

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**How do I register for the meeting?** The easiest way to register and pay for the meeting is to go to the MSI secure website, [www.magnoliasociety.org](http://www.magnoliasociety.org), and pay in US dollars with either a VISA or Mastercard. You can also register by mail as indicated on the Registration Form.

**When is the meeting registration deadline?** The registration deadline to receive the lowest price for the conference is January 31, 2020. You may register online at [www.magnoliasociety.org](http://www.magnoliasociety.org) or by returning the printed registration form as directed. The final registration deadline is March 6, 2020.

**Are there any special requirements for entering the Republic of Korea?** You will only need a valid passport. No visa is required. If you would like more information on this go to the following website: [https://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/TRV/TV\\_ENG\\_2\\_1.jsp](https://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/TRV/TV_ENG_2_1.jsp)

**Which airports should I use to book my arrival and departure?** You need to schedule your arrival at Jeju International Airport (CJU) no later than Monday, April 13th. You can only book flights to CJU through Seoul International (ICN), Tokyo International (HND) and Beijing Capital International (PEK). You need to schedule your departure from Seoul International (ICN) on Tuesday, April 21 or Thursday, April 23.

**Are there any Holiday Travel/International Date Line concerns?** Easter will be on April 12, 2020. Depending on your route you may be traveling across the International Date Line and gain a day. You may need to plan ahead due to the holiday and potential date change.

**What currency is used in the Republic of Korea?** The local currency in South Korea is called Won (KRW). The rate is typically better through your local bank than at the airport. The exchange rate is \$1 (USD) = 1,174.50 (KRW). 1 (EURO) = 1,308.28 (KRW) as of October 26, 2019.

**How do I make purchases?** You can use Korean cash or credit cards. All major credit cards are usually accepted, (Visa/Mastercard/American Express).

**What are some guidelines about tipping in the Republic of Korea?** South Koreans generally do not tip.

**Where will the conference be held?** The conference will begin on Jeju Island April 14. You will need to come a day earlier on April 13. M.I. & Company, the travel agency, will welcome you in the lobby of the hotel that day. They will give you your information packets and name tags, direct you to your hotel room and tell you where we will meet the next morning. Dinner will be on your own that evening. We will be traveling during the conference and will end in Seoul, South Korea.

**How will I get from the airport on Jeju Island to my hotel?** After you register, the travel agency, M.I. & Company will contact you via email to ask for your flight information so they will know who and when to pick up at the airport. You will be staying at Born Jeju Hotel.

**Do I have to make my own hotel guest room reservations?** NO, as long as it is during the conference dates of April 13 to April 20 or April 22. The local travel agency, M.I. & Company, will be taking care of all our accommodations. If you would like to experience staying a brief time in a traditional room while we are at Chollipo, please indicate that on the appropriate place on the registration form.

**What is a Korean traditional styled house?** The Korean traditional styled houses at Chollipo Arboretum are all different and beautiful. They either have thatched or tiled roofs. There are 6 houses total, each having a different layout. They have from 2 to 4 bedrooms, most sharing a bathroom. There are no beds, but beddings are put on the floor. Each house has a TV, refrigerator, hair dryer and toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, etc. If you are interested in staying at one of these houses, indicate on the Registration Form that you would like to stay there while at the Arboretum. It is on a first requested, first served basis. To be able to view only, (not to register) what each house looks like, go to <http://chollipo.org/eng/?menuKey=16>. M.I. & Company will let you know via email where you will be staying.

**What will the Registration Fees cover?** The registration fees will cover all hotels, breakfast, lunch and dinner every day, transportation throughout the event and all entrance fees. They do not cover your airfare to the Republic of Korea. If you are staying at Born Jeju Hotel before April 13, you will need to make your own reservations and payments. Conference registration does not include any meals on April 13. After the conference, you will need to pay for an airport limousine shuttle bus.

**Will alcoholic beverages be available at any of our meals?** Alcoholic beverages will be available during the evening meals, but not for lunch.

**Is there a Cancellation Policy?** Any cancellations must be submitted by email to [MSI2020@broadmi.com](mailto:MSI2020@broadmi.com). Registrations cancelled prior to April 8, 2020 will be refunded. Registrations cancelled up to 16 days prior to the event will be refunded, less a 10% registration fee. Registrations cancelled 7 days to 15 days prior to the event will be refunded, less a 30% registration fee. Your registration is not refundable after April 8, 2020. No refunds are given for no-shows.

**What is the weather like?** The following was recorded in 2019; Jeju Island - 48.2~68°F (9~20°C, partly cloudy), Chollipo – 43~59°F (6~15°C, clear skies), Seoul – 50~68°F (10~20°C, partly cloudy or clear skies), and Yanggu – 44.6~62.6°F (7~17°C, partly cloudy or clear skies). Short-sleeved shirts are suitable and welcome for outdoor activities, but long-sleeved shirts are recommended during nights in April.

**Is there an auction?** Yes! Since we are unable to transport plants to or from the Republic of Korea, our Host has asked that if you have any books, pictures, artifacts, dishes, etc. relating to magnolias, please bring them to be put in a silent auction. The profits from the auction will be awarded as a scholarship for underprivileged students in the Chollipo area. They will also take some of the proceeds to plant commemorative trees in the Chollipo Arboretum.

**How do I make a donation to the silent auction?** If you are planning to attend the meeting, you may bring your donation with you. You may give it to the Chollipo staff when you register for the meeting at Born Jeju Hotel on April 13. If you are not planning to attend the meeting, or do not want to carry your donation in your luggage, you can mail the item(s) directly to Chollipo at: 187 Chollipo 1-gil, Sowon – Myon, Taean – gun, Chungnam – do, Republic of Korea, Attention: Dr. Yong-Shik Kim. Please email Dr. Kim at [yongshik@chollipo.org](mailto:yongshik@chollipo.org) so he will know that your package is arriving for the auction. All donations should include the following: name of person giving the gift, description of the gift, starting price for bid and bid increments.

**Can I bring a gift for our host, the Chollipo Arboretum?** Our host and Director, Dr. Yong-Shik Kim has expressed a desire to expand the Chollipo Arboretum Library collection. They would greatly appreciate a gift of any new or used botanical books to enrich their library.

**How will I get to the airport after the conference April 21 or April 23?** On either day you will be able to take the airport limousine shuttle bus. It costs about \$10 (USD) for a ticket and it takes about one and a half hours to get to the airport. M.I. & Company will be glad to help you with more information about the shuttle bus during the conference.

**What if I have additional questions?** Please contact the travel agency M.I. & Company. Email address: [MSI2020@broadmi.com](mailto:MSI2020@broadmi.com).