



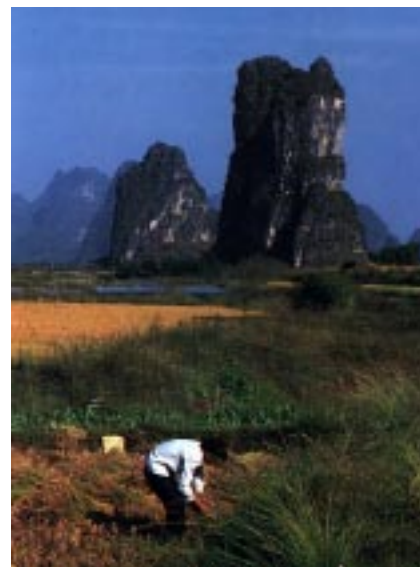
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International Federation of Park and Recreation Administration
Asia Pacific Regional Newsletter

1999 IFPRA Asia Pacific Congress

Hangzhou, China

The detailed program for the 1999 IFPRA Asia Pacific Congress and Post Congress Tour is now available. The Congress commences on Wednesday, 6 October, 1999 with an opening reception and theatrical performance, followed by plenary and concurrent sessions over the following 2 days. The last 2 days have been set aside for technical site visits. A program for accompanying persons has also been prepared which includes a 1 day tour to Shaoxing and visits to the National Silk Museum, Southern Song Dynasty Kiln Museum and the Chinese Medicine Museum.



Kunming - the capital of Yunnan province and the site for the 1999 International Horticultural Exposition set in a 218 hectare resort named the Golden Temple. The Expo explores the historical relationship between man, nature and technology, with contributions are from more than 100 countries and 10,000 horticultural companies.

Xi'an - the historic site known for the eight wonder of the World - the terra-cotta warriors and horses in battle array.

Post Congress Tour

The route of the Post Congress Tour 11 - 21 October, features enchanting natural landscapes, historic sites and local folk culture. Park and recreation professionals will accompany the tour group and others will be on hand at each location to provide an understanding of Chinese history, culture, landscape and the cuisine. Highlights include:

Shanghai - a city of 13 million and the largest industrial and commercial city in China with visits to the Pudong commercial district, Jade Buddha Temple, Wiatan, Yuyuan Garden and Pearl Tower.

Guilin - featuring the magical lava terrain, Ludiyan and Qixingyan mountains, Lijiang River, scenery and gardens.



Visit the IFPRA Asia-Pacific Web Site: www.zip.com.au/~ifpra_ap

Beijing - the administrative capital of China with visits including Tiananmen Gate, the Great Wall, Imperial Palace, Summer Palace and the Temple of Heaven.



The cost of the Post Congress Tour includes a train trip from Hangzhou to Shanghai and air travel to Guilin, Kunming, Xi'an and Beijing, all accommodation, food, entertainment and site visits.

**The Congress Registration Fee is US\$480
Accompanying Person: US\$400**

Accommodation:

Jinxi Hotel: US\$55 per room/per night (double)
Zhejiang Hotel: US\$50 per room/per night (double)

Post Congress Tour:

Hangzhou-Shanghai-Guilin-Kunming-Xi'an-Beijing
(11 days 10 nights)
US\$1100 (standard), US\$1300 (single)

Congress details available from:

The Congress Secretariat,
Department of Hangzhou Landscapes and Cultural
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Chairmans Message

The audited statements for IFPRA Asia Pacific for the year ended 31 March, 1999 have been prepared. A report and the statements will be listed for consideration at the Commission and at the General Assembly meetings in October at Hangzhou.

The balance sheet lists net assets of A\$13,775 of which \$9,000 is held in term deposits to fund activities over the next 3 years. The major expenditure items during the year related to postage, printing and stationery and costs associated with the publication of the Circular. The significant income item was \$3,667, the net share of the surplus returned to IFPRA Asia Pacific following the most successful Post Congress Tour in October, 1998. If any member requires a full copy of the report and financial statements please contact the Secretary, John Brandenburg.

