

Invitation to participate in the 2012 Biodiversity Information Standards (TDWG) Annual Meeting in Beijing, China, 21-26 October 2012

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 2012 Biodiversity Information Standards (TDWG) Annual Meeting "*Emerging International Infrastructure for Biodiversity Information*" to be held at the China People's Palace in Beijing, China from October 21 to 26, 2012. This is the annual event of the TDWG organization at which international standards for biodiversity data, protocols and tools are discussed and determined. Your participation will be valuable to ensure added perspective to the discussions and to broaden awareness of the international scientific community of TDWG activities and products.

The meeting will address several topics:

- Global Biodiversity Informatics Initiatives
- Regional Biodiversity Informatics Initiatives
- Uses of Biodiversity Informatics Standards
- Agricultural Biodiversity Information Interoperability
- Genomic Biodiversity Information Interoperability
- Knowledge Organisation Systems (vocabularies, thesauri, ontologies)
- Multi-Lingual Aspects of Biodiversity Information Integration/Interoperability
- Interconnected Biodiversity Information, Media & The Semantic Web
- The Role of Citizen Science in Biodiversity Science & Creating Best Practices
- Digitization Workflows and Collaborative Cataloging
- Digitization Portals and Information Interoperability

Please be advised that this invitation does not include financial support, and you must contact a Chinese Embassy or a Consulate in your country to obtain a Chinese visa.

We hope you will be able to attend. Information about registration, transportation and accommodations are available on-line at www.tdwg.org

Sincerely,



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