration page](#), the room rate (including buffet breakfast) is ¥390 (~\$60). In order to reserve the hotel room, you need to register the workshop first.
- Travel support application deadline: January 31, 2017. Please download the [travel application form.docx](#) (MS WORD format) and sent as an email attachment to litao@ustc.edu.cn. A limited amount of funding is available for travel support. Early career scientists from developing countries and graduate students will have priority. If your travel support is approved, you will receive the payment in cash during the workshop.

Visit to China

- Attendees from most countries will be required to obtain a visa to enter the People's Republic of China; Attendees can apply for a Chinese visa through a travel agency or directly at the nearest Chinese embassy.

- If attendees apply for a tourist visa, which will allow you attend the conference and sightseeing, an official visa invitation letter will not be needed. No visa is required for ordinary passport holders from Singapore, Brunei and Japan to visit China for up to 15 days for business, sightseeing, visiting relatives and friends or transit.
- We can also issue you an official invitation letter to assist you to obtain a visa to China. This letter will state the conference name, the duration of the conference, your detailed correspondence that will be extracted from your enquiry. Please note that due to the large expected number of enquires, we can only issue the invitation letters to those who have registered for the workshop.
- If you need an invitation letter, please contact Dr. Tao Li at litao@ustc.edu.cn with a subject "Require invitation letter for Trends 2018", and indicate Your Name: (Prof./Ms./Mr. ...), and Your Paper ID. Please also provide us the following information in your email.

Full Name (exactly as in your passport)

Passport Number

Your Nationality

The dates you expect to arrive and depart China

Name of the CITY you will apply to for a Chinese visa.

You can apply for the visa in the nearest Chinese Embassy/Consulate. General visa information should be obtained from your local China Consulate, or <http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng>,

Travel to Hefei and Hotel

By air

[Hefei Xinqiao International Airport](#) is about 31.8 km (20 miles) from the city center. It is an important airport, linking this city with many cities home and abroad. Flights to domestic cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and flights to many tourism cities such as Lijiang, Guilin and so on can be found in the airport. Direct international flights to some Asian cities such as Taipei, Singapore, Cheju, Hong Kong, Macau, Seoul, Bangkok and so on are operated from there.

Information about Hefei Xinqiao International Airport

<http://www.hfairport.com/>

By train

Another good choice for travel to the city is by train. There are three railway stations in the city.

[Hefei Railway Station](#)

It is located in the New Railway Station Comprehensive Development Experimental Zone and can be reached by city buses no. 10, 40, 47, 114, 129, 159, 504, 517, 682, 701, 705 etc. The train can reach Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, Hangzhou, Ningbo, Chengdu, Nanchang, etc.

See Hefei-Shanghai Train

[South Railway Station](#)

Located between Huizhou Avenue and Luzhou Avenue, it mainly operates high speed trains, including [Beijing-Fuzhou High Speed Train](#). It can be reached by bus no. 4, 9, 11, 16, 31, 51, 57, 65, 99, 108, 131, 156, 703 etc.

West Railway Station

It is located in the west end of Wangjiang Road and can be reached by city bus no.111 from the Railway Station. Both stations can reach the neighboring cities of Anhui Province such as Anqing, Bengbu, Wuhu, Haozhou, Huangshan, etc.

Information about China railway schedule

<https://www.travelchinaguide.com/china-trains/>

We will provide shuttles from and to the airport and railway station. The shuttle schedule will be posted on this page in early 2018. In case, you arrive in the Hefei airport or train station during the time without shuttle service, you can take taxi or bus. The taxi and bus information to Swan Lake Hotel can be acquired at the airport and train station information desk.

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