

On behalf of the Geoinformatics 2013 site selection committee, I would like to call for proposals for 2013 CPGIS annual conference. Enclosed please find the call for proposals. We encourage CPGIS members and local organizations to actively think about the prospect of hosting this major GIS event, and please distribute it to potential interested parties.

Call for Proposals for the Geoinformatics 2013

Since its inception in 1992, CPGIS has annually sponsored Geoinformatics conference, which has since grown to be a major international event among professionals of Geographic Information Sciences (broadly defined). Through careful site selection and program planning, the conference has been able to attract not only the most prominent GISciences experts and scholars inside and outside of China, but also those scholars and professionals who apply GISciences technologies to China and Asia studies. In addition to presenting latest GISciences research and technologies, this annual event also provides a forum that encourages professional interaction among all the participants and a social venue that engenders new ties and potential collaborations.

The conference is normally held between late spring and summer months, and has a tradition of rotating between Asia and North America. However, we encourage proposal submissions from all continents. The previous conference Geoinformatics-2011 was held in Shanghai, China (June 24-26, 2011). This year's Geoinformatics-2012 will be held in Hong Kong, China (June 15-17, 2011).

In general, the conference organizer needs to take the financial responsibility. Previous Geoinformatics conferences have either been self-sufficient or run some surplus through conference registrations and various sponsorships. In addition to conference site rentals, the conference organizer is responsible for securing keynote speaker(s) and hosting a dinner reception. The conference organizer is also expected to follow the conference tradition to offer a field trip and publish a conference proceeding.

The proposal should be no more than 8 pages and include:

- proposed conference site and a brief description of the site
- a theme with two or three intended sessions that reflect the theme
- an organization structure with a minimum of program and local arrangement committee (there should be at least one representative from CPGIS)
- possible conference dates with at least two time slots
- accommodations and price range, any incentives in group discount travel/lodging
- a detailed budget and methods of balancing the budget (e.g., proposed registration fee, the minimum \$1000 contribution to CPGIS, cash awards to student paper competition winners, discount to CPGIS members, sponsors, etc.)
- other potential benefits of holding the conference at the proposed location and on the proposed dates (e.g., petty packing an additional conference or being petty-packed with a major conference, exhibits, social events)

- a statement acknowledging that Geoinformatics conference is mainly sponsored by CPGIS

The site-selection committee will review the proposals and will make recommendation to CPGIS Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD will make a final decision on the site selection. An official agreement will be signed between CPGIS and the selected local organizer. A complete guideline about the conference and the responsibilities of CPGIS and local organizer can be found at

<http://www.cpgis.org/AboutCPGIS/GuidelinesContent.aspx?ID=2>.

We encourage digital submissions and the deadline for submitting a complete proposal is **March 31, 2012**. Please submit your proposal by email to:

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Appendix: Previous and incoming conference locations and a sample of sponsors

1992 Buffalo, NY, USA
1993 Beijing, China
1994 Calgary, Alberta, Canada
1995 Hong Kong
1996 West Palm Beach, FL, USA
1997 Taipei, Taiwan
1998 Beijing, China
1999 Ann Arbor, MI, USA
2000 Monterey Bay, CA, USA
2001 Bangkok, Thailand
2002 Nanjing, China
2003 Cancelled
2004 Gävle, Sweden
2005 Toronto, Canada
2006 Wuhan, China
2007 Nanjing, China
2008 Guangzhou, China
2009 Fairfax, Virginia, USA (Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area)
2010 Beijing, China
2011 Shanghai, China
2012 Hong Kong, China

Besides CPGIS, there have been various sponsors for previous conferences, and here is a sample of sponsors:

US National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (NCGIA).
Chinese Academy of Sciences
ESRI
Ford Foundation
Chinese Association of Geographic Information Systems (CAGIS)
Chinese Geographic Information Society (CGIS)
South Florida Water Management District
University of California, Berkeley
California State University, Monterey Bay
University of Calgary
Chinese University of Hong Kong
State University of New York at Buffalo
Eastern Michigan University
University of Michigan
Peking University
National Taiwan University
Nanjing University
Sun Yat-sen University
University of Cincinnati
National Natural Science Foundation of China
George Mason University
NASA
The Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society of IEEE
The Geographical Society of China
East China Normal University
The Hong Kong GIS Association
Hong Kong Society for Remote Sensing