



**ISC Midterm Meeting/Beijing Science Dialogue
'Science in a Complex World ▪ Science for a Better Future'
19–24 October 2026**

Call for Members' input, November 2025

The ISC Governing Board is pleased to invite the ISC Members to contribute to shaping the 2026 Midterm Membership Meeting and Beijing Science Dialogue under the umbrella theme of : 'Science in a Complex World · Science for a Better Future'.

Opportunities to contribute are highlighted in yellow from p.2 onwards.

Day 1, 19 Oct:

- Pre-meeting forum/workshops, including:
 - + Early- & Mid-Career Researchers Forum
 - + Social Science Forum
 - + Others TBD
- Beijing Science Dialogue opening ceremony (late afternoon)

Day 2, 20 Oct:

- Beijing Science Dialogue, satellite symposia (all day). Indicative themes:
 - + Space Science
 - + Life Sciences & Biomedicine
 - + Chemistry & New Energy
 - + Geo-sciences & Urban Sustainability
 - + Optics & Microelectronics
 - + Scientific Data & Disaster Risk Reduction
 - + Science & Society
 - + AI & Global Governance
 - + Scientific Responsibility & Social Co-governance
 - + Food Technology & Better Living
 - + Other sessions TBD

Day 3, 21 Oct:

- Beijing Science Dialogue, plenary science day (all day)
- Closing ceremony, with Beijing Declaration

Day 4, 22 Oct:

- ISC Members' meetings (by category of member) and other side meetings (morning)
- ISC closed membership meeting (mid-morning onwards)

Day 5, 23 Oct:

- ISC closed membership meeting (cont., morning only)
- Governing Board meeting, possibility for other meetings, networking.

Day 6, 24 Oct:

- Science and cultural tour

Day 1: Monday 19 October 2026

**Pre-meeting workshops
and
Beijing Science Dialogue : Opening ceremony
China National Convention Center (CNCC)**

Time	Agenda	Opportunities
08:00– 15:00	Registration Pre-meeting workshops and meetings, including: – Early- & Mid-Career Researchers Forum	→ ISC Members are invited to indicate if they would like to hold a pre-meeting workshop or other event. Space will be allocated within capacity limits.
15:00– 17:00	Opening ceremony, keynote speeches	
18:00– 20:30	Welcome reception	

Day 2: Tuesday 20 October 2026

Beijing Science Dialogue: Satellite symposia

Satellite symposia can be up to one day in length and will be hosted in various venues in the city. They will be open to participants beyond the ISC membership. Satellite symposia are intended to provide space to explore research agendas in a given area of science, in depth, with an international audience. They should feed into ISC planning and horizon-scanning processes.

→ **ISC Members are invited to:**

1. Indicate interest in the tentative satellite symposium themes and suggest specific topics/questions for the session
2. Indicate willingness to contribute (as an ISC Member) to a satellite symposium as a co-convenor or participant (co-convenors will include a local partner)
3. Suggest speakers, panellists and moderators for satellite symposium
4. Propose additional satellite symposia (as co-convenor) with a one-page concept note covering: Topic, questions to be addressed, ISC Members which could be involved in convening, possible speakers, length of meeting (half-day/full day)

Tentative satellite symposium themes	Possible host venue
1. Space Science	Beihang University
2. Life Sciences & Biomedicine	Capital Medical University
3. Chemistry & New Energy	Beijing University of Chemical Technology
4. Geo-sciences & Urban Sustainability	Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture
5. Optics & Microelectronics	Beijing University of Technology
6. Scientific Data & Disaster Risk Reduction	Beijing Union University
7. Science & Society	Capital Normal University
8. AI & Global Governance	Beijing University of Technology
9. Scientific Responsibility & Social Co-governance	University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
10. Food Technology & Better Living	Beijing Technology and Business University
11. Other sessions (to be selected from Members' suggestions, within capacity limits)	China Hall of Science & Technology

Day 3: Wednesday 21 October 2026

Beijing Science Dialogue: Plenary sessions & closing ceremony

China National Convention Center (CNCC)

The plenary sessions of the Science Dialogue will be on cross-cutting science and science policy topics. Input papers for these should be provided in advance, prepared by working groups of ISC Members.

→ ISC Members are invited to:

1. Suggest topics for the 90-minute plenary sessions of the Science Dialogue
2. Volunteer to co-chair a working group to produce input papers for those sessions
3. Suggest speakers (keynote speakers, panellists, moderators) for those sessions

Time	Indicative agenda
09:00–10:30	Plenary session 1
10:30–11:00	Break
11:00–12.30	Plenary session 2
12:30–14:30	Lunch and side-meetings
14:30–16:00	Plenary session 3
16:30–17:30	Closing ceremony - Beijing Science Dialogue Declaration
17:30–18:30	Frontiers Planet Prize Forum
18:30–20:00	Dinner

Day 4: Thursday 22 October 2026

ISC Membership Meeting China National Convention Center (CNCC)

→ *ISC Members will be invited to comment on a proposed draft agenda for the formal Membership Meeting at a later date.*

Time	Indicative agenda	Details
09:00–11:00	Parallel Member Sessions Emerging Scientists' Forum	Discussions by ISC members (categories I–IV). Jointly organized by ISC, CAST, and WAYS.
11:30–12.30	ISC Membership Meeting - Opening Session	Welcome, formalities, introductions
12:30–14:00	Lunch & Exhibition	Interactive displays of scientific achievements.
14:00–17:30	ISC business meeting	ISC reporting, strategy, membership matters and other business
18:30–20:30	ISC Awards Gala Dinner	Award ceremony and cultural performances.

Day 5: Friday 23 October 2026

ISC Midterm Membership Meeting (cont.) China National Convention Center (CNCC)

Time	Indicative agenda	Details
09:00–12:30	ISC business meeting continued. Closing	ISC reporting, strategy, membership matters and other business (cont.); closing addresses

Time	Indicative agenda	Details
14:00–18:00	ISC Governing Board meeting	
14:00–18:00	Possibility for other meetings, networking, etc.	→ ISC Members are welcome to request facilities for a side meeting.

Day 6: 24 October (Saturday)

Science & Culture Tour

Time	Agenda	Details
Morning	Visit to Huairou Science City	Explore cutting-edge research facilities.
Noon	Local Cuisine Lunch	Traditional Beijing dishes.
Afternoon	Great Wall Tour (Badaling Section)	Cultural and historical exploration.