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**7th International eVLBI Workshop**  
**June 16-17, 2008**  
**Shanghai Astronomical Observatory**  
**Shanghai, China**

First Announcement  
(Feb 29, 2008)

Dear colleagues :

We are pleased to announce that the 7th International eVLBI Workshop will be held at Shanghai Astronomical Observatory on June 16-17, 2008. This meeting will demonstrate the latest progress on eVLBI, share experience among radio astronomers, geodesists, and network engineers, develop and enhance cooperation in eVLBI astronomy and geodesy applications.

You are cordially invited. Please register your interest following the link : <http://www.shao.ac.cn/eVLBI2008/register.html>. This website will be updated regularly with additional information. Any comments and questions can be addressed to us ([evlbi2008@shao.ac.cn](mailto:evlbi2008@shao.ac.cn)).

We are looking forward to seeing you in Shanghai.

Best regards,  
SOC and LOC

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### **1. Preliminary agenda**

This meeting will cover the following topics:

- Development of e-VLBI facilities
- High-performance e-VLBI demonstrations
- Reports on current and projected e-VLBI and related efforts
- Networking protocols for real-time data transmission
- Shared vs. dedicated networks
- >1 Gbps data transfer
- New VLBI equipments and implications for e-VLBI (Mark5C, iBobs, dBBCs)
- Interoperability and standards for e-VLBI data transfer
- e-VLBI correlators (soft- and hardware)
- Potential new e-VLBI sites and practical steps needed to enable their participation

### **2. Important dates**

2008 Feb 29 First announcement  
2008 April 28 Second announcement  
2008 May 19 Deadline for abstract submission  
2008 May 26 Deadline for hotel reservations  
2008 May 26 Deadline for registration  
2008 June 16 Conference open

### **3. Registration and Visa**

Registration is open now.  
There will be no charge to the participants for registration.

The workshop is generously supported by SHAO, CAS, NSFC and EXPRoS.  
Please complete the registration following the link  
<http://www.shao.ac.cn/eVLBI2008/register.html>

## **Visas & Invitation Letter**

Visas are required for all foreign travelers to China. Please contact the Chinese embassy or consulate nearest to you at least 6 weeks before traveling. If you need Invitation Letter for your visa application, please provide your personal information to the LOC :

Full name as in passport

Passport number

Nationality

Title

in which country you will apply for the visa

Postal address where to send the invitation letter.

## **4. Location and meeting venue**

The workshop will be hosted by Shanghai Astronomical Observatory in Shanghai, China (located at 80 Nandan Road, in the XuJiaHui district of central Shanghai). The meeting will take place in the conference center at the 3rd floor of the Observatory. A main conference room with 180 seats will act as the meeting room. It is equipped with writepad attached to each chair. There are also a medium size meeting room with 30 seats and a small meeting room with 20 seats for subgroup discussion. All meeting rooms are equipped with projectors. In the main conference room, we also provide 1 laptop installed with Windows XP system and MS Powerpoint software package. All presentations are required to be copied to this laptop before each session starts in case of unexpected technical problem when switching between laptops. If you need special help, please contact the LOC in advance. Internet connection via wireless link is available on site. A common PC will be provided for temporal usage like checking email.

Tea, coffee, and refreshments are provided in meeting breaks.

A conference dinner will be held in the evening of the first conference day (Monday, June 16).

## **5. Transportation**

### **5.1. Travel and Medical Insurance**

Travel & medical insurance are required for all foreign travelers to China. Please check your insurance agent to make sure that it covers your travel to China.

### **5.2. Money Currency**

The currency used in China is the RMB and approximately  
1 USD~~7 RMB; 1 EUR ~~ 10.5 RMB (subject to change).

'Bank of China' at Pudong airport (PVG) provides cash exchange service.  
It locates near the Gate 12.

Bank of China webpage displays daily exchange rate :  
<http://www.boc.cn/en/common/service.jsp>

Most hotels can also exchange foreign money.

### 5.3. Getting to and from the airports

#### 1) Pudong International Airport (PVG)

Most international flights arrive at Pudong International Airport. The airport is located in the eastern part of Pudong distinct of Shanghai, and it is about 50 km from the airport to the Observatory.

For participants arriving at Pudong Airport, the most convenient and direct way to reach Shanghai Astronomical Observatory is by taxi. It costs about 150RMB (190RMB after 11pm) and takes about 50 minutes to the Observatory.

There is also public transport. Particularly, the Magnetic Levitation train runs from the Pudong International Airport to Long Yang Road Metro station (Line 2). It has a peak speed of 431 km/h and a track length of 30 km. At the terminal station of the MagLev railway, you may take a taxi to the Observatory.

#### 2) Hongqiao Airport (SHA)

There is another airport in Shanghai city named “Hongqiao Airport (SHA)” which is mostly for domestic flights. Passengers who arrive at HongQiao airport can take a taxi to the Observatory for about 45RMB, and the trip takes about 30 minutes.

Please feel free to contact us via email ([evlbi2008@shao.ac.cn](mailto:evlbi2008@shao.ac.cn)), if you have special request.

