The 4th International Workshop on Regional Air Quality Management in Rapidly Developing Economic Regions

Theme: Regional air quality management: from science to policy 14-17 January 2014

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, China (First announcement and Call for Paper)

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Following the success of the first three workshops (which were held in 2007, 2009 and 2011) on Regional Air Quality Management in Rapidly Developing Economic Regions, with the continuous supports from the environmental authorities and academic institutes in Hong Kong and Guangdong, and also leveraging the focus of the recently published Special issue of Atmospheric Environment on "Improving Regional Air Quality over the Pearl River Delta and Hong Kong: from Science to Policy", we are pleased to announce that "The 4th International Workshop on Regional Air Quality Management in Rapidly Developing Economic Regions" with the theme "Regional Air Quality Management: from Science to Policy" will be held in Hong Kong from 14-17 January 2014 at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Building upon the last three conferences and the AE Special Issue, this workshop aims at building a high-level platform for environmental scientists, engineers, government officials, enterprise managers, etc. to review the air quality sciences and pollution control policies, and put forward effective action ideas within the next five to ten years to expedite the interaction and transformation between scientific fruits and pollution control policy so as to make contributions in improving regional air quality and protecting public health.

It is hoped that the conference can produce a summary (or a few summaries) to be submitted for journal publication regarding the direction of air quality science research and air control policy priorities in the next five to ten years for regional air quality improvement in China.

Theme

- State of air quality science in China
- Fine Particulates (PM2.5) and their health impact
- Ozone and VOC pollution
- Regional Air Quality management system and how science can effectively drive policy

Special focus

• Opportunities and challenges in air quality management in China in the coming five to ten years

Best Student Paper and Best Young Researcher Award

• To encourage participation of young researchers, we are creating two awards this year. One for the best student paper and one for best paper from recent PhDs graduated in or after 2009. To be eligible, the winner must be the first author and also present his/her paper in the workshop.

Abstract Submission and Registration

- We invite abstracts in Word format to be submitted to <u>4raqm@ust.hk</u> before 31st October 2013.
- Online registration and program details are available at http://envr.ust.hk/4raqm.
 Please register before 30th November 2013 for significant early bird discounts.

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