

Chengdu Worldcon 2023 Bid

- Who is your point of contact at this convention?
你们大会的联络人是谁？

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- Do you have an email address (and/or other social media or messaging inboxes) to receive questions? What response time can people expect?
你们是否有电子邮箱、和/或其他社交媒体或消息的收件箱来接收问题？人们可以期待多长时间得到响应？

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- What City/Country are you bidding/hosting in?
竞标城市/国家

Chengdu, China

- What dates are you bidding?
您要竞标的日期

August or September, 2023

About Us 我们是谁

- Who is leading your committee?
谁在领导你们的组委会？

Chengdu Science Fiction Association represents our bid and Worldcon and will be responsible for all the organizational activities. Formerly named “Galaxy Science Fiction Alliance”, we are a non-profit organization based in Chengdu consisting of several local sci-fi related organizations and institutions, uniting fans and professionals across the whole spectrum of sci-fi culture.

Among the major institutions are the well-known magazine *Science Fiction World* and the new start-up company Eight Light-Minutes Culture (8LM). Since it will be the first time that China hosts a WorldCon in one of its major cities, other well-established institutions in the vibrant Chinese new sci-fi cultural scene will join collectively together to support our effort, such as Storycom in Tianjin, Future Affairs Administration (FAA) in Beijing, and The Science and Fantasy Growth Foundation (SGF) in Shenzhen, just to name a few. Among the supporting groups are the Imagination Research Institute at the Shenzhen Southern Polytechnical University and the newly established Chinese Science Fiction Research Center at Sichuan University, which is also based in Chengdu. Of course we will have the whole body of Chinese fans all over the country backing us, since this Worldcon is for them to witness, join, and carry-on the legacy and glory of world science fiction culture and celebrate imagination at a time of both promising and challenging.

Since we are undergoing a structural reform for the committee to better prepare us for the bid, the new leader(s) of **Chengdu Science Fiction Association** will be selected and announced soon. It will be a coalition of all the above-mentioned entities, and we will be selecting bid chairs and prospective convention chairs separately closer to the vote.

- Tell us about your committee’s prior convention experience.
告诉我们您的组委会先前的办会经验、经历。

Although our formal committee members are not finalized and to be announced (though we have international volunteers, support, and interest), what we are sure of now is that all of them have participated or organized quite a few conventions, both within China and around the world, including but not limited to multiple WorldCons. For example, the candidates from the Science Fiction World magazine, such as Haijun YAO, have 30 years experiences running the Galaxy Award Convention; and for candidates from Eight Light Minutes Culture, such as Yilun FAN and Tong XIA, they have attended Loscon42, ConVolution 2015,

Gaslight Gathering 5, SFRA Annual Conference 2016 and Worldcon 76 ...Other Chinese committee affiliates include Regina Kanyu WANG and Stanley Qiufan CHAN among others who are active in international fandom activities.

- Operating a Worldcon is a complicated business proposition. What business structure or organization have you formed to support hosting/sponsoring your convention?

举办 Worldcon 是一项复杂的活动。你们将如何构架商业结构或组织方式，以保证世界科幻大会举办成功？

As mentioned above, we are reforming our organization to better continue the bid and the business structure will be one of the emphasis. In order to assure the most success for WorldCon 2023, the city government of Chengdu as well as the Chengdu Media Group have promised to allocate special funds and mobilize other organizations in the transportation and tourism sector to support the bid. At the 5th Chengdu International Science Fiction Convention (5th CISF) just finished on November 25, 2019, the Mayor of Chengdu (a fan himself) announced the city's support and during the banquet after the opening ceremony he also expressed his personal determination to make sure we will have a successful WorldCon. The banquet had honored guests including renowned con-runners Ben Yalow, Crystal Huff, Bill Lawhorn, Dave McCarty, Colette Fozard, Helen Montgomery, Pablo Vazquez, Norman Cates, Kelly Buehler, among many other guests from the international science fiction community.

