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The 2008 ISRM-Sponsored Regional Symposium
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The Key Scientific Research Base for Ancient Wall Paintings Conservation of State Administration of Cultural Heritage

Key Laboratory of Mechanics on Disaster and Environment in Western China (Lanzhou University), Ministry of Education

Welcome

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I have great honor in extending a cordial invitation to you to attend the International Symposium on Conservation of Ancient Sites (ISCAS-2008) to be held in Dunhuang, China, from Sept. 22-24, 2008.

The Symposium is co-sponsored by the International Society for Rock Mechanics (ISRM), Chinese Society for Rock Mechanics and Engineering (CSRME), Dunhuang Academy, China, and Lanzhou University, and jointly organized by the Commission on Preservation and Consolidation Engineering of Ancient Sites, CSRME, the Key Scientific Research Base for Ancient Wall Paintings Conservation under State Administration of Cultural Heritage and Key Laboratory of Mechanics on Disaster and Environment in Western China (Lanzhou University), Ministry of Education.

The overall objective of the Symposium is to demonstrate the latest advances and achievements over the past years and to provide a forum for the discussions on
the future development in this field.

We have endeavored to structure a comprehensive programme of technical presentations and other activities, including post-symposium tours along the ancient Silk Road. It is sure you will enjoy yourselves in China and benefit from this Symposium experience.

Dunhuang, a famous World Cultural Heritage site, is abundant in both historical and tourist resources. September is the best occasion to enjoy the true atmosphere of Dunhuang.

We are looking forward very much to meeting you and having enjoyable technical and non-technical conversations with you in Dunhuang in September 2008!

Prof. Li Zuixiong

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Symposium Objectives

There are a great number of grottoes and ancient earthen historical sites located in northwest China. During the past 10 years, Chinese scholars have not only achieved a great deal of scientific research and engineering practice on the conservation of ancient sites, but also cooperated with many international organizations. The aim of the symposium is to demonstrate the latest improvements and achievements in the field of international conservation of ancient sites, and to provide a discussion forum for the participants of this symposium as well. The themes of this symposium are extensive, covering wide range of topics in this field. You will have opportunities to discuss the technologies and concepts about ancient sites conservation with experts from all over the world.

Symposium Themes

- Environment and conservation of ancient sites.
- Geological engineering and conservation of ancient sites.
- Research on main geological damages and mechanism of ancient sites.
- Research on materials and technologies for conservation of ancient sites.
- Research on deformation monitoring and stability analysis of ancient sites.
- Typical case histories relating consolidation engineering of ancient sites.
Venue

The world cultural heritage site-Mogao Grottoes, Dunhuang, China

![Location of Dunhuang Mogao Grottoes in China](Image)

Location of Dunhuang Mogao Grottoes in China

Date

Sept. 22-24, 2008

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Working Languages

The official languages of the symposium are English and Chinese. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Key Dates

Submission of the Registration Form by E-mail, Fax or Correspondence before Mar. 31, 2008.

Submission of the full paper for who had submitted their abstracts by E-mail, Fax or Correspondence before Mar. 31, 2008.

Submission of the abstract and the full paper for those not yet submitted their abstracts by E-mail, Fax or Correspondence before Mar. 31, 2008.

Registration Fee

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1) Participants

Each participant should complete the Registration Form.

Payment of the Registration Fee will including:

-Attendance at all the Symposium sessions and discussions (including coffee break)
-Symposium Proceedings
-Reception
-Banquet
-Meals during the Symposium
-Social program: visiting Mingsha Mountain and Crescent Moon Spring near Mogao Grottoes, etc.

2) Student

Student is required to submit a copy of their student ID or a student certificate letter by the supervisor or from the university.

The registration fee entitles student to: the same items as participant.

3) Accompanying person
The registration fee entitles the accompanying person to:

- Reception
- Banquet
- Meals during the Symposium
- Social program: visiting Mingsha Mountain and Crescent Moon Spring near Mogao Grottoes.

4) Methods of Payment

Bank Transfer:

Bank account: Bank of China, Dunhuang Branch
Account Name: Dunhuang Academy
Account Number: 325500755708092001

Credit Card
Cash

Accommodation

Four-star grade Dunhuang Hotel with a conference price of USD45/night/room and other hotel with conference price of USD30 for participants and student are available (The conference price is including breakfast).

Weather September is a good season to visit Dunhuang. The temperature is between 9-28℃ degrees with the average of 19℃degree, and relative humidity is about 40%.

Travel Information

You can either by air or by train come to Dunhuang. Flights to Dunhuang from Beijing, Xi’an, Shanghai, Lanzhou in China and the trains from Xi’an or Lanzhou to Dunhuang are available. Upon getting your detailed arrival time, we will meet you at the airport or railway station.
Technical Visit

Two optional technical visit routes with sightseeing along the ancient Silk Road are arranged for participants after symposium.

Route A (West Route): USD 220/person
Sept. 25, Visit Yumen Pass and Great Wall of Han dynasty, Hecang City with sightseeing site, Yadan physiognomy, to Turpan by train at night;
Sept. 26, Visit the Bezklik Grottoes, Astana Tumulus, Frame Mountain, Sugong Pagoda, the Ancient City of Gaochang, stay at Turpan for one night;
Sept. 27, Investigate the Ancient City of Jiaohe and Qanats, and go Ulumuqi to visit Xinjiang Museum, stay at Ulumuqi for one night;
Sept. 28, Visit Tianchi Lake and then back to Ulumuqi;
Sept. 29, Back.

Route B (East Route): USD 210/person
Sept. 25, Visit Yumen Pass and Great Wall of Han dynasty, Hecang City site, Yadan Geological Physiognomy, and then go back to Dunhuang;
Sept. 27, Visit Mati Temple and Dafo Temple in ZhangYe, and go WuWei;
Sept. 28, TianTi Mountain grottoes, Leitai Han Dynasty Tomb in Wuwei, and stay at Lanzhou for a night;
Sept. 29, Visit the BingLing Temple and back to Lanzhou;
Sept. 30, Back.
Letter of Invitation

The Symposium Secretariat of the ISCAS-2008 will be pleased to send an official invitation letter to any participant who willing to attend the Symposium with
a completely Registration Form as your request.

**Proceeding:**

Proceeding of selected papers will publish by Chinese Journal of Rock Mechanics and Engineering and will be issued to participants while registration.

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**Registration Form**

Participants of the conference can make registration by sending E-mail, Fax or by mailing address to: Mr. Guo Qinglin or Ms. Ma Jianhong

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