

Notice of Rescheduled Beijing Conference and Call for Papers
International Society of Family Law Regional Conference in Beijing, China
July 18-22, 2004
Divorce: Causes and Consequences

The International Society of Family Law (ISFL) is pleased to announce that it will hold its Regional Conference in Beijing, China, on July 18-22, 2004. (This is rescheduled from July 2003.) Professor Wu Chang Zhen, Professor Xia Yinlan, and Professor Yang Quinho, from the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing are collaborating with Professor Lynn D. Wardle of the ISFL and Brigham Young University in planning and hosting the conference. Chinese family law professors, lawyers, and government officials as well as family law scholars from many other countries will participate in the conference. There will be translation and interpretation services. We invite interested academics and professionals (including judges and other government officials) to submit proposals to present papers at the conference, or to just register to attend the conference.

Conference Theme: “*Divorce: Causes and Consequences.*” (Specific subjects may include comparative divorce, legal principles, rules, procedures, practices, issues, and problems in divorce regulation and administration, and the causes and effects of divorce.)

Conference schedule: The conference registration will be on Sunday, July 18, 2004. Conference sessions will be on Monday and Tuesday (July 19 & 20). On Wednesday (July 21), conference participants will be taken on a one-day field trip to visit a Chinese Family Court, a law firm or legal service center for women, the Great Hall of the People, and a university (law school) - as available. Thursday (July 22) will be for historical and cultural sight-seeing, and the hosts will arrange for some optional tours (to the Forbidden City, and to the Great Wall).

Conference site and hotel: The beautiful State Guest Hotel (a 5-star hotel) has been selected as the site of the conference, and the non-Chinese participants will also stay at this hotel. The website of the hotel is <www.stateguesthotel.com>. (Participants must register and pay for their own rooms.)

Registration fees: The registration fee for all non-Chinese participants (*including all presenters*) will be 462US\$. This consists of two main expenses: (a) The general registration fees is 282US\$ which covers site and other expenses including the paper book (each participant will get one papers collection before the conference), meeting facility, equipment, copying, supplies, conference meals, field trips and sightseeing, transportation. (b) The translation fee for translating all the papers from Chinese to English or from English to Chinese, simultaneous interpreters, rent for the equipment of simultaneous interpretation, etc., is 180US\$. So, the total registration fee of one participant will be 462US\$ (not including the lodging fee, which all participants must pay.) The conference registration fee would include lunch and/or dinner on all conference days. *Accompanying persons* will pay a fee of about 125 US\$ to cover the evening meals/ banquet and the field trip and sightseeing trip.

Paper Proposals: Family Law scholars and other academics and professionals interested in presenting, discussing and learning about “Divorce: Causes and Consequences” are invited to submit proposals to present papers at this conference. The paper proposal should contain a brief, one- or two-paragraph description of the proposed paper. The paper proposal should also provide the following information: Presenter’s Name, Title or Position, University or Institution where employed, post address, telephone, fax, and email, and a one-paragraph (100-word) mini-resume. The paper proposal (with contact information and mini-resume) should be submitted to Professor Lynn D. Wardle by email (preferably) at <lynn_wardle@byu.edu> or by fax or post to the contact information below. Paper proposals must be received no later than April 15, 2004.

Final Paper Guidelines: The final papers that are accepted for presentation should be 9- to 12- pages long, single-spaced, including endnotes (not footnotes). They will be translated into Chinese so that the local Chinese participants can read them and respond to them.

Convenor: Professor Lynn D. Wardle is the co-convenor, and co-ordinator for the non-Chinese

participants. He may be contacted at: 518 JRCB, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602; telephone (801) 422-2617; fax (801) 422-0391; Email: <lynn_wardle@byu.edu>.

Further information: For registration details or further information, contact Professor Wardle.