

CALL FOR PAPERS
Mid-term Conference of
Research Committee on Sociology of Leisure (RC 13)



International Sociological Association



“Leisure: A Pathway to Human Happiness and Social Harmony”
Beijing, China, October 23-26, 2009

Background

Leisure, as a social-cultural phenomenon, permeates the life, behavior, and consumption patterns of contemporary people. It permeates even the formulation of national public, economic and cultural policies. It plays an important role in the promotion of humanism, and in the building of a harmonious world. The role of leisure in reducing social tensions has become increasingly evident, resulting in leisure scholars to increasingly focus their attention on leisure research.

Today, human beings live in an era of cultural syncretism, dialogue and cooperation. Scholars are best placed to take responsibility for social morality and justice, and utilizing the power of humanism for social and economic development. A dialogue between philosophy, sociology, culture studies, anthropology, history, education, economics and other disciplines is necessary for a better and harmonious world. Leisure is in a position to provide a platform for such a dialogue.

Keeping this in mind, during the “First International Forum of Sociology” on 7th September 2008 in Barcelona Spain, the Leisure Research Committee of the

International Sociological Association (ISA RC 13) decided to co-sponsor its Mid-term Conference in Beijing, China with the Leisure Research Centre of China Art Academy, the professional organization on the Leisure Philosophy in China, Peking University in Beijing, China.

Founded in 1947, the International Sociological Association is a member organization of UNESCO. It is headquartered in Madrid, Spain with 55 Research Committees, 2 Working Groups and 4 Thematic Groups. Its Leisure Research Committee was established in 1970 and aims to boost the research on issues in leisure studies.

October in Beijing is a golden season. Beijing, the historical and cultural capital with 850 years of history as also a modern metropolis, is expecting friends from all over the world!

Topic

Leisure: A Pathway to Human Happiness and Social Harmony

Sub-Themes

The Participants are cordially invited to submit abstracts / papers for this conference. The participants are welcome to submit papers on all topics relevant to the Sociology of Leisure including, but not limited to:

- Leisure, Harmony and Social Conformity
- Public Services, Vacation Policy and Social Welfare
- Urban recreation space plan and design
- Leisure, Urbanization and Regional Development
- Leisure, Leisure Industry and Economic Crisis
- Leisure and Human Happiness
- Leisure, Culture and Civilizations

- Globalization, Social Transformations and Leisure
- Leisure and Special Human Categories (Children, Youth, Aged, Women etc.)
- Leisure, Tourism and Environmental Awareness
- Leisure: Pathway to Health and Wellbeing
- Leisure, Media and Technological Transformation
- Leisure, Voluntarism and Community Welfare
- Leisure, Deviance and Violence
- Future of Leisure and Leisure of Future
- Others

Submission of Abstracts

- **Abstracts could be sent in Chinese or English**, but Chinese papers should also be accompanied with English Abstracts.
- **Please use MS Word software to edit abstracts** , English abstracts should not exceed 350 words and Chinese abstracts should not exceed 300 words ;
- **Before submission, please read “abstract submission guideline” in the conference official website, abstracts should include the following contents :**
 Heading page: Heading, Author Names, Current Affiliations and Titles, Mailing Address, Telephone numbers, E-mail address.
- • Abstract should be sent as attached file to the conference paper processing team at leisure2010@sina.com before 31st August 2009, or submitted online on the official website of the conference after registration.
- Academic Committee will examine all abstracts twice in anonymity way.
- Authors of accepted abstracts should submit full papers before 30th September 2009. Accepted full papers will be collected into the conference proceedings.

Language: English, Chinese

ISA RC 13 Young Leisure Scholar Award

To encourage scholarship in the area of Leisure Studies and to attract and encourage young scholars to significantly and profoundly contribute to leisure studies, a Young Leisure Scholar Award has been instituted on behalf of ISA RC 13 to be given to a young scholar (below the age of 40 with proof) who contributes and presents the best paper (in English) on the occasion of RC 13 Conferences both mid-term as well as on the occasion of ISA World Congresses. In pursuance of the same, a Young Leisure Scholar Award will be presented by ISA RC 13 on the occasion of ISA RC 13 Mid-term Conference in Beijing, China for the best presented paper. (For details please see the attachment.)

Registration Fee

The conference will be held from the 23rd to the 26th October at Peking University. Registration fee includes conference fees, conference materials, scheduled meals, reception, and a copy of conference proceedings. Conference proceedings are not available to accompanying persons and registration fee does not include accommodations or transportations.

The hotel rates would be within 1000 - 500 RMB/day. Hotel options are listed in the official conference websites.

	Registration Fee	
	Chinese participants	International participants
Regular	RMB 1500	ISA category A countries US \$200 ISA category B countries US \$150 ISA category C countries US \$100
Accompanying persons	RMB 800	US \$100

International Participants may as well register on the spot. All the students will pay half the fee.

Important dates to remember:

	Deadline
Abstract submission	31st August 2009
Full paper submission	30th September 2009

International Organizing Committee

Guangyuan Yu, Former Vice- President, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Honorary Chairman)

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