### 6. Accommodation and Weather

There are many hotels within 10 minutes' walking distance from SHAO. Participants are encouraged to book hotels by themselves from travel agencies or by web-reservation directly from the websites of hotels. Credit cards like Master card and Visa card are accepted in most hotels. For those hotels which CANNOT be booked through above ways, we can help to book upon request, please contact the LOC ([evlbi2008@shao.ac.cn](mailto:evlbi2008@shao.ac.cn)) with detailed information (guest name(s), hotel name, room type, check in/out dates).

The LOC lists some hotels for your reference (please note that the room fares listed below are for your reference only, and that they are subject to change; Our observatory has a long-term contract with the hotels and can book with a reasonable rate, please feel free to contact LOC for booking the hotel room):

Location of Shanghai Astronomical Observatory (SHAO) in google earth : [SHAO.kmz](#) for reference with respect to the hotel locations

#### (1) [HuaTing Hotel](#) (5 star): [location in the map](#), [location in google earth \(.kmz\)](#)

Double and twin rooms, 1000RMB per night, including breakfast. Free internet connection. Address: 1200 Cao Xi Bei Road, Shanghai, 200030.

Tel: +86 21 64391000/64396000

Fax: +86 21 62550830.

email: [htrsvn@huating-hotel.com](mailto:htrsvn@huating-hotel.com) (online reservation is also preferred)

#### (2) [JianGuo Hotel](#) (4 star): [location in the map](#), [location in google earth \(.kmz\)](#)

Double and twin rooms, 810RMB per night, including breakfast.

Address: 439 Cao Xi Road, Xu Hui District, Shanghai, 200030.

Tel: +86 21 64399299

Fax: +86 21 64811578 (online reservation is also preferred)

(3) *Sports Hotel* (4 star): [location in the map](#), [location in google earth \(.kmz\)](#)

*Twin (double) Room*: 560RMB (incl. breakfast for 1 person);

*Superior single room* (one queensize bed of width 1.5m, capable for 2 persons): 630RMB (incl. breakfast for 2 persons);

Address: 15 Nandan Road, Xu Hui District, Shanghai, 200030.

Tel: +86 21 64382222 (the nearest hotel about 100 meters from SHAO).

Fax: +86 21 64386648/64384486 (online reservation is also preferred)

(4) Qingzhilv Hotel (4 star): [location in google earth \(.kmz\)](#)

King-size bed room, 398RMB for breakfast. with internet link (+fee).

Address: 219 Wending Road, Xu Hui District, Shanghai 200030.

Tel: +86 21 64690808

Fax: +86 21 64416006

(5) Shanghai Jin Xuan Hotel (3 star): [location in google earth \(.kmz\)](#)

Standard room or single (king-size bed) room: 390RMB, +30RMB for breakfast.

Address: 238 East Nandan Rd., Xu Hui District, Shanghai 200030.

Tel: +86 21 64682222

Fax: +86 21 64270619

(6) Hope Hotel (3 star): [location in google earth \(.kmz\)](#)

Standard room A/B/C: 300/330/350RMB, single room: 290RMB, breakfast included.

Address: 500 Zhao-jia-bang Rd., Xu Hui District, Shanghai 200030 (~3km from SHAO)

Tel: +86 21 64716060

Fax: +86 21 64711149

(7) Home Inn (2 star): [location in google earth \(.kmz\)](#)

Standard room (with 2 beds) : 268 RMB. +10RMB for breakfast (1 person). Free internet connection.

Address: 53 Puhuitang Road, Xu Hui District, Shanghai, 200030.(within 100 meter from SHAO)

Tel: +86 21 54257900

Fax: +86 21 54257966

(8) Dadi Hotel (2 star): [location in google earth \(.kmz\)](#)

Standard room or business (king-size bed) room, 220RMB per night including breakfast (1 person). Free internet.

Address: 218 Wending Road, Xu Hui District, Shanghai 200030.

Tel: +86 21 54250088

Fax: +86 21 64419668

(9) Natural Inn (2 star): [location in google earth \(.kmz\)](#)

Standard rooms or single (queen-size bed) room, 158RMB per night (not including breakfast) ; business (queen-size bed) room, 218RMB. +10RMB for breakfast (1 person). Free internet connection.

Address: No.12, 250 Lane, Yishan Rd., XuHui District, Shanghai 200030.

Tel: +86 21 51551188

Fax: +86 21 51551101

(10) Meteorology Hotel: [location in google earth \(.kmz\)](#)

Standard room: 200RMB, breakfast included.

Address: 166 Puxi Rd., Xu Hui District, Shanghai 200030. (within 100 meter from SHAO)

Tel: +86 21 64393510

**Weather**

In mid-June Shanghai is usually hot with temperatures of 25Celsius in the daytime.  
Humidity is also as high as 82%.

But note that abnormal weather (extreme hot weather above 30C) also happened in the second half of June in recent years. please refer daily forecast such like :

[shanghai government website](#)

[forecast by worldweather.org](#)