Dear Colleagues:

As the local organizing committee, we cordially invite you to attend the 14th International Zebrafish Conference (IZFC), which for the first time will be held in the Asia-Pacific region, the Suzhou International Expo Center, Suzhou, China, June 12 (Wednesday) – June 16 (Sunday), 2019.

Suzhou is well known for its ancient gardens and picturesque scenery. Just like the great traveler Marco Polo described as “Heaven on Earth” and “Venice in Orient”, Suzhou features a unique style of “small bridges, running water and households”. Suzhou also is one of the most developed areas in China with a booming economy and highly modernized metropolitan districts. There are two major international airports connecting the world to Suzhou: the Shanghai Pudong International Airport and the Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport, which are approximately 75 miles or 45 miles away from Suzhou, respectively.

Following the traditions of both the Madison and European Zebrafish Conferences, you will enjoy keynote speeches, awardee lectures, plenary session and concurrent session/workshop talks, and poster sessions, covering all areas of studies using zebrafish and other fish models.

To emphasize the importance of trainee and junior faculty professional development, both Trainee Professional Development Workshops and Junior Faculty Workshops will be held on June 12, 2019, the first day of the conference. The Trainee Professional Development Workshops are devoted to scientific and career development activities for trainees (primarily graduate students and postdocs), including a keynote address and a series of workshops on various topics as well as one-on-one blitz discussions, and providing opportunities for the next generation of zebrafish researchers to learn from and interact with faculty members in a more informal and intimate setting. The Junior Faculty Workshops aim to foster the growth and success rate of the next generation of zebrafish researchers by learning from and interacting with established faculty members in a more informal and intimate setting, and a panel of experienced members of the zebrafish field will participate in each meeting, to provide tips and advice to junior faculty members and answer questions.

In addition, the Meet the Professor sessions will provide trainees the opportunity to interact with experienced faculty members in the zebrafish field and to foster scholarly conversation throughout the conference.

To help us craft the scientific program of the 14th IZFC, we launch Call for Session or Workshop Proposals. Any fish independent investigator will be encouraged to submit a proposal for a plenary session, a concurrent session or a concurrent workshop for our conference, and the Conference Program Committee will select sessions and workshops from these proposals. For those who need financial assistance to attend the Conference, please fill out the Travel Award Application Form. In addition, the Conference Logo Competition is open.


Please submit your Session or Workshop proposal and/or Conference logo artwork by February 28, 2019.

Submit travel award application form by February 28, 2019.

Interested sponsors and exhibitors, please contact Dr. Zhaomin Zhong (Tel: +86 15895562190, Email: zhongzhaomin@suda.edu.cn) or Conference Secretariat (the14thIZFC_suzhou@vip.163.com).

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Suzhou, China in June 2019!

Sincerely,

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