Preface

Silk has a long history and profound cultures. The world culture, science and technology, as well as trade and economic are linked closely by a long "silk". It has an important influence on the world civilization, social development and technological progress. The modern science and technology has injected new vitality into the traditional silk. Meanwhile, the economic globalization has promoted the academic communication and collaborative development of the international textiles and silk industry.

On the basis of the successful seven international silk conferences, the 8th China International Silk Conference (ISC 2013) will be held in Soochow University (Suzhou, China) on September 8-10, 2013 with the theme "Modern Silk, Modern Life". The 4th Asian Protective Clothing Conference (APCC 2013), and Eco-friendly Textile Dyeing and Finishing Conference will also be held at the same time.

The conference will reinforce the communication and cooperation of the sericulture, silk, textile and clothing industry from all over the world, pass and develop the silk civilization, exploit and innovate new textile and silk technology, protective clothing, eco-friendly dyeing and finishing technology.

The proceedings focus on sericulture bioengineering, fiber materials and textile products, process technology & system engineering of textile and clothing, eco-textile & dyeing and finishing technology, clothing science and technology & fashion, trade & culture of textile and clothing, protective clothing, history & resource protection of mulberry silk, and other related researches in textile and silk science.