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The 12th WORLD FERTILIZER CONGRESS
August 3-9, 2001, Beijing, China**

**- FERTILIZATION IN THE THIRD MILLENIUM -
FERTILIZERS, FOOD SECURITY AND ECOLOGY**

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VENUE AND DATE

The 12th World Fertilizer Congress will be held at the Beijing
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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Fertilizers play an important role in meeting the greater food demand resulting from the rapid increase in world population. At the same time food quality, soil fertility, the waste of resources and environmental impacts of low fertilizer efficiency are portant issues of fertilizer research and fertilization. The 12th World Fertilizer Congress, jointly organized by CIEC and CAS will provide a forum to exchange the latest

detailed information and achievements on fertilizer research, development, production and application since the 11th Congress (Gent, Belgium, September 1997), and will also fully discuss future developments. This Congress will consist of plenary sessions, symposia, workshops and posters grouped into main divisions as follows:

1. Production, Markets and Economics of Fertilizers;
2. Precision Agriculture;
3. Fertilizer Balances and Balanced Fertilization;
4. Fertilizer Use and its Impacts on Atmosphere;
5. Fertilizer Use and Protection of Water Bodies;
6. Efficiency and New Fertilizer Development;
7. Fertilization and Food Security;
8. Fertilization and Genetically Engineered Plants;
9. Fertilization in Organic Farming;
10. Methods and Systems for Fertilizer Recommendations.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Congress will be ENGLISH only.

PAPERS

The congress will accept oral lectures and posters after review by the organizing committee. All accepted papers will be published in the CIEC series on proceedings of the World Fertilizer Congresses. The proceedings will be distributed at the Congress. Detailed information on the call for papers will be issued at the Second Announcement, expected in July 2000.

BEIJING

Beijing is one of the most attractive and cosmopolitan cities in the world. Today, it is the political and cultural center of ever-growing China, home of eleven million citizens, seat of the Chinese government. An ever-changing modernized city with a long history, it is highly celebrated for its beautiful surroundings and well-preserved historic sites and cultural relics, and also as the place with the greatest concentration of research institutes, universities and colleges in China.

Get an idea of Beijing by visiting the following websites:

<http://beijing.muzy.net/index.shtml>

<http://www.ihep.ac.cn/tour/bj.html>

<http://metrotel.co.uk/jvt/china1.htm>

<http://www.aps.anl.gov/icalpcs97/beijing.html>

<http://www.edu.cn/beijing/index.html>

<http://china-window.com/beijing/general/index.html>

SOCIAL EVENTS AND TOURS

China is well known as an ancient civilized country with many historic sites and scenic areas. With the economic reform, great changes have taken place in various areas of the whole nation in recent years. In order that participants from abroad will be able to enjoy these attributes, various social events and tours for Congress participants will be organized before, during and after the Congress. Special tour attractions will include, among others, the Great Wall, Ming Tombs, Forbidden City and Temple of Heaven in Beijing; Terracotta Warriors Museum, Huaqing Hot Spring, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell Tower and the Ancient City in Xi'an; Li River Cruise and Reed Flute Cave in Guilin; Sun Yat-Sen Tomb and the Yangtze River Bridge in Nanjing; Yu Garden and Jade Buddha Temple in Shanghai; Mogao Grottoes, Mogao Grottoes Museum in Gansu; Grapes Pitch, Thousands-Buddha Caves, Ruins of the Ancient City and Heavenly Lake in Xinjiang, etc. A complete social program will be offered with the Second Announcement.

ACCOMMODATION

There are many two-star to five-star hotels located near Beijing International Convention Center. Rooms will be reserved for participants beforehand. Details (including names and discounted prices of hotels) will be given in the Second Announcement.

EXHIBITION

The Congress will offer excellent opportunities for commercial companies and non-profit-making organizations to exhibit their products and techniques related to fertilizers, and also negotiate their technology transfer and fertilizer trade with counterparts from all over the world. Those interested in the Congress exhibition should also complete the attached reply form and return it to the Congress Secretariat.

Mailing Address:

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

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I am interested in the 12th WFC and wish to receive further circulars.

I plan to attend:

A. the 12th WFC

B. the 12th WFC Exhibition

I plan to present:

A. a paper

B. a poster

My specific area (s) of interest

is/are:

I expect to be accompanied

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