



NECLIME Annual Conference 2026, Xishuangbanna, China

November 1-8

Notice for Attendees

Dear colleagues and NECLIME members,

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the 26th Annual NECLIME Conference, which will be held in Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, China from November 1st to 8th, 2026. We are looking forward to seeing you in Xishuangbanna!

The main focus of the conference this year will be

Cenozoic tropical and subtropical paleofloras of Eurasia

We welcome contributions on

- Quantitative, proxy-data based reconstructions of paleoclimate and paleovegetation patterns in time and space,
- Analyses of interactions between paleogeography, vegetation, fauna and climate, including climate and biome modelling approaches, and
- Studies on the history of biodiversity, with quantitative data as well as aspects of evolution and dispersal.
- and all topics related to NECLIME.

Organizing committee Jian Huang, Shufeng Li, Angela Bruch.

Important information:

To ensure a smooth organization of the conference, we kindly ask for your cooperation on the following matters:

Abstract submission/revision – If you have not yet submitted your abstract, or if you have made any changes to a previously submitted version, please send us the final version no later than September 20, 2026. This will allow us sufficient time for formatting, layout, and scheduling of presentations.

Abstracts for oral or poster contributions have to be submitted using the **attached abstract form**; the size should not exceed approximately 3,000 characters. All submitted abstracts will be published in an abstract volume.

Flight arrival details – To facilitate our airport pick-up arrangements, please inform us of your flight number and arrival time at JHG Airport no later than October 8, 2026. This is essential for us to coordinate the shuttle service effectively.

Please send these information to Dr. Jian Huang (huangjian@xtbg.ac.cn).

The Venue

The conference will be held at the Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden (XTBG), Chinese Academy of Sciences, Yunnan, China



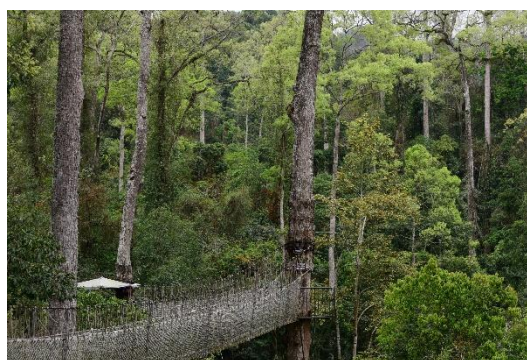
Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, the largest Botanical Garden in China

Pre-Conference Excursion

One-day tour excursion to the tropical rainforest of Sky Tree Park in Mengla, Xishuangbanna; This is the most typical tropical rainforest in China, composed of tall trees from the Dipterocarpaceae family, full of tropical biodiversity.



Sky Tree Park Tropical Rainforest



Canopy Walk

Post-conference Excursion

After the meeting, on November 5th – 8th, we offer a four-day field excursion you can choose to participate in.

We will conduct visits at 3 sites: 1. Wild Elephant Valley Park: This park features well-preserved tropical forests and long forest walkways, allowing you to safely observe the activities of wild Asian elephants and other tropical animals up close; 2. Yuanjiang Ecological Station: Here you can explore China's largest tropical savanna and experience its floristic connections to ancient Gondwana flora; 3. Areas around Fuxian Lake in Chengjiang: This beautiful faulted plateau lake is surrounded by limestone mountains preserving Tertiary relic sclerophyll vegetation, and it is also home to the world-famous Chengjiang fossil site of the Cambrian explosion.

Accommodation, conference and excursion fees

Conference fee and post-conference excursion fee are payable at the registration desk upon arrival.

Accepted payment methods: Cash in EUR or RMB (CNY); On-site e-banking transfer (for Chinese participants only). Card payments are not available on-site.

The conference fee covers accommodation and is priced as follows: EUR 240 / CNY 1900 per person for shared occupancy (two persons per room), or EUR 360 / CNY 2850 per person for single occupancy (one person per room).

The conference fee includes accommodation, meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner), airport transfer, pre-conference excursions (Sky Tree Park), as well as conference materials.

The accommodation for the Pre-Conference Excursion:

Mengla Jinglan Hotel: RMB 280/room/night (approx. EUR 36) × 1 night (Nov 1st~2nd)

The accommodation in XTBG during the conference (Nov 2nd~5th):

Royal Waterlily Hotel: RMB 380/room/night × 3 nights = RMB 1,140 (approx. EUR 146)

To accommodate diverse institutional reimbursement procedures, we offer two options:

If you require a separate accommodation invoice – please settle your accommodation charges directly at the hotel. The hotel will issue an electronic invoice to you accordingly.

