29th SOMP Annual Meeting and Conference

Registration and Room Reservation

New World Beijing Hotel, Beijing, China
July 3 – 6, 2018

Co-Hosted by

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Conference Contact
Phone: +86 10 6233 3454; Email: somp2018@ustb.edu.cn and zxli@ustb.edu.cn.

Venue Contact and Location
New World Beijing Hotel, 8 Qinian Street, Chongwenmen, Dongcheng District, Beijing 100062, China, https://beijing.newworldhotels.com/en, phone: +86 10 5960 8888 ext 8976.
The conference venue location in Beijing is shown in Figure 1 and the Airport Express Railway and city subway lines are shown in Figure 2.

Registration and Procedures

Registration categories
- Normal registrant or participant;
- Retired, emeritus, younger than 30 or any special case; or
- Accompanying person.

Payment options
- Early bird payment before or on April 20, 2018;
- Normal payment before or on May 20, 2018;
- Late payment after May 20, 2018 (subject to availability);
- Optional tour to Great Wall for a short day on July 7 to/from Beijing suburb; or
- Optional tour to Top Coal Caving Longwall and surface mines in a row for two long days in Shanxi Province on July 8 and 9, including one night room, 4 meals, and bus transportation.

Fee rates
Fee rates available for selection are shown below:

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<td>Normal registrant or participant</td>
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The registration fee rates for conference program include conference kit, access to technical sessions, welcome reception, Awards dinner, three lunches, coffee and tea breaks, and the July 6 afternoon ensemble tour.
The registration fee rate for accompanying person program includes welcome reception, Awards dinner, three lunches, and three guided tours.
All fee rates are Chinese taxes inclusive but bank transaction or other payment fees on the registrant side exclusive.

Cancellation policy
The portion of registration refund for a cancellation and that of fee withholding for reservation penalties and processing fees are depending upon the date of cancellation as indicated below:
- 75% to be refunded and 25% to be withheld before April 20, 2018;
• 50% to be refunded and 50% to be withheld before May 20, 2018;
• 25% to be refunded and 75% to be withheld before June 20, 2018; or
• None to be refunded and 100% to be withheld after June 20, 2018.

A request for cancellation must be sent to the conference contact at somp2018@ustb.edu.cn and copied to zxli@ustb.edu.cn. Cancellation confirmation should be responded within one week.

**Registration procedures**

Due to the fact that our conference host USTB does not have an online system/tool available for registration or fee collection nor any third party online systems/tools are feasible, we are using a “manual” registration process with a regular method of registration fee payment to USTB account in US$, €, or CNY by wire transfer via a provider.

For those SOMP members who want to pay by credit card online and accept a SOMP invoice or receipt, the alternative of paying online to the SOMP account in Euros only is provided.

The registration and fee payment procedures are as follows:

1. The SOMP 2018 Registration Form in the .XLS format will be sent to you as an email attachment. You complete the Form by providing your necessary information; selecting your registration category, tour option, and payment preferences; requesting your invitation letter for visa application; making your remarks/inquiries, if any; typing your name; and sending your completed Registration Form in the .XLS format to somp2018@ustb.edu.cn with a copy to zxli@ustb.edu.cn.

2. Then, you will be followed up by an email from the SOMP 2018 Secretariat at somp2018@ustb.edu.cn, attached with either a USTB invoice or a SOMP instruction file in .PPT for you to make your payment in either way, depending upon your payment preferences as selected in your Registration Form. For the SOMP way, please allow us one or two days for our SOMP Director of IT and Membership to generate your SOMP 2018 registration order/invoice on our SOMP Members system, pending for you to pay.

3. Finally, on time of your payment option (by April 20 or May 20, 2018) you get your registration fees paid by the USTB invoice with your payment evidence emailed to us or by following the SOMP instructions as you pay your annual SOMP membership dues.

**Accommodation and Room Reservation**

Rooms have been collectively allocated for individual reservations at the venue hotel with a discounted rate of 950/1050 Chinese Yuan (equivalent to approximately USD 140/155) for single/double Superior room or 1050/1150 Chinese Yuan for single/double Deluxe room, including breakfast and taxes, until June 15, 2018.

You can make room reservations and pay online directly to the SOMP 2018 venue hotel when you see the unique ID SOMP2018 by selecting dates and clicking on CHECK AVAILABILITY at the website https://beijing.newworldhotels.com/en/ while SOMP 2018 room reservation is open (coming soon). The SOMP-discounted room rates at the venue hotel may not apply beyond July 2 to July 10.

You may choose to stay in other hotels at your own discretion. Less expensive hotels in the vicinity of our venue include 4 star Inner Mongolia Grand Hotel (http://www.bjnmghotel.com), No. 2 Chongwenmennei Dajie, Phone +86 10 6526 6030, 6518 6666; or 3 star Chong Wen Men Hotel, No. 2 Chongwenmenxi Dajie, Phone +86 10 6512 2211, 6523 8497.
Figure 1 Conference venue location in Beijing
Figure 2  Airport Express Railway and city subway line