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Network for Inter-Asian **Chemistry Educators**

25-27 July 2013, Pingtung, Taiwan

The 5th International Conference of Network for Inter-Asian Chemistry Educators (5th NICE) will be held in Pingtung, Taiwan, on 25-27 July 2013. This symposium provides a platform for chemistry educators to exchange scientific opinions and experiences on chemistry education. The 5th NICE conference will definitely provide new insights for chemistry educators. The program consists of lectures given by distinguished chemistry scientists and educators from Japan, Korea,

Taiwan, USA, and other countries. Many prominent chemistry educators from the Asia Pacific area will report their latest innovative work and give prospects on chemistry education, including (i) vision of interdisciplinary chemistry; (ii) students' conceptions and conceptual change; (iii) analysis of classroom discourse and instructional strategies; (iv) representation of textbooks; (v) chemistry in daily life; and (vi) attitude toward chemistry. We will have about 20 oral contributions and up to 70 poster presentations.



Planetary Systems of our Sun and other Stars, and the **Future of Space Astronomy**

11-15 November 2013, Bangkok, Thailand

This symposium is the first of a new series of events initiated by COSPAR that will promote space research at a regional level in emerging countries and will be held every two years in a different area of the world. The symposium will include multidisciplinary and training sessions.

This first symposium will address the theme Planetary Systems of our Sun and other Stars, and the Future of Space Astronomy. It is open to participants from all regions, but scientists, young professionals, and students in the Asian region are particularly encouraged to participate. The symposium will feature plenary lectures as well as parallel and poster sessions.

A capacity-building workshop entitled "Atmospheric Correction of Earth Observation Data for Environmental Monitoring: Theory and Best Practices" will also take place in Bangkok at GISTDA the week before the symposium from 4-8 November 2013 for which participants from the Asian region will be selected by application.



Photobiology

8-12 September 2014, Córdoba, Argentina

The 16th International Congress on Photobiology, organized by the International Union of Photobiology (IUPB) will be held at the National University of Córdoba (UNC), Argentina, on 8-12 September 2014. The program covers all aspects of photobiology such as microorganisms movement, antennas, photosynthesis, vision, plant development, phytochromes, phototropins, BLUF proteins, cryptochromes, UV8 receptor, bioluminescence, circadian rhythms, photomedicine, photoinmunology, photocarcinogenesis, UV damage, repair and protection, optogenetics, use of fluorescent probes in biology, and so forth. The UNC is located in the beautiful City of Cordoba in the center of Argentina and is the oldest university in the country. Pre- and post-conference trips retracing some of Darwin's trips in Argentina may be offered to those interested.

