



ICMGP 2009

The red curtain will soon be lifted on the various mercury issues and your presence is most welcome to shed some light on the future to choose for them.

It is our great pleasure, on the behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, to invite esteemed colleagues from all around the world to the 9th International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant. This anticipated event will be held at Guizhou's Great Hall of the People, in the Chinese city of Guiyang, from June 7 to 12, 2009.

Already the preeminent international forum for formal presentation and discussion of scientific advances concerning mercury pollution, the ICMGP will, for it's 9th chapter, further explore an innovative approach in environmental sciences.

We strongly believe in the potential of this scientific submit as a reunion of the often to distant realities of the developed and developing world in a concrete, understandable and human way.

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9th International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant

A conference where the mercury concerns of the developed and developing worlds will meet

Guiyang, China, June 7-12, 2009

A unique **Ecosystem Approach**

Research topics on the mercury issue often appear to be narrowly focused and thus tend to be fragmented with respect with each other. Moreover, the concerns related to human or wildlife exposure to this heavy metal are frequently decoupled from the sources of mercury and its particular dynamic in the surrounding environment. In order to reconcile all these isolated pieces of the mercury puzzle, the 9th ICMGP will adopt a unique "**Ecosystem Approach**". Under such an approach, all aspects of mercury biogeochemistry will be considered in a comprehensive manner and linked to the specific circumstances of exposed local communities to examine general health status and socio-economic constraints. Furthermore, it will allow participants in the 9th ICMGP to develop consensus outlooks on informed policy approaches for stemming the rise in mercury pollution issues in both the developing and developed world.



Guiyang, vibrant capital of the Guizhou province

Guiyang is a unique destination in China, mingling rich multiculturalism, fascinating multi-millenary heritage and astonishing modernity. The city and its surroundings benefit from pleasant climate and rich subtropical biodiversity, abundant forests alternating with stunning paddy fields and bucolic traditional rural villages, with many tourists attractions within a few hours easy reach.

The Guizhou province where it sits, with its fascinatingly diverse population constituted at 38% by ethnic minorities, is also rich in large mercury mines, which have been highly exploited in the past centuries. The central government of China and the provincial government of Guizhou now dedicate their efforts to turn the unrestrained transition of their economy into sustainable growth. In this context, the 9th ICMGP represents a unique forum where world-renowned mercury experts and Chinese stakeholders will dialogue.

More information coming on our website at : <http://www.mercury2009.org>

