

The Fourth Sino-US International Conference on Public Administration

Call for Papers

Theme: Improving Government Performance

Time: June 7th to 8th, 2008

Place: The State University of New Jersey (Rutgers)-Campus at Newark

Cosponsoring-Organizations:

The American Society for Public Administration

School of Public Affairs and Administration, The State University of New Jersey (Rutgers)

School of Public Administration, Renmin University of China

Dear Colleagues,

The American Society for Public Administration, the School of Public Affairs and Administration of The State University of New Jersey (Rutgers)-Campus at Newark, and the School of Public Administration of Renmin University of China will jointly organize the Fourth Sino-US International Conference on Public Administration on the Rutgers-Newark campus (Newark, New Jersey—adjacent to New York City) from June 7th to 8th, 2008.

Since 2002, The Sino-US International Conference on Public Administration has been held every other year, with the widest scope and the largest number of attendees among conferences and exchanges between China and the US in the field of Public Administration. In the years 2002, 2004 and 2006, almost 500 experts have participated in the conference.

The proceedings of the 2002 and 2006 conferences were published by China's Renmin University Press in Beijing, and the 2004 proceedings by the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers-Newark. The 2008 collection will be published in the US after the conference. Selected papers will be invited for submission to the Chinese Public Administration Review (www.aspachina.org).

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Sub-topics:

1. Strategies and comprehensive plans for improving government performance
2. Theoretical framework for government performance management
3. Technical innovations for government performance management
4. Indicators and benchmarks for government performance evaluation
5. Performance management based on E-Government
6. Data collection methods and analysis of performance evaluation metrics
7. Comparative research on international experiences in government performance management

8. Construction and optimization of operational processes in governmental sectors
9. Performance appraisal and evaluation of public servants
10. Central (Federal) government performance evaluation and management
11. Local (municipal) government performance evaluation and management
12. Government purchasing policies and government performance (contracts and oversight)
13. Human Resource investments (training, personnel evaluation, etc.) in improving government performance
14. Public-private networks
15. Non-profit organizations: development, performance and evaluation

Although a preference will be given to papers and/or cases related to the above sub-topics, other papers and case studies in all fields of public administration will be considered. Please indicate the sub-topic you choose when submitting your abstract.

How to join the conference

Please submit an abstract before December 1, 2007. Drafts of complete papers will be expected prior to January 31, 2008. The Organizing Committee will release the formal participants list by March 15, 2008 and send formal invitations by then. For each paper, only one author can be invited. About 70 experts from China will attend the conference, and an equal number of US participants are anticipated.

Fees

1. Hotel: Participants are responsible for hotel charges themselves. The Organizing Committee will help participants to reserve rooms if needed. The charge will be about \$125 per night.
2. The Organizing Committee will provide working meals during conference days.
3. The Registration Fee is \$40. (Accepted U.S. and International participants should send their registration and fee to Rutgers University by April 15, 2008)

(For Chinese participants)

Step A. Each participant pays registration fee to Chinese contact persons before Mar. 15, 2008.

Step B. The Organizing Committee sends a formal invitation and a receipt for \$40 to participant.

Step C. Participant shows receipt and receives formal invoice in the US.

About Organizing Committee

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