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The Regent, Taipei
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The ISSC is pleased to invite its Member Organisations, Member Associations, Member Institutions, Associate Members and co-sponsored programmes to two historic meetings that will take place in Taipei from 24-26 October 2017. ISSC delegates are also invited to participate in the International Symposium on Sustainability Science and Dinner, held on 22 October 2017.

The ISSC will hold its 4th Extraordinary General Assembly on 24 October, followed by a two-day Joint Meeting with ICSU delegates on 25-26 October. These meetings will discuss the proposed modalities for a merger of ISSC and ICSU, and vote on whether the proposed merger should go ahead. They follow the ‘in-principle’ vote in favour of a merger and the mandate to develop detailed transition plans made during the joint ISSC General Assembly and ICSU Extraordinary General Assembly, which took place on 24 October 2016 in Oslo, Norway.

The Extraordinary General Assembly and the Joint Meetings take place within the context of the 32nd ICSU General Assembly, and are kindly hosted by the Academy of Sciences located in Taipei.

Venue
The 4th ISSC Extraordinary General Assembly and the Joint ISSC-ICSU meeting will be held at The Regent Taipei
No. 3, Ln. 39, Sec. 2 ZhongShan N. Rd.
Taipei 104
Tel: +886 2 2521 5000
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Website: http://regenthotels.com/regent-taipei

Documentation
Documents pertaining to the Extraordinary General Assembly will be distributed electronically in advance of the meeting. Participants are expected to bring documents with them. No hard copies will be available at the meeting.

Meetings and Events

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*The International Symposium on Sustainability Science and the following Dinner are independent events organised by the Academy of Sciences located in Taipei, with ICSU and ISSC members invited by the Academy to participate in their personal capacity, and thus are not official ICSU/ISSC events.

Registration
Online registration is available via the following link: https://icsu2017.sysinfo.com.tw/

The link is also available on the ISSC website. All persons wishing to participate in the Extraordinary General Assembly and Joint Meetings (regardless of whether they need a hotel room or not) must register online in order to be included in the List of Participants. Online registration will close on 15 September 2017.
Hotels
Details of hotels pre-booked for the General Assembly are included in the online registration form, where you are able to book your accommodation directly. Hotels for participants will provide special rates and a reservation form will be provided with the registration. This form should be downloaded, filled, emailed or faxed to the hotels.

Meals
Lunch & Coffee breaks: The Academy of Sciences located in Taipei is generously providing lunch and coffee breaks on 24, 25, 26 October for participants.

Evening:
• A joint dinner with ICSU and ISSC participants will be provided on 25 October at the National Palace Museum.
• A cocktail will be organised on 26 October for ICSU and ISSC participants at the meeting venue.

Accompanying persons are welcome to attend the evening functions.

Passports and Visas
Delegates will need to check if they require visas for entry to the country and if so to arrange to obtain visas in good time. Requests for visa letters can be made via the online registration form. For details: http://www.boca.gov.tw/np.asp?ctNode=776&mp=2

Useful local information

Currency
The local currency is the New Taiwan Dollar. 1 New Taiwan Dollar (TWD) equals 0.029 Euro and 0.031 USD.

Weather
In October average low and high temperatures are 23 °C (74 °F) and 26 °C (79 °F). Summer clothes are suitable during the day, but in early morning or evening you may need a light coat or a cardigan. It rains occasionally, so an umbrella might be needed.

Travel and Public Transportation
Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements. Taipei airport is about 35 minutes from the city and is connected by a regular bus service, metro and taxis. A taxi fare from the airport into the central city is around NTD 1200.

Electricity
Power sockets are of type A and B. The standard voltage is 110 V and the standard frequency is 60 Hz. Please check if you need a power plug adapter and/or a voltage converter.

Wireless Connection
There will be internet access in the conference centre and meeting room. Information on wireless connection in the hotels will be given at the venue.

Mobile Phones
Check with your phone company before leaving home about international mobile roaming facilities available in the host country.

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