

'94 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WETLAND ENVIRONMENT AND PEATLAND UTILIZATION

'94 International Conference on Wetland Environment and Peatland Utilization will be held in Changchun , China in August 9—11, 1994. This conference is organized and sponsored by Changchun Institute of Geography, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, cosponsored by Wuhan Institute of Survey and Geophysics, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and supported by National Natural Science Foundation of China.

The topics discussed in the conference include the following four aspects:

1) Resources and ecology of wetlands (including classification, structure and function, biomass and primary productivity, mathematical models, biodiversity and species resources, application of new techniques);

2) Conservation and utilization of wetland resources (including standard and countermeasures of wetland conservation, protection of rare and extinct animals and plants, technology of wetland conservation, eco-agricultural project and necessary technology, wetland management);

3) Wetland environment (including environmental effects of wetlands, trace gases from wetlands and their environmental effects, relationship between wetland changes and global environment, mechanism of wetland purifying environment, effect of human activities on wetlands, paleoenvironment, developing trend of wetlands);

4) Utilization of peatlands (including agriculture, forestry, horticulture, medical treatment and health care, new peat products)

The conference will arrange the following post-conference tours:

1) Mire in the Changbai Mountains and Xianghai Wetland Reserves;

2) Ecological Experimental Station of Mire Wetland in the Sanjiang Plain and Zhalong Wetland Reserves;

3) Mire wetlands in the Qinghai-Xizang Plateau;

4) Wetlands along the Changjiang (Yangtze) River valley.

The organization committee of the conference will publish the proceedings of the conference.