

**Call for Participants of 2019 IRCK  
Training Course**

**INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE  
ON  
THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE AND KARST  
LANDSCAPE**

**CIRCULAR I**

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**September 16 ~29, 2019**

**Guilin, China**

## **INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE AND KARST LANDSCAPE**

### **Background and aims:**

Approved by the 34<sup>th</sup> General Conference of UNESCO in October 2007, an International Research Center on Karst (IRCK) under the auspices of UNESCO (Category II) was established in Guilin, China, the Agreement between the Chinese government and UNESCO concerning the Establishment and Operation of the IRCK was signed in Paris on February 11, 2008 and the Center was officially inaugurated in December 2008. On May 12, 2016, the Renewed Agreement for the Center was signed between Chinese government and UNESCO, indicating the formal Phase-II operation of IRCK.

IRCK is based at the Institute of Karst Geology, Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences (CAGS), located at No. 50 Qixing Road, Guilin, Guangxi 541004, P. R. China. Its objectives and functions are, to provide advisory activities, technical information and training as a basis to develop and implement new integrated methods of desertification rehabilitation and ecological restoration, undertake international technical consultation and organize international workshops and symposia on special subjects, scientific field investigations, lecture tours and so on. It successfully organized ten international training courses on karst in the past ten years in Guilin Nanning, Chongqing, Kunming, Xiangxi in China, which were attended by 260 trainees from 36 countries.

With the support of the Institute of Karst Geology, CAGS, and the IGCP 661, IRCK will organize **the International Training Course on the Belt and Road Initiative and Karst Landscape** in Guilin, China, to be scheduled on Sep. 16th ~ 29th, 2019, with the aim of enhancing research cooperation and academic exchange between China and other countries, and sharing Chinese successful experience in karst scientific research with colleagues overseas. The Chinese karst scientists warmly welcome geologists, hydrologists and related administrators and scientists from all over the world, especially the developing countries to participate in this upcoming training course.

## **PROGRAMME OUTLINE**

### **Time and venue:**

The training course will be held in Guilin, China on Sep.16 ~ 29, 2019. The hotel will be noticed in Circular II in the beginning of August.

### **Working language:**

The working language is English.

### **Arrangements:**

The course programme includes the following 7 parts:

1. 1-day registration (Sep.16)
2. 7-day lectures
3. 2-day field work (field research bases in Maocun ,Yaji or Zhai Di, and Guilin Karst World Natural Heritage Site)
4. 1-day meeting (2019 China-ASEAN International Forum on Sustainable Development and Innovative Cooperation &China)
5. 1-day preparation for the trainee assessment
6. 1-day trainee assessment
7. 1-day closing ceremony and departure

### **Major topics:**

1. Karst landscape and geopark
2. Overview of karst geology along “the Belt and Road”
3. Basic characteristics and typical cases of karst ecosystem
4. Karst hydrogeology and karst environmental geology
5. Development of karst medium and cave formation and evolution

The field work will be conducted in the field research sites in Maocun, Yaji, or Zhai Di, and Guilin Karst World Natural Heritage Site) which are all located around Guilin.

### **Lecturers:**

The organizer of the training course will invite experienced experts and specialists from IKG, CAGS, CUG and the members of the IRCK Governing Board and Academic Committee to deliver lectures and usher field excursions.

### **Trainees:**

According to our budget, we will only enroll 25 alien trainees and 3 Chinese trainees. Once the applicants exceeded above the upper limit of people, we will choose the more appropriate applicants to join the training course based on your application and recommendation.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **For alien trainees:**

1. **Airfares reimbursement:** Once the applicants were accepted, we will reimburse the applicants' round-trip airfares (from the city where the applicants live to Guilin) less than CNY 8,500 for non-Southeast Asian Countries, and less than CNY 5,000 for Southeast Asian countries, and we could only reimburse economic class ticket due to China government's policy. Any airfare cost beyond quota would only be possible to be paid by the applicants themselves. When the trainees arrived at the hotel, please submit a copy of the e-ticket and sign your name on it, and we will give you the reimbursement in CNY within one week.
2. **Meals:** We will cover the meals during the training course from Sep.16 ~ 29, 2019.
3. **Accommodation:** We will reserve single rooms for all the accepted applicants in Guilin and cover all the accommodation expenses within the duration from Sep.16~28. Any accommodation beyond the duration would only be possible to be paid by the trainees themselves.
4. **Vehicles rental:** Except the vehicles used for the field trip or pick-up/see-off services arranged by the training course, we will not cover any cost on vehicles rental.
5. **Tuition fees:** The training course is free to all the foreign trainees.
6. **Insurance:** We will provide accident insurance to all the trainees for free.

### **For Chinese trainees:**

All the Chinese trainees have to cover all the cost by themselves. But for the accommodation, we will reserve rooms in the same hotel for the Chinese trainees, but the room type could be decided by the trainees themselves according to their budget. Once the trainees arrived at the hotel, please check-in and check-out by yourselves.

**Please note that we do not suggest any trainee to bring along dependants.**

### **Visa Application:**

We will send scanned invitation letters to all the accepted applicants as soon as possible for visas via email. However, since the training course is supported by IKG, which is administrated by the Ministry of Natural Resources of China (MNR), all the official invitation letters are issued by the MNR. We need at least 2 weeks to submit the accepted applicants' personal information to MNR and get the invitation letters for visas' application.

### **Weather conditions:**

The local temperature is in the range of 23°C ~ 32°C with humid air during late September of the year. Field dress, thick coat and rain coat are necessary.

### **Laptop computer requirement:**

Each participant is expected to bring with him/her a laptop computer for the study and presentation preparation during the course in Guilin.

**Application:**

Please find the application form attached to this Circular, then fill in all the blanks for the information we required and send to the designated email address (lightzhong@karst.ac.cn) before **Jul.20, 2019**. The name of this email is appreciated as “Application Form – Training Course – Name – Nationality”. Any further information will be sent to you via email.

**Contact information:**

For further information please contact:

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Attach a  
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## APPLICATION FORM

for IRCK 2019 International Training Course

1. Last name:
2. First name:
3. Full name (as printed in your passport):  
(Underline your name frequently used)
4. Passport number:
5. The city to apply for visa (Embassy/Consulate):
6. Passport's issue date and expiry date:
7. Date of birth:
8. Place of birth:
9. Gender:
10. Present nationality:
11. Nationality at birth:
12. Marital status:     Single             Married             Number of children:
13. Mailing address (Post code should be marked):
14. Fixed telephone number and mobile phone number:
15. Fax number:
16. Email and homepage:
17. Institution (University, Ministry or other):
18. Official position:
19. Education (omit primary schooling):

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Attended from...till...</b>	<b>Degree or qualification earned</b>

20. Graduation (date, degree):

21. Number of publications (submit a list of your papers):

22. Languages:

<b>Languages commanded (mother tongue first)</b>	<b>Fluently used language(s)</b>	<b>Language(s) used only for reading</b>

23. Submit a certificate of health issued by public health authorities.

24. What is your main field of research interest?

25. Submit a short letter from your head of department (or president of university, dean of faculty or corresponding) stating to what extent your training can be used at your department, university, laboratory after your return home.

26. Three references:

Full name

Contact address

(1)

(2)

(3)

27. Are you applying simultaneously for another fellowship or position?

28. Have you studied abroad before?

29. Will you bring with you a laptop computer as required during this course?

30. Please attach the scanned image of your passport.