

Asian Scholarly Collaboration

Who is iGroup?

- **Library Service Company providing**
 - **Scholarly Information**
 - **Library Technologies**
 - **Etc.**
- **Representing Professional Societies**
 - **AIP, APS, OSA, ACS, CAS, SPIE, ACM etc. etc.**

Current Situation

- Many researches in China
- Submission rate of papers is very high and growing
- Rejection Rate is very high
- Professional Societies needs more exposure in China (ie. Membership)
- Requests from Societies to assist in organizing workshops & conferences and increasing membership
- Commercial publishers are setting up publishing programs by working with local publishers & societies

Mission

- **Enhance communications between Chinese (Asian) Scholars & their peers outside of China (Asia)**
- **Assist in understanding cultural differences**

Proposed Services

- **Facilitate any request from a Professional Society**
- **Peer editing, screening & nominations for submission to journals**
- **Translation to English for papers voted best by peers and referees**
- **General translation service available to all participants (Chinese/English/Chinese)**

Proposed Services

- **Style guides for various publications and assistance in their use**
- **Produce training materials in English and Chinese on how to write scientific papers**
- **Conducting conferences and seminars**
- **Work with Chinese national science academies to improve scientific communication among scientists**

Proposed Services

- **Promote Societies through ASC visits, to ASC subscribers and through exhibitions and conferences**
- **Encourage Chinese scientists to become members of the societies**
- **Encourage Chinese companies to advertise in society journals**

Proposed Services

- **Connect top schools with society publishers interested in publishing their works**
- **Create new publications for graduate students and previously unpublished papers**
- **Provide a conduit of Chinese science news to (Western) society journals (in English)**
- **Provide publishing program for new authors**

Action Plan

- **Register Not for Profit Organization in Hong Kong autonomous from iGroup**
- **Open Office in Beijing & hire staff by the 3rd Quarter**
- **Initial Funding by iGroup (RMB1.5 million)**

Service Fees Structure

- **Basic Services (No Charge)**
 - Arranging Meetings
 - Providing Contacts
 - Basic Market Information
 - Etc.
- **Advanced services will be chargeable at actual cost**

Summary

- **Why are we doing???**
 - Facilitate Requests
 - Giving back to the Scholarly Community
 - Strengthen relationship
 - Publishing Opportunities
- **Future expansion to other Asian countries**

How Can the Societies Participate?

- **Becoming a member of ASC**
- **Transfer of Knowledge**

How will it work

- Day to day operations & admin by ASC
- ASC will assist by dealing with the local culture and idiosyncrasies of doing business in China.
- Societies will be responsible for the training, peer review, placement of the papers and other activities that are requested.
- Set up a management committee consisting of the society representatives and some representative within China and myself (however this can be discussed in more detail later).

THANK YOU!!!