I look forward to meeting you at Hangzhou in October and joining me on the Post Congress Tour - Shanghai - Guilin - Kunming - Xi'an and Beijing.

Regards, Rob Small.



Paralympic Games

Sydney will peak twice in the year 2000, first for the Olympic Games and then from 18-29 October for the Paralympic Games. As the name implies, the Paralympic Games are parallel to the Olympic Games.

The Paralympic Games is the elite competition for the world's top athletes with a disability.

The passion, grit and determination of Paralympians will inspire the world as they compete in the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games.

Key Dimensions

- 18 sports
- 125 countries
- 4 000 athletes
- 2 000 team officials
- 1 300 media
- 1 000 technical officials
- 2 500 VIPs and guests
- 10 000 volunteers

There are 18 sports on the competition program, 14 of which are also on the Olympic sports program. Unique to the Paralympic Games are boccia, goalball, powerlifting and wheelchair rugby. The following 18 sports, 14 of which are also on the Olympic sports program, passed selection criteria: Archery, Athletics (Track and Field), Basketball, Boccia, Cycling, Equestrian, Fencing, Football, Goalball, Judo, Powerlifting, Wheelchair Rugby, Sailing, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball.

A Paralympic sports festival atmosphere will be created at Sydney Olympic Park, which is home to 14 of the 18 sports. Cycling, equestrian, sailing and shooting will be held at satellite venues within 30 minutes drive of Sydney Olympic Park. All athletes will be housed in the Olympic Village adjacent to Sydney Olympic Park. Low rise, medium density housing will ensure adequate ground level bedrooms for up to 1 500 wheelchair athletes.

The budget for the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games is approximately \$A156 million. With Federal and NSW Government commitments of \$25 million each, over \$106 million needs to be raised from sponsorship, consumer products, fundraising and ticket sales.

Athletes compete according to the type of disability and functional ability and against other athletes with similar functions. Athletes compete within the following categories: amputee, cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, les autres, vision impaired and wheelchair. Once classified into these groups, athletes are then classified by their functional ability. Some sports use a system which groups athletes from different disability categories together according to their functional ability level (ie. basketball).

Across some sports world records are comparable with those of able-bodied athletes.

Canadian athlete Donovan Bailey's Olympic record in the men's 100 metres track is 9.84 seconds. Nigerian amputee, Ajibola Adoeye holds the Paralympic records in the same event at 10.72 seconds

United States vision impaired swimmer, Tricia Zorn came within one, one-hundredth of a second of qualifying for the US Olympic team in 1992

Paralympic powerlifters have benchpressed over 273 kilos

Australian Paralympic basketballer, Troy Sachs shot 42 points in the gold medal game against the UK at the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games, setting a new Paralympic record and exceeding the Olympic basketball record

Websites of interest:

Parks and Leisure Australia - www.parks-leisure.com.au

National Parks Board Singapore - www.nparks.gov.sg

The International Olympic Committee - www.olympic.org

Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG) - www.sydney.olympic.org

Salt Lake Organising Committee (SLOC) - www.slc2002.org

Australian Olympic Committee - www.australian.olympic.org

Something Interesting Happening in Your Area?

If so, we'd like to know about it! The "**Regional Snapshots**" section of the circular will be a regular column, providing you with the opportunity to share local snippets of information with other members in the region. Whether it be a newspaper clipping or event organised in your part of the region, share it with us all. Email it to ipcs@zip.com.au or fax it to John Brandenburg (+61 2 9562 1888)

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2nd Parks & Leisure National Conference

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7 - 10 October

IFPRA Asia / Pacific Congress

Venue: Hangzhou, China

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7 - 9 November

NZRA Annual Conference

Venue: Bruce Mason Centre, Auckland

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24 - 27 September

19th IFPRA World Congress

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa.

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IFPRA Asia / Pacific Congress

Venue: Singapore.

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IFPRA Europe Congress

Venue: Stavanger, Norway

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