Location Information 举办地信息

- Is your venue in a city center or a suburban location?

举办大会的场地是在市中心还是在郊区？

Proudly claiming itself as "China's Best Exhibition City", Chengdu takes the lead in central-western China for its scale of convention economy.

Currently we are looking at two options for our convention. Both are in the city; one is close to downtown and the other one is not in the very heart of the city. However, both sites are convenient and accessible with direct metro lines connecting them to the central commercial district.

One is **Chengdu Century City New International Convention and Exhibition Center(成都世纪新城国际会展中心)**. It is located in downtown area of the city's south part. It has 17 large and small exhibition halls covering 120,000 square

meters, boasts the largest construction scale, the most complete supporting functions and the most advanced facilities in western China. There's a lake surround by its buildings, and its architecture design is rather impressive. Some pictures to get a feel of it here :

<http://expo.machineryinfo.net/Template/hallPic/415>

The other option would be **Western China International Expo City(中国西部国际博览城)**, newly completed in 2016, located in the core area of the fast developing high-tech district. It is the venue for the Western China International Fair, a major venue for various conventions and exhibitions, and a central platform for high-end business activities. It has a total exhibition area of 305,000 m², including 205,000 m² indoor and 100,000 m² outdoor, with 15 standard exhibition halls and 1 multi-function hall, which can be arranged for several thousand international standard booths.

The supporting facilities for conference, office, catering, parking and so on are perfect.

Website: <http://xbh.wcif.cn/EN/13288/13325/index.shtml>

- Travel to your host city
前往主办城市

- What Airport (or airports) serve your host city?
主办城市有哪些机场?

By 2021, Chengdu will have two international airports, making it the third city after Beijing and Shanghai in mainland China to have double international airports. It is the largest air-traffic hub in western China.

The currently operating Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport is located southwestern of the city, about half an hour ride to the city center. It has 225 routes, 114 of them are international, reaching the five continents around the world.

- Please provide rough estimates of flight costs into your airports.
请提供抵达主办城市机场的航班费用估算。

Let's say if we have an Aug 1-10 round trip in 2020, here're the minimum cost from major international cities, price searched as of Dec 1st, 2019——

Exchange rate: 100 yuan=14.23 dollar (searched as of Dec 1st, 2019)

New York:	RMB 7641 yuan
Los Angeles:	RMB 5978 yuan

San Francisco: RMB 4836 yuan
Vancouver, BC: RMB 4980 yuan
Chicago: RMB 4480 yuan
Toronto: RMB 7375 yuan
Philadelphia: RMB 8432 yuan
Boston: RMB 8527 yuan
Dallas: RMB 12212 yuan

London: RMB 6649 yuan
Paris: RMB 6138 yuan
Frankfurt: RMB 4819 yuan
Rome: RMB 3333 yuan
Helsinki: RMB 8721 yuan
Dublin: RMB 8986 yuan

Auckland: RMB 3733 yuan
Melbourne: RMB 2873 yuan

- What other transport options serve your city? Trains? Bus service?
您的城市还有哪些其他交通选择？ 火车？ 公交服务？

We have high speed trains and long-distance bus services. If time permits, you can ride a train to/from Moscow, Abu Dhabi, or even Helsinki.

- International attendees

国际参会者

- Do your airports offer nonstop international flights?
你们的机场是否提供直飞国际航班？

Yes, depending on where you fly from/to, there are many direct international flights connecting Chengdu to the world.

- Does your country (at the time of publishing) participate in any visa waiver programs?

贵国/地区（在发布时）是否有参与任何签证豁免计划？

To be confirmed. We'll let the attendees know if there's any specific programs in this regard and will work to see if any special dispensations can be done.

- Where can international attendees find customs, immigration and/or visa information about coming to your country?

国外参会者在哪里可以找到有关您国家的海关、移民和/或签证信息？

Information is now easily accessible online and there are both government and non-government agencies helping visitors. We will open special channels for our international attendees' inquiries in this regard soon enough.

