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22nd International Congress of History of Science, July 2005, Beijing

Professor Dun Liu, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 22nd ICHS has informed that Beijing is chosen as the site for the 22nd ICHS Congress, and the theme is:

“Globalization and Diversity: Diffusion of Science and Technology throughout History”

He says, “If we consider the history of civilization from the stand point of macro-history, the tendency towards globalization can be seen as early as 16th century. From then on, the diffusion of science and technology has been an accelerating factor in this process”. He has also been planning a series of plenary lectures, symposia and special sessions to the transmission, introduction, transformation, diffusion, absorption, improvement of science and technology, both in their present and past forms.

In addition, a number of related activities of considerable interest to historians of science will also be organised. The year 2005 will mark the 100th Anniversary of Albert Einstein’s three great contributions to modern physics -- Molecular Kinetic Theory, a Special Theory of Relativity and his Hypothesis of Quantum of Light. The ICHS will organise plenary lectures, symposiums and special exhibitions relating to Einstein’s Miraculous Year. More detailed information about the organisation of symposium, special sessions and scientific panels will be available from time to time.

Secretariat of the Local Organising Committee is already at work and can be contacted at the following address:

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