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# THE CENTRAL CHINA iGEMERS' MEETUP

**Purpose:** The conference aims to help teams improve performance in the 2014 iGEM competition, arouse awareness of intra-regional collaboration so as to enhance better communication among iGEM teams in China by establishing the Central China iGEMers' Consortium(CCiC).

**Date:23-24<sup>th</sup>Aug.2014**

**Location: Huazhong Agricultural University, Wuhan, China**

**Highlights:** Our discussion will mainly revolve around two topics, our projects at hand and team management. We have invited Zhang Haoqian and Liu yang, the accomplished former leader of PKU and OUC, as well as several other experienced former leaders to share their experience and thoughts with us, and give their suggestions.

**Schedule(under update):**

23<sup>rd</sup> August

Time	Topic
09:00-09:30	Opening Ceremony (30min)
09:30-10:30	Address by Honorable Guest 1 (50min)
10:30-11:30	Address by Honorable Guest 2 (50min)
11:30-12:00	Question time(30min)
12:00-14:30	Lunch and have a rest(2hour 30min)
14:30-15:30	Presentation
15:30-15:50	Tea Break
15:50-16:50	Presentation
EVENING	Free discussion and snack

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24<sup>th</sup> August

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Morning	Presentation
Noon	Lunch and Discussion
Afternoon	Presentation
	Closing Ceremony

## **WHO WE ARE**

'CCiC', or the Central China iGEMers' Consortium, is an institution that has existed long before it's name. The iGEM teams of WHU, HUST and HZAU have had a tradition of close collaboration, visiting each other every few weeks or so, discussing problems and sometimes having lunch together. It's only natural if a title is given to the contents.

From a geographic point of view, the majority of iGEM teams are distributed in the eastern and northern China, especially the more developed coastal cities, with fewer into the inland. The old teams lead, while new teams in the central and western China are emerging. It all coincides with the distribution of economy in China, and we believe that the trend of new teams emerging especially in central China would contribute to the "Rise of Central China Plan" conducted by our government.

China as well as the whole world is in need of a new economy that would benefit greatly from the development of biotechnology, with synthetic biology in the frontier. Inter and intra-regional co-operations are part of this process. CCiC, as are other regional collaborations, knows its limitations.

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While intra-regional cooperation is a convenient start that may generate group effects, it's inter-regional cooperation that's the ultimate goal of communication which will prove to be more rewarding. CCiC is a start though; it came into being because we were enjoying ourselves, but more than that it has a mission--- to arouse awareness of closer regional collaboration among iGEM teams. We sincerely hope that more teams can see the benefits of such collaboration, and it is our wish that even if CCiC one day disappears, it will only disappear into something even closer to its true purposes.

## WHO YOU ARE

We welcome anyone who is interested in discussions about the details of projects as well as the role synthetic biology may play in a larger scope. Ours is named "Central China", but just as said above, inter-regional exchanges are also greatly welcomed! Practice or experience, we are ever eager to learn more-- from you, and about you!

Welcome to the First Central China iGEMers' Meetup!

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