Website of Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States of America (for example):
<http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/>

- Travel in your host city

- 当地城市旅行

- How do attendees get from your airports, train stations and/or bus stops to the convention area?

与会者如何从机场、火车站和/或公共汽车站到达会展区？

As mentioned above, the airport(s) are 30 minutes ride to and from the city center. And the convention area won't be much different. Chengdu has very fast and convenient public transportation system, combined with private services such as rental cars and the app-based rideshare/taxi platform Didi (China's equivalent of Uber).

- What mass-transit options are available in your city? Are there weekly pass options to make transit easier for attendees?

您所在的城市有哪些大众运输选项？是否有每周通票，使与会者出行更容易？

We have fast and convenient public transportation system, complemented by private services and we also have bike-share program for app-based users. A weekly pass is possible. We will try to make special arrangements with the city if this is needed. Currently it is not part of the public-transit system. However, the metro or bus fare is rather cheap. A typical trip in the city only costs 0.30 or 0.40 USD one-way.

- What apps are available for taxi and/or ride-sharing services in your city?
- 您所在城市的出租车和/或乘车共享服务可使用哪些应用程序 app？

Didi (rideshare app) is very convenient and very cheap where a ride across the entire city one-way can cost anywhere from 3-8 USD.

- For people who have or rent cars, what is your city's parking and traffic situation?

对于有车或租车的人，您所在城市的停车和交通状况如何？

Depending on the area in the city, mostly it's very convenient for car owners. The convention venues will have large parking areas. In the city, there are gated parking garage which you can pay by cash, credit card, Paypal, or Wechat. Also, street-side parking spaces are everywhere but be aware that we don't have metered parking systems. You pay cash or by Paypal /Wechat app (if you have a Chinese bank account). Ask before you go to make sure you have the best possible option.

- What accessible transit options exist?
有哪些方便残疾人士使用的公交选项?

Metro and Bus. Details to be checked with the city.

- Weather in your host city
举办地气候

- What average high and low temperatures can attendees expect (C and F both, please)?
与会者可以预期的平均高温和低温（请同时标注摄氏度 C 和华氏度 F）？

Usually August is the hottest month in Chengdu. The 24-hour daily mean temperature in July and August is around 25 °C (77 °F), with afternoon highs sometimes reaching 33 °C (91 °F). Average between 72°F and 86°F. Sustained heat as found in much of eastern China is rare, also super sunny days are rare. September is a bit cooler.

- What average humidity and precipitation chances can attendees expect in your city?
大会期间平均湿度和降水如何？

With high relative humidity, Chengdu may make you sweat in August without air-conditioning, but A/C is readily available in our venues and hotels.

- Is there anything about your weather that would surprise many attendees?
当地天气会有什么特别意外情况吗？

Surprising weather is rare in Chengdu, but if something happens we'd be ready and prepared as a world-class city.

- Eating and drinking in your host city
举办地餐饮

- What is the restaurant scene, particularly surrounding your facilities?
当地餐饮如何，特别是会场周边餐厅条件怎样？

In 2011, Chengdu was recognized by UNESCO as a city of gastronomy. It's a paradise for foodies and our friends who have visited Chengdu can tell you how much they enjoy the food scene, including our late-night restaurants and street vendors!

Besides local Chinese restaurants, other choices would be American, French, German, Italian, Mexican, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indian restaurants. Vegetarian, Halal, and even Kosher restaurants are also available.

- How do restaurants in your area accommodate allergies and dietary restrictions?
当地餐馆如何接待食物过敏和一些特殊饮食需求者？

As mentioned above, there are many vegetarian and Halal restaurants in Chengdu, and a few Kosher restaurants. It is recommended that you let the restaurant know of anything you need done for your meals, especially if you wish to reduce the spice content. For allergies, such as gluten intolerance, specific accommodation could be arranged, but advance request should be made.

