

**IBS Special Meeting 2016 China**  
**—The Biogeography of Ecology**  
May 4-8, 2016, Beijing, China

It is our great honour and pleasure to invite you to the International Biogeography Society (IBS) Special Meeting 2016 (<http://www.IBS2016-China.org>). The IBS, founded in 2001, is the world's leading scientific society of biogeography and provides the primary forum for biogeographers worldwide by hosting biannual conferences or spatial meetings. IBS2016-China will be the first IBS meeting held in Asia.

Biogeography is a dynamic and burgeoning field that seeks to understand the mechanisms of spatial and temporal biodiversity patterns, to develop predictive capacities for gauging how biodiversity will respond to our rapidly changing world, and to enhance biodiversity conservation. To enhance communication between different fields, the theme of the IBS2016-China is "the Biogeography of Ecology" and will include seven symposia: 1) Biodiversity patterns and maintenance; 2) Phylogeography; 3) Species distribution under global change; 4) Community phylogenetics; 5) Biological invasion; 6) Conservation biogeography; 7) Functional biogeography.

As the capital of China, Beijing has a history dated back to three millennia. The city is known for its imperial palaces, gardens, temples and tombs. Beijing has over 50 universities and many museums, which make it a center of education and culture in China. IBS2016-China will provide an opportunity not only to improve academic exchanges between Asian biogeographers and those from the rest of the world, but also to facilitate communications between eastern and western cultures.

IBS2016-China will be hosted by Peking University (<http://www.pku.edu.cn>), and Institute of Botany (<http://www.ibcas.ac.cn/>) and Institute of Zoology (<http://www.ioz.ac.cn/>) of Chinese Academy of Sciences. Peking University, founded in 1898, is a major Chinese research university. The campus, known as "Yan Yuan", stands near to the Yuanmingyuan Garden and the Summer Palace. Institute of Botany and Institute of Zoology, both with a long history over 80 years, are two leading institutes of organism biology and biogeography in China.

We believe that IBS2016-China will provide a platform to communicate new findings and technologies and the future development of biogeography.



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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

### 04 May, 2016

- 8:30-18:00 Registration
- 14:00 – 18:00 Parallel preconference workshops:
- 1) Tips for prepare and submitting manuscripts from a senior journal editor by editors of *Ecography* (IF = 4.8) (Jens-Christian Svenning, Carsten Rahbek, Maria Persson)
  - 2) Spatial Analysis, organized by Alice Hughes

### 05 May, 2016

- 09:00-12:00 Plenary sessions: 1) opening talks by the chair of Scientific Committee; 2) Invited keynote talks; 3) lightening talks by poster presenters
- 12:00-14:00 Lunch and poster sessions
- 14:00-17:30 Parallel sessions: 1) Biodiversity patterns and maintenance; 2) Phylogeography; 3) Species distribution under global change
- 18:00 welcome reception

### 06 May, 2016

- 09:00-12:00 Parallel sessions: 4) Community phylogenetics; 5) Biological invasion; 6) Conservation biogeography; 7) Functional biogeography
- 12:00-14:00 Lunch and poster session
- 14:00-17:30 Plenary sessions: 1) Invited keynote talks, 2) closing talks

### 7-8 May, 2016

Post-conference excursion

## CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Dr. Carsten Rahbek**, Professor, Center for Macroecology, Evolution and Climate, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Dr. David Currie**, Professor, Biology Department, University of Ottawa, Canada
- Dr. Jingyun Fang**, Professor, Peking University and Institute of Botany of Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
- Dr. Robert E. Ricklefs**, Curators' Professor of Biology, Department of Biology, University of Missouri at St. Louis, US
- Dr. Stephen P. Hubbell**, Distinguished Professor, Univ. of California, Los Angeles
- Dr. Susanne Renner**, Professor, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Department Biologie I, Systematische Botanik und Mykologie
- Dr. Yaping Zhang**, Professor, Kunming Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China

