

## **Welcome to the 20<sup>th</sup> IOCV Conference in China**

On behalf of Citrus Research Institute (CRIC) of Southwest University (SWU)/Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) and the Local Organizing Committee of the 20<sup>th</sup> Conference, International Organization of Citrus Virologists (IOCV), we extend warmest welcome to the citrus scientists and producers world wide to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> IOCV conference, which will be held in Chongqing, China, in early-middle April, 2016.

The conference , with the theme of international cooperation and the dissemination in study and control of citrus virus and virus like diseases, will be organized by the IOCV Committee and CRIC of SWU/CAAS, with the collaboration of Chongqing Agriculture Commission and Guangxi Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

The venue of the conference will be at Haiyu Hotspring hotel (5 stars), located in the leisure and conference center of Beibei, Chongqing within walking distance to Jinyun Mountain National Forest Park and 36 km away from Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport. Accommodation will be available at Haiyu hotel and Haixu Garden hotel (3 stars) at the rates of \$80 and \$40 per night, respectively.

Plenty of scientific programs, mid-conference tours, post-conference tours and other scenery tours will be organized. Scientific programs will be organized by the Scientific Committee consisting of IOCV members. The mid-conference tour includes a visit to CRIC and a citrus growing area in Changshou, Chongqing (1 hour drive from the conference venue). Tristeza, tatter leaf, exocortis and blackspot will be observed in this region, and we also believe a boat trip on the Changshou Lake will offer you a chance to enjoy the beautiful local natural scenery. The post-conference tour includes a tour to Guilin, Guangxi to visit well and poorly managed citrus orchards with HLB, Kumquat farms protected by mulch in Yangshuo and virus-free nurseries in Guangxi Citrus Research Institute. A local tour in Guilin, including Li River, Impression Liu Sanjie Show and Seven-star Cave, will also be arranged. The tours to the Dazu Rock Carvings (nearly 2 hours by coach ), the South China (Wulong) Karst (2.5 hours by coach), the Three Gorges (3 days) and Chongqing urban area will also be available to our guests.

During the period of the congress, Sichuan opera and typical Chinese food such as hotpot will be offered. The delegates will be shown to the handmade food street in Hongyadong and have night sightseeing on boat along the Yangtze River in downtown. We are looking forward to meeting you in Chongqing, China in 2016.