- What is the nightlife scene, particularly surrounding your facilities?
夜生活如何，尤其是大会使用场所的周边？
Chengdu is famous for its vibrant nightlife. You can always find your cup of tea: bars, cafes, live houses, street food stands, karaoke, etc. The convention venue option1 is close to downtown, therefore all of these fun places are easy to reach, some are even within walking distance.

- Tourist attractions in or near your host city
您所在城市或附近城市的旅游景点

Even though the city that has long been well-known for its panda breeding/research center, Chengdu has more than 2000 years of history and such a unique culture that it is among the major tourist destinations nationally and internationally. Hosting the Summer Universiade on Aug 8 to 19 in 2021, the sceneries here are so beautiful and the lifestyle so laid-back that it is dubbed as a city that once you come, you'd never think about leaving. Its tourist attractions are many and amazing (including multiple world class museums, ancient temples, historic streets, and more). For general information, you can start with the Wikipedia entry at: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chengdu>

The city's Facebook page might also help:

<https://www.facebook.com/places/si-chuan-sheng-cheng-dou-shi-huo-dong-gong-e/106487912721749/>

Convention facilities

会议设施

- Convention facilities
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- What facilities are you planning to use for convention exhibits, program and events?

打算将哪些设施用于会议展览，节目和活动？

TBD depending on the venue chosen

- Has your organization used this space before?

贵机构以前使用过此空间吗？

No.

- What other conventions similar to your convention in content and/or capacity does your facility host? Have you attended any of them?

您的会议地址举办过哪些类似内容和 / 或参与人数的会展活动？ 你(们)有参加过吗？

All our options have been used by major international exhibition/expo/convention events. Please refer to the previous info and respective websites for details.

- What spaces are you planning to use for major events (Hugo Award Ceremony, Masquerade)? What is the size, layout and seating capacity? 您打算将哪些空间用于大型活动（雨果奖颁奖典礼，化妆舞会）？ 其面积大小、布局和座位数是多少？

TBD depending on the venue chosen

- What spaces are you planning to use for exhibits (Dealers, Art Show, Fixed Exhibits)? What is the size and layout of the spaces?

您打算将哪些空间用于展示活动（展商、艺术展、长期展）？ 其空间的大小和布局是什么？

TBD depending on the venue chosen

- How many rooms do you plan to allocate to programming? What are their capacity ranges?

你们计划用多少房间作大会的活动？ 其可容纳人数范围是多少？

TBD depending on the venue chosen

- Does your facility provide internet access? Have you reviewed the convention facility's internet services under load?
您的设施是否提供互联网访问？ 您是否查看了该会址的互联网服务能力？
See above info.
- Does your facility provide gender-neutral toilets (restrooms)?
会址是否提供不分性别的洗手间（洗手间）？
We will check with the facilities to see if they have them available already and if not, we will see what is possible to accomplish for our attendees.
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- **Housing facilities**
住宿情况
 - What hotels do you currently have under contract?
您目前与哪些指定酒店签有合作协议？
TBD
 - How close are your contracted hotels to your convention center?
协议酒店到会议中心有多近？
TBD, but all venues have hotels for international guests, both high end and economical nearby. We will make all contracted hotels most convenient for the guests.
 - Please provide a breakdown of room block sizes and composition in your contracted hotels.
请提供您订约酒店房型的大小和组成的细目。
TBD
 - What are your hotel rates? Does this include all taxes?
指定酒店的价格是多少？ 价格含税吗？
TBD, but the average rates even without our attendee discounts are below 100 USD. Contracted hotels will provide further discounts for the convention guests possibly halving that cost.
 - Do your contracted hotels include internet access for guests?
您的签约酒店是否为客人提供上网服务？
Yes, all of them will. By the way, traveler internet services are very cheap and China is leading on 5G technology should you wish to get a Chinese SIM card.
 - Do your contracted hotels include breakfast?
指定酒店是否包括早餐？
Yes, we will make sure they will.

- Have you contracted all the sleeping rooms and function space in any of your hotels?

