

On behalf of the Geoinformatics 2015 site selection committee, I would like to call for proposals for 2015 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 2015

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-2013 was held in Kaifeng, China (June 20-22, 2013). This year's Geoinformatics-2014 will be held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan (June 24-27, 2014).

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 and a CPGIS Night celebration, which could be combined into one event. The conference organizer is also expected to follow the conference tradition to publish a conference proceeding and organize a field trip (for those who are interested to participate and willing to pay for the cost).

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 \$2000 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 **April 15, 2014**. 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	2004 Gävle, Sweden
1993 Beijing, China	2005 Toronto, Canada
1994 Calgary, Alberta, Canada	2006 Wuhan, China
1995 Hong Kong	2007 Nanjing, China
1996 West Palm Beach, FL, USA	2008 Guangzhou, China
1997 Taipei, Taiwan	2009 Fairfax, Virginia, USA
1998 Beijing, China	(Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area)
1999 Ann Arbor, MI, USA	2010 Beijing, China
2000 Monterey Bay, CA, USA	2011 Shanghai, China
2001 Bangkok, Thailand	2012 Hong Kong, China
2002 Nanjing, China	2013 Kaifeng, China
2003 Cancelled	2014 Kaohsiung, Taiwan

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).	NASA
Chinese Academy of Sciences	The Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society of IEEE
ESRI	The Geographical Society of China
Ford Foundation	East China Normal University
Chinese Association of Geographic Information Systems (CAGIS)	The Hong Kong GIS Association
Chinese Geographic Information Society (CGIS)	Hong Kong Society for Remote Sensing
South Florida Water Management District	China Soong Ching Ling Foundation
University of California, Berkeley	Beijing LongRuan Technologies Inc.
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	