

# **THE FOURTH CHINA-JAPAN-KOREA INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON RING THEORY (June 24 -28, 2004) (first announcement)**

The Fourth China-Japan-Korea International Symposium on Ring Theory was originally planned to take place from June 24 to June 28, 2003, in Southeast University, Nanjing, China. This conference was put off for one year because of SARS problems.

This is the first announcement of the postponed conference.

## **Date and Venue**

Date: June 24 -28, 2004

Venue: Liuyuan Hotel, Southeast University, Nanjing, China.

## **Background of the conference**

The conference is held every 4 years on a rotating basis. The first conference was held in 1991 at Guilin, China. In 1995 the second conference took place in Okayama, Japan. At the second conference it was decided to include Korea, who hosted this conference of 1999. The fourth conference should take place in 2003 in China. Because of SARS problems, the conference had to be postponed for one year. It will be hosted in 2004 in Nanjing, a beautiful city known for being China's capital of six ancient dynasties and having a rich cultural heritage.

## **Goal of the conference**

The purpose of this conference is to contribute to the development of ring theory and to strengthen the ties of friendship between ring theorists of China, Japan and Korea. Some experts of other countries will be expected to attend the symposium.

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## Deadline for reception of abstracts

The deadline for receipt of all abstracts is **March 31, 2004**. One page (A4 size) abstract of contributed presentations will be printed in a booklet which will be distributed to all participants. As far as possible, author(s) should make full use of the page to give the readers a complete account of their work. It is preferred that abstracts be prepared using a LaTeX style file. Abstracts (including titles and affiliations) should be submitted by email to

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If you already submitted an abstract to the conference (2003) you do not have to send the abstract again (if the title is the same) but you are invited to tell us that you want to use the abstract for the conference (2004)

## Proceedings

The proceedings of the conference will be published by World Scientific. All papers submitted to the conference proceedings will be refereed to achieve a high scientific level.

## Registration

Registration fee: **US\$150** for each participant; **US\$100 US** for each accompany persons. Registration fee is paid upon arrival. We normally expect that participants will arrive on June 23 and depart on June 29.

The registration fee covers proceedings, meals, coffee and cookies, banquet, local sightseeing, etc., during the conference. All participants (including accompany persons) should fill in the separate registration form and send it to Nanqing Ding (email: [nqding@nju.edu.cn](mailto:nqding@nju.edu.cn)) **before March 1, 2003**.

If you already registered for the conference (2003), you are invited to send us a confirmation for the conference (2004).

## Accommodation

During the conference all participants stay in Liuyuan Hotel of Southeast University (3-star hotel). The cost of accommodation will be **US\$27/night (single room)** and **US\$17 /night (sharing twin room) per person**. The single rooms are limited. If needed, the sharing rooms can also be used as single rooms at the cost **US\$34 /night**.

## International travel and Visas

You are urged to make your international travel reservations as soon as possible in order to assure the most convenient travel schedule. All participants must make their own travel arrangements between home and Nanjing. All visitors to Nanjing must hold a valid passport. The visa for visiting China can be obtained in your own country. Anyone who needs an official invitation letter to get a visa to China must register **before February 1, 2004**.

For those coming by plane, we suggest them to fly to Shanghai International Airport (about 300 kms. from Nanjing) or Beijing International Airport (about 1000 kms. from Nanjing) or Hong Kong International Airport (about 1500 kms. from Nanjing). If one flies to Shanghai, then one can take a bus (or taxi) from the airport to the train station in Shanghai, from there, take one of the trains that each hour leave Shanghai for Nanjing. If one flies to Beijing (Hong Kong) International Airport, please take a plane or train to Nanjing.

## Climate of Nanjing

Nanjing is situated in the northern subtropical monsoon zone and has four distinct seasons throughout the year. The usual temperature in late June in Nanjing is about 28 degrees Celsius or 82 degrees Fahrenheit.

## **Bank services**

RMB (Reminbi) is the only currency used in China. Money exchanges by cash or traveler's cheques can be made at the branches of Bank of China at airports, star-rated hotels and tourist stores. If you arrive by air, you should better first exchange some Chinese money at Bank of China Airport Service in the Terminal Building, so as to be able to pay for taxi and other minor costs.

## **How to get to the conference place (Liuyuan Hotel, Southeast University, Nanjing)**

(1) If you fly to Shanghai (Pudong Airport), please take a taxi or bus to the train station in Shanghai. The cost of taxi (bus) from Pudong Airport to Shanghai train station is roughly 160 (24) RMB or US\$20 (US\$3). Then you can choose one of the trains that each hour leave Shanghai for Nanjing. The cost of the train from Shanghai to Nanjing is about 80 RMB or US\$10. It will take you about 3-4 hours. After you arrive at Nanjing train station, you can take a taxi directly to Liuyuan Hotel at an approximate cost of 16 RMB or US\$2. If you have a late flight, night trains to Nanjing are also available in Shanghai train station.

(2) Even though the distance between Shanghai and Nanjing is somewhat short (300 km), maybe the transportation is not so easy for some participants. In this case, you can fly to Beijing (or Hong Kong), then take a plane to Nanjing at Beijing (or Hong Kong) airport directly. After you arrive at Nanjing Airport, please take a taxi to Liuyuan Hotel. The cost is about 160 RMB or US\$20.

(3) For participants from Japan, you can take a flight from Osaka to Nanjing directly. There are flights from Osaka to Nanjing on Tuesday and Friday.

(4) For participants from South Korea, you can take a flight from Seoul to Nanjing directly. There are flights from Seoul to Nanjing on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

## **Local transportation**

It is easy to get around Nanjing by taxi or bus. The public transportation is inexpensive, and the frequency of service is every few minutes.

## **Free daytime during the conference**

The conference starts in the morning of June 24 and ends in the afternoon of June 28. During the conference, there will be one day and a half free time for sightseeing or shopping etc. You'd better bring a pair of sneakers for tourism.

For further information about Nanjing and the conference, please visit our web site at;

<http://math.seu.edu.cn>

We hope that you can accept our invitation and look forward to you response.

With warm regards and best wishes,

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## REGISTRATION FORM

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2. Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_

3. Institution \_\_\_\_\_

4. Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

5. E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

6. The title of my talk is \_\_\_\_\_

7. I need an official invitation letter to get my visa Yes No

8. I would like to stay in a single room. Yes

No

I would like to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_.