If you do not need a separate invoice and prefer to have the accommodation cost included in the overall conference fee – please pay the total amount to us. We will then issue an conference fee receipt for your records.

Fee for the Post Meeting Excursion (Nov 5th-8th)

Includes coach transportation, accommodation, meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner), and entrance fees. It is EUR 180 / CNY 1400 per person for shared occupancy (two persons per room); EUR 240 / CNY 1870 per person for single occupancy (one person per room).

Schedule

November 1st

Arrival; Airport & city pickup; Accommodation in Mengla Jinglan Hotel; Registration

Please Note: The conference starts officially on November 1. The organizing committee will only book accommodation from the night of November 1. Any earlier stays must be arranged and paid by participants individually. Jinghong City (Xishuangbanna) is a tourist destination. After arriving at JHG Airport, you are free to explore the city and enjoy the local ethnic culture on your own. On the afternoon of November 1, we will provide city/airport pick-up and transfer you to the pre-conference field trip hotel, which is about 160 km from the airport.

November 2nd

Pre-conference Excursion: Visit to the tropical rainforest of Sky Tree Park; Transfer to XTBG, Accommodation at the Royal Waterlily Hotel in XTBG

Please Note: The site is famous for its treetop canopy walkway. If you suffer from acrophobia (fear of heights) or any related discomfort, please let us know on site. Alternative ground-level forest trails are also available, offering excellent views of tropical rainforest landscapes and rich biodiversity.

November 3rd

Scientific Sessions: Oral and poster presentations

November 4th

Scientific Sessions: Oral and poster presentations; Final discussion

Post-conference Excursion:

Please note: the post-conference excursion will be conducted entirely by a coach. The total distance is about 700 kilometers (most of the route is on the highway, relatively easy).

For the field trip, please bring trekking shoes. In tropical areas, the sunlight is quite intense, so it's important to have sunscreen, clothing, and a hat ready. The weather in November is ~15°C at night and 25~30°C in the daytime, usually without precipitation.

The excursion will conclude in Kunming City, Airport code (KMG). Participants are kindly requested to arrange their departure flights from KMG accordingly.

November 5th

Departure from XTBG and visit to the Wild Elephant Valley Park (9:00~14:00); Transfer to Yuanjiang; Accommodation at Yuanjiang (360 Km)

November 6th

Excursion to the tropical savannah in Yuanjiang Ecological Station (9:00~15:00); Transfer to Chengjiang (200 km); Accommodation in Chengjiang.

November 7th

Visit to the Cambrian Chengjiang biota Site in the morning; Excursion to limestone vegetation and cultural relics near Fuxianhu Lake in the afternoon; Accommodation in Chengjiang.

November 8th

Transfer to Kunming (60 km); Meeting adjourned

Please note: After breakfast in Chengjiang, we will head to Kunming. First stop: Kunming Airport (KMG) – estimated arrival ~10:00 PM. Then the coach will continue to downtown Kunming. If you are flying out from KMG that day, please book flights departing after 11:30.



Wild Asian Elephant (*Elephas maximus*)



Sunda Slow Loris (*Nycticebus coucang*)



Tropical Savannah of the Red River Valley



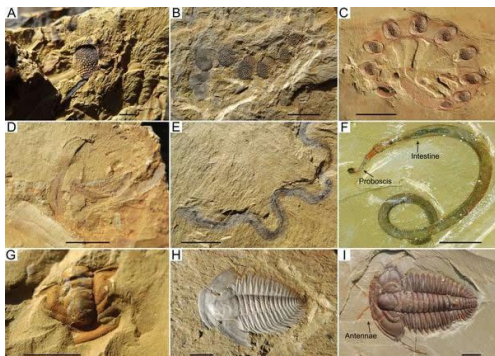
Succulent Euphorbia Forest



Fuxian Lake



Tertiary Relict Limestone Vegetation



the Cambrian Chengjiang biota



Chengjiang biota site & museum

China Travel Tips – Please Read Before You Go:

Get a local Chinese SIM card or activate international roaming in advance.

Download Alipay (for payments) and WeChat (for messaging) before arrival, and activate them after entering China.

Google services (Gmail, Maps, Search, etc.) are blocked in China.

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