

Recommendation of the Conference Selection Committee
2010 Conference Site Selection

We would like to thank everyone for the input on both the specific choices for 2010 and the conference site selection process in general. Given the big part the annual conference plays in the overall activities of the Society it is appropriate to charge the site selection committee with developing a longer term plan. The suggestion that the committee should develop specific proposals rather than attempting a competitive bid process is also something that needs consideration.

For 2010 we continue to find both the Japanese and Korean proposals to be highly attractive, and the comments that have been made on the two proposals underscore that point. All of the points that have been made do seem sensible, though it is also true that some are probably of more importance than others.

Based on our study of the proposals, the discussion in the face to face meeting, and the discussion by email we are recommending that Korea be selected to host the 2010 meeting and are putting forth a motion to that effect. The primary considerations that swayed us toward the Korean proposal were the simpler logistics of organizing within a hotel setting and the lower costs, both to the Society and to conference attendees. The fact that both China and Japan have hosted a conference, while Korea has not yet done so was also part of our consideration. Though the Chinese conference predated the Chinese Chapter, we do see some value in reaching out to different Chapters as potential conference hosts.

Voting on this motion will open on February 22nd, and close on February 29th. Continued discussion on this, or any other open motion, is of course welcome.

The Conference Selection Committee
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