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## SEPM Witnessing and Greeting the Prosperous Growing Community of Chinese Sedimentologists

The 4<sup>th</sup> Chinese National Congress on Sedimentology  
Hosted by: Qingdao Institute of Marine Geology  
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The 4<sup>th</sup> Chinese National Congress on Sedimentology was held on the 16-20 October 2009. During the meeting, more than 750 participants from both academia and industry (equally represented) assembled in Qingdao, a beautiful harbor city in China (Fig. 1), where the Olympic and Paralympic sailing competitions were hosted successfully in 2008. To Chinese sedimentologists, it was a milestone gathering to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sedimentary Geology Division of the Geological Society of China. In the opening ceremony and plenary session (Fig. 2), former society President Shu Sun, newly elected President Baojun Liu and twelve other keynote presenters reviewed all aspects of the advances in sedimentology. A special session was held in memory of the pioneers in the study of sedimentology and stratigraphy, they are Prof. Lianjun Ye, Prof. Zhizheng Ye, and Prof. Chongjun Wu.



Fig.1 (a) Zhan Qiao Pier, the most famous scenery and landmark of Qingdao (photo source from [www.baidu.com](http://www.baidu.com))



(b) Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center, the new landmark of Qingdao (photo source from [www.lightingchina.com](http://www.lightingchina.com))

In total, 238 participants gave oral presentations in 8 parallel sessions (Fig. 3) and over 130 attendees presented their research results in posters. The presentations cover various topics, from theoretical and laboratory, to modeling sedimentology, and from sediment particles, bedforms, and unconsolidated sediment, to hard rocks. Under the theme “Balance between Continent and Ocean - Integration of Present and Past”, there was an increasing trend of research topics on marine sedimentology, environmental sedimentology, and global climate change studies using Holocene and Quaternary sedimentary archives. Some presentations followed or even pioneered the hot

research issues in the fields. The conference was a great success with far exceeded expectations, with some small meeting rooms squeezing in double the capacity for attendees to hear their interesting talks (Fig. 3). After the conference, there were five field trips, including the sandy and rocky coast of the Shandong Peninsula, the Yellow River Delta, clastic outcrops along the rocky coast and two carbonate outcrops on the Shandong inland.



Fig. 2 Over 750 participants attended the opening ceremony and plenary session



Fig. 3 Attendees listening attentively to the talks in the parallel sessions

As SEPM Global Ambassadors, Xiumian Hu and I fully represented SEPM and joined the conference. We setup an SEPM booth on the first day of the plenary session and the third day of the poster session, respectively. On the first day exhibition, the booth was set up using a table and three chairs in the front of the lobby, next to the main door to the plenary hall (Fig. 4). In the break time, we were completely surrounded by the enthusiastic young scientists and students, who lined up in front of the table waiting for signing in the SEPM signature album, taking SEPM brochures, gifts like photo scales and grain scales, free SEPM journal samples. We had three student volunteers, helping hand out the gifts, explaining what SEPM is, why we need SEPM and how to join in SEPM. It was impressive that 150 copies of SEPM brochures in Chinese were quickly handed out within 20 minutes during the break. Beside the lining-up young scientists, the elders stood in front of the book exhibition booth, browsing SEPM special publications, asking how to purchase the books. Over 20 print copies of SEPM publication lists were disseminated to those interested in purchasing the books. During the exhibition, deputy secretary of the Chinese Society of Sedimentology, Prof. Shu Gao came to us and signed his name in the album. He is also an SEPM member. We together with Drs. Chunming Lin and Shouye Yang talked how to promote

SEPM by cooperating with local communities, helping Chinese sedimentologists, especially young scientists/students, join an international community like SEPM and present their research results in the international conferences and journals. We also discussed the possibility of setting up an East Asia SEPM section in the near future together with sedimentologists from Japan, Korea, and other East Asia countries.



a. SEPM poster



b. SEPM banner



c. SEPM booth in the front the lobby next to the plenary hall



d. The booth surrounded by enthusiastic young scientists and students



e-f. Participants lining-up in front of the booth for the SEPM handouts, including SEPM brochures, photo scales and grain scales, free SEPM journal samples, and so on.



g-h. Participants standing in the front of the booth and browsing the exhibited SEPM special publications



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Prof. Shu Gao signed his name in the SEPM signature album



j. Discussing the future cooperation with the local society

Fig. 4a-j The first day exhibition in the front of the lobby next to the plenary hall during the opening ceremony and plenary sessions

The second day exhibition was held in the poster session. We had two long tables in the front of the poster exhibition hall, enough space for our exhibition and more comfortable for communications (Fig. 5). In the middle of the exhibition, former president of the society, Prof. Shu Sun came to the booth, signing his name in the album. We also gathered lots of signatures by distinguished society members. In total, over 200 participants left their signatures and wrote down their corresponding address including email address in the album, which are valuable for us to extend SEPM into the Chinese community by disseminating SEPM publication and meeting information through email if they agree.





Fig. 5 The second day exhibition in the front of the poster exhibition hall

The four-day conference finished successfully, and the first SEPM exhibition in China was also a great achievement. We owe our great appreciation to Dr. Ping Yin, deputy secretary of the conference for her effort in helping the SEPM exhibition. We thank the conference conveners and all distinguished participants for their enthusiastic support. Also, we thank the three student volunteers, Miao Huo, Jiangang Wang, and Yin Wang for their great help in handing out the brochures and gifts, and addressing questions. We are planning to have more exhibitions in China, like the 10<sup>th</sup> National Conference of Palaeogeography and Sedimentology in 2010, hosted by Yangtze University at Jingzhou, Hubei Province, China. We are trying bring China sedimentary geologists and SEPM together.

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