Appendix D:

Social Programs

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I. Monday-Noon Lunch (November 3, 2008)

Lunch:

A lunch from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2008, will be provided by the 2008 IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium for all registered conference attendees (including all guests and exhibitors with appropriate badges, but not for those who only register for short courses). The lunch will provide an additional networking opportunity for all conference attendees while they enjoy the Chinese food. The lunch will be held in the elegant theater-style Convention Hall #1 of the Beijing International Convention Center (BICC). Cash bars will be provided for drinks.

Notes:

- A lunch ticket will be issued and required for the lunch. Thus, it is advised to keep the ticket with your badge to avoid misplacing or losing it.
- To view the technical program of the conference, please follow the links, Condensed Program, Full Program (Program Book), Abstract Book, and Meeting Planner.

II. Monday-Evening Buffet Dinner (November 3, 2008)

Buffet Dinner:

A Chinese buffet dinner for social networking will be provided by the 2008 IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium from 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2008, for all registered conference attendees (including all guests and exhibitors with appropriate badges, but not for those who only register for short courses). The dinner will be held in the elegant theater-style Convention Hall #1 of the Beijing International Convention Center (BICC). Two free tickets for drinks will be provided for each registrant. Cash bars will be available for additional drinks.

Notes:

- In addition to the drink tickets, a dinner ticket will be issued and required for the dinner. Thus, it is advised to keep the tickets with your badge to avoid misplacing or losing them.
- To view the technical program of the conference, please follow the links, Condensed Program, Full Program (Program Book), Abstract Book, and Meeting Planner.

III. Tuesday-Evening Dinner/Shows (November 4, 2008)

Banquet Dinner with Traditional Chinese Shows (also see photos below):

A banquet dinner with Chinese food and traditional Chinese shows will be provided by the 2008 IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium from 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, to entertain all registered conference attendees (including all guests and exhibitors with appropriate badges, but not for those who only register for short courses). The shows will expose conference attendees with traditional Chinese culture. The banquet will be held in the elegant theater-style Convention Hall #1 of the Beijing International Convention Center (BICC). Cash bars will be available for drinks.

Notes:

- The seven Student Paper Competition Winners will be announced and honored during the banquet and shows.
- A banquet/shows ticket will be issued and required for this event. Thus, it is advised to keep the ticket with your badge to avoid misplacing or losing it.
- To view the technical program of the conference, please follow the links, Condensed Program, Full Program (Program Book), Abstract Book, and Meeting Planner.

IV. Coffee Breaks

Coffee Breaks:

There will be coffee breaks for both short courses on Sunday (November 2, 2008) and for the conference from Monday (November 3, 2008) to Wednesday (November 5, 2008). The schedule and locations of the coffee breaks can be found from either the "Condensed Program" link at the conference website: http://ewh.ieee.org/conf/ius_2008, or sheets near the end of this booklet.

V. Guest Breakfasts

Three Guest Breakfasts:

The 2008 IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium will provide three guest breakfasts (Monday-Wednesday, November 3-5, 2008) for all registered conference guests (admitted with Guest badges). The breakfasts will provide an additional networking opportunity among the guests. Please check the message boards near the conference registration desks to find the room and time of the breakfasts before you go. (The time and room listed in the Full Program (Program Book) and Abstract Book are tentative and may subject to changes.)

Note:

- More information of the conference can be found in the Condensed Program, Full Program (Program Book), Abstract Book, and Meeting Planner.

VI. Three Beijing Local Tours for Guests of the Conference

Beijing Local Tours during the Conference:

The China International Conference Center for Science and Technology (CICCST) has organized three Beijing local tours from November 3-5, 2008 (one for each day), for guests of attendees during the 2008 IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium (IUS). CICCST will be fully responsible for these tours and thus both the 2008 IEEE IUS and IEEE are not liable to any accidents or any parts of the tours. Individual tours may be cancelled if there are not enough participants for the tours.

When booking tours via CICCST, please follow the procedures below (assuming that you have not had a password established with CICCST yet):

- Read through the information on the CICCST page regarding the details of Beijing local tours via the link "Three Local Conference Tours by CICCST" below.
- Click the link "here" near the bottom of the CICCST page. (You should also see the "Payment Methods" and "Cancellation and Refund" policy of CICCST before coming back and clicking "here".) The next page will be a "Login" page.
- If you have not established an account on the CICCST page through this page, "Conference Hotels", or "China Tours" before, please click the button "registration" on the page. The next page will be "Your Account" page. (If you have already had the password through the prior registration via CICCST, simply enter your email address and the password. Then, you could proceed directly to fill out the hotel registration form below.)
- On the "Your Account" page, enter your email address, select your password, and then retype your password. Click the "Registration" button at the bottom of the page when you are done. If successful, a message box, "Login Success!", will popup. Click "OK" will return you to the "Login" page.
- Enter your email address and password you have just selected during the "Registration" process. If successful, a message box, "Login Success!", will popup. Click "OK".
- A form will appear after you have clicked "OK" button above. Provide your personal information and fill out this form. If you also need to book hotels and China tours via CICCST (please follow the links "Conference Hotels" and "China Tours" of the conference web for details), you could also enter information into the form here instead of entering the information in those pages.
- After you have finished with the form, please click "Submit" button near the bottom of the page. Then, a message box, "Success!", will popup after you have successfully submitted the form. An email confirmation of receiving this form will be sent to you within 48 hours (the email will be sent manually to you from CICCST, instead of automatically).
- Then, please send an appropriate amount of money for your tours to CICCST using the "Payment Methods" and you will receive another notice after CICCST has received your money to confirm that you tours are now reserved.