您的签约酒店中，是否有酒店包租所有房间和多功能活动厅室？

TBD

- Are you negotiating with or planning to negotiate with other hotels (you don't have to name them) to increase your room block?

您是否正在与其他酒店进行谈判或计划与其他酒店（无需命名）协商，以增加房间数量？

We'll start the process right away once our organizational reforming completed and the new committee are formed, so TBD for now.

- Are you required to make a minimum room block, or is your housing "courtesy blocks?" Will people booking outside your blocks harm the convention's financial stability?

您的预定房间是否有最少起订数？如果来宾在您的协约酒店之外预订房间，是否会损害大会的财务稳定性？

Usually room blocks are not necessary to negotiate a rate in China nor will it affect the convention in any way.

- Party facilities

社交聚会设施

- What space are you planning to make available for parties?

你们打算为社交聚会提供什么场所？

TBD

- Will party hosts have to use caterers authorized by the space? Will party hosts be able to bring in their own food and/or drink?

社交聚会主办方是否必须使用指定授权方承办餐饮酒席？主办方是否可以自带食物和/或饮料？

TBA depending on the facility.

- Are party hosts allowed to serve alcohol? Where can party hosts learn about alcohol service regulations and facilities policies?

社交聚会主办方可以提供酒水吗？在哪里能了解当地的酒精饮料服务法规和设施使用规章制度？

Yes. Besides the legal drinking age in China (18), party organizers will not need to worry about much. We will check to make sure.

- Accessibility

残疾人服务

- Has your access team reviewed your facilities for mobility device access? For access services for the blind? For access services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing?

你们的残疾人服务团队是否审查了会场设施的残障人士可通行性？对于盲人的无障碍服务？听力障碍者的和聋哑人的服务？

TBA but we are working on the most accessible convention we can provide.

- Does your facility provide ramps and/or lifts for event and program stages?

您的会址是否为活动和会议提供坡道和/或升降机？

TBA but we are working on the most accessible convention we can provide.

- Do your facilities host any access-focused events, and, if so, can you tell us about these events and how the space works with them?

您的会场是否能举办任何以无障碍为主题的活动，如果可以，请告诉我们这些活动的举办情况，其空间是如何为无障碍主题服务的？

TBA but we are working on the most accessible convention we can provide.

- How do your hotels accommodate allergies?

您的酒店如何接待过敏症患者？

For allergies, specific accommodations can be arranged, but advance requests should be made so the hotels and the convention can be prepared.

Our Mission

我们的宗旨

- In one short paragraph, please explain what your team is attempting to bring to this convention.

用一段简短话语陈述您的团队希望为此次科幻大会带来什么。

The rapid growth of fandom and the creative potential in Chinese science fiction is calling for a Worldcon to take place in China as are many of our fans and professionals. As the respected and adored capital of Chinese science fiction, Chengdu is eager to embrace wholeheartedly the world science fiction and fantasy community and contribute to international culture, fandom and otherwise, in a more positive and proactive way. WSFA is highly respected and we are familiar with some Hugo Award winners or their works and now we hope it's time for us to host a Worldcon and that you feel the same way. If science fiction is all about possibilities, we are going to prove it in Chengdu in our own way. We want to run a Chinese Worldcon, which means a combination of the best of the both, new ideas in a new place with a keeping of traditions from both places. We want everyone to remember this Worldcon as the future of what could be and a testament to Chinese fandom joining totally with the international Worldcon community. This is what our fan-centered, fan-controlled, and fan-loving community is pushing for.

- How are you fostering member safety?

您如何促进会员安全？

- Is your code of conduct and implementation process published?

大会是否发布行为准则和实施流程？

Not yet as it has not been formulated. We will work with fans internationally to develop a forward-thinking and well-written code of conduct. While it is not traditional for Chinese conventions, we will learn for the Worldcon.

- If not, what are your member safety plans?

如果没有，您如何保障会员安全？

See above.

- How are you fostering diversity?