To check the information you have submitted, you could login to the form page again with your email address and password that you have used when you fill out the form (the form may also contain information of your China tours and hotel reservation if you have booked them via CICCST). Please notice that the submission of the form only completes part of the tour booking process. Correct amount of money (given in the link below) should be paid to and received by CICCST before the tours can be guaranteed (you will receive another notice when your money is received and the tours are confirmed). Please also notice that CICCST does not take any credit cards when you book tours

(only personal checks, certified bank checks, or wire transfers are acceptable). In China, major hotels and large shopping centers accept major credit cards such as Visa and Master cards. Automatic Transaction Machines (ATM) are available in many hotels to obtain cash. In small shops and restaurants, it is advised to use cash.

Alternatively, if you could find lower prices of similar tours via internet or other sources than those listed in the link below, you could book tours directly through your own sources. If you would like to pay credit cards to book tours, you could search internet or find some travel agencies to book tours for you directly.

If you decide to book the Beijing local tours via CICCST, all questions regarding the tours should be directly addressed to CICCST with the contacts listed in the links below (including payment methods and cancellation policy). (Please REFRESH your browser to view an updated page that contains correct links!)

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Three Local Conference Tours by CICCST: http://cast-meeting.cn/tour.htm (Closed)
CICCST Payment Methods: http://cast-meeting.cn/payment.html
CICCST Cancellation Policy: http://cast-meeting.cn/Cancellation.html
CICCST Contact Information for Questions: Phone/Fax: 011-86-10-82116226;
Email: *bjsjcenter@sina.com*
Within 48 hours after submitting the tour reservation form successfully, you should receive an email confirmation. If not, please contact CICCST via email or phone above.

VII. China Tours

Links to China Tours:

There are many commercial companies who provide China tours. Conference attendees could use the key words such as "China Tours" in Google to find a large list of companies who provide such tours. For the convenience of attendees, some links are provided below. The 2008 IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium and IEEE do not endorse any particular tours and are not liable for any of the tours.

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- Read through the information on the CICCST page regarding the details of China tours via the link "CICCST Post-Conference Tours" below.
- Click the link "here" near the bottom of the CICCST page. (You should also see the "Payment Methods" and "Cancellation and Refund" policy of CICCST before coming back and clicking "here".) The next page will be a "Login" page.
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- Enter your email address and password you have just selected during the "Registration" process. If successful, a message box, "Login Success!", will popup. Click "OK".
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- Then, please send an appropriate amount of money for your tours to CICCST using the "Payment Methods" and you will receive another notice after CICCST has received your money to confirm that you tours are now reserved.

To check the information you have submitted, you could login to the form page again with your email address and password that you have used when you fill out the form (the form may also contain information of your Beijing local tours and hotel reservation if you have booked them via CICCST). Please notice that the submission of the form only completes part of the tour booking process. Correct amount of money (given in the link below) should be paid to and

received by CICCST before the tours can be guaranteed (you will receive another notice when your money is received and the tours are confirmed). Please also notice that CICCST does not take any credit cards when you book tours (only personal checks, certified bank checks, or wire transfers are acceptable). In China, major hotels and large shopping centers accept major credit cards such as Visa and Master cards. Automatic Transaction Machines (ATM) are available in many hotels to obtain cash. In small shops and restaurants, it is advised to use cash.
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CICCST Cancellation Policy: http://cast-meeting.cn/Cancellation.html
CICCST Contact Information for Questions: Phone/Fax: 011-86-10-82116226; Email: *bjsjcenter@sina.com*
Within 48 hours after submitting the tour reservation form successfully, you should receive an email confirmation. If not, please contact CICCST via email or phone above.

Betchart Expeditions Inc. (specialized in natural history expeditions worldwide including Asia):
http://www.betchartexpeditions.com/ius/asia_ius_china.htm
http://www.betchartexpeditions.com/

China Tours Company: http://www.chinaspree.com/?gclid=CKvl0I-_8ocCFRWaIgoddVA2gg

VIII. Other Beijing Tours

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Beijing Pages: http://www.beijingpage.com/
Beijing Tours Starting from Beijing International Convention Center (BICC):
http://www.beijingservice.com/beijingdiscover/conference_internationalconventioncenter.htm

IX. A Mini Photo Gallery of Beijing

Note: To view ***photos*** and ***videos*** taken between November 2-6, 2008, during the 2008 IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium, please follow the link ***"Conference Photos/Videos"***. To have an overview of the conference through ***statistics***, please visit the link ***"Conference Statistics"***.

Note: Photos (38 in total) below were provided by Dr. Oliver Keitmann-Curdes and edited by the web master.

Forbidden City

Tiananmen

Great Wall

Summer Palace

Temple of Heaven

Ming Tomb

Confucius Temple

Yonghe Gong

Acrobat

Pagoda

Tianning Shi

X. Beijing Olympics

Beijing Olympics Dates:

Olympics: August 8-24, 2008.
Paralympics: September 6-17, 2008.

An Official Link to Beijing Olympics:

Beijing Olympics: http://en.beijing2008.com/

The National Olympic Stadium:

A View of the National Olympic Stadium that is nearly complete (on May 29, 2008) from the Beijing International Convention Center (BICC) is shown below. The National Olympic Stadium will host the opening ceremony of the 2008 Beijing Olympics and is about 400 m to the northwest of BICC.

National Olympic Stadium
(Please click the image below to enlarge)

XI. Beijing Weather

Links to Beijing Weather:

Beijing Weather: http://intellicast.com/Local/Weather.aspx?location=CHXX0008
More Beijing Weather: http://www.wunderground.com/global/stations/54511.html
Beijing Weather on Yahoo: http://weather.yahoo.com/climo/CHXX0008_f.html
Beijing Weather and Clothing: http://www.beijinghighlights.com/tools/weather.htm

Weather of Major Cities in China: http://www.travelchinaguide.com/climate/beijing.htm