您如何促进多元化？

- What is your diversity plan for volunteer recruiting?

您对志愿者招募的多元计划是什么？

We are conscious of the desires to develop a diverse fandom, which is part why we're here and bidding! China has various ethnic groups,

international residents and visitors, and more. We always have had a very diversified volunteer body in China, and we will travel and community with fans internationally to do the same for the Worldcon. Chengdu City and Sichuan Province are historically and culturally diverse and we're excited for you to see this first-hand. We have many ethnic groups living peacefully together in Chengdu along with other minority/special interest groups. For example, Chengdu has the largest and most-vibrant LGBTQ+ community in China!

- What is your diversity plan for programming?

大会议程的多元计划是什么？

Please see above. When we develop our specific plans, we will let the public know.

- Do you have a diversity plan for Guests of Honor?

您是否有针对荣誉嘉宾的多元化计划？

We plan to honor folks from both China and internationally and as science fiction is a diverse genre our guests will be diverse as well! No specific plan has been decided, though.

- Have you looked into your police department's record with minority and marginalized communities?

您是否调查过少数民族和边缘化社群的警察部门记录？

In Chengdu, our minority communities live not just in harmony with each other, but also with the city. The police do not mistreat them and Chinese police are trained against discrimination, not to mention you do not see them everywhere. Chengdu has a low crime rate for a city of its size and visitors will also not need to fear the people of Chengdu or its police. Also, we want to make it clear that Chinese police are heavily regulated as to when they can use their weapons and you will see that many police do not carry lethal weapons.

- How are you fostering accessibility?

您如何促进无障碍服务？

- Does your access team include people who need access services?

您的无障碍服务团队是否包含需要无障碍服务的人员？

TBA once our access team is formally formed.

- Does your committee include people who need access services?

组委会团队是否包含需要无障碍服务的人员？

Yes, there are no doubt members and volunteers of the bid that will need these services in some capacity or another.

- How are you engaging your local community?
如何与当地社区互动?
 - What is your plan for recruiting local volunteers?
招募当地志愿者的计划是什么?
Chengdu has the biggest and most-respected fan groups in China, mostly college students and their affiliate fan associations. Many well-known Chinese science fiction writers are from these groups too. Besides, we will have a national-wide call for volunteers and travel to many Chinese conventions. As with the other science fiction conventions in China, we never lack of young and enthusiastic volunteers from all backgrounds including foreigners!
 - What is your plan to reach out to local fans and program participants?
您打算如何与当地幻迷和与会嘉宾建立联系?
Please see above. We will also let the public know of how we plan to engage our future program participants.
 - What local arts, educational and/or charity organizations do you plan to reach out to?
您打算与哪些当地艺术，教育和/或慈善机构接触?
TBA if a list is needed in the future, but right now it seems most of the city wants to help!
- What are you doing to engage young fans and families with children?
如何吸引年轻幻迷和有孩子家庭
 - What age-related policies and restrictions have you put in place (or are required to put in place) that apply to young fans?
针对不同年龄您是否制定了相适应的政策和限制措施（或被要求实施）?
In China, most of the active fans are young and sometimes that includes their children. It seems we don't have to engage them pe se, but still, we will learn from the other WorldCons and improve in any way we can. As to age-related policies, TBA as we learn what is meant by this and when our committee decides on such policies besides the aforementioned drinking age of 18.

- What are your plans to handle childcare needs?
您打算如何处理托儿需求?
TBA

- Are you planning any membership discounts/rates?
您是否计划任何会员折扣/费率?
Yes, of course, and we can assure you that we will have the cheapest Worldcon membership rates possible (under Worldcon regulations) for all members. With the city and major corporate sponsorship, we can make the best discounts for our members on many of their requests.
- What attendance level are you expecting for your convention? How are you calculating this estimate?
您预期的参加人数是多少? 您如何估算?

TBA, but fandom in China is very large and we know an average Worldcon has about 5000-10000 members, so very likely in that latter range or more.