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▶ **November 2003 Annual Meeting and related issues**

1. [Symposium and poster paper update](#)

The A-6 and S-6 divisions are co-sponsoring a symposium on soil and water conservation researches in China. The symposium has been scheduled on Tuesday (Nov. 4, 2003) from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (room location will be announced later). Potentially eight speakers will make presentations. Their names, institutes and topics are listed below:

Zhang, Renduo; University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
Current Development of Soil and Water Conservation in China

Li, Rui; Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)
Soil and Water Conservation Challenges in the Western China Development

Wang, Tian-duo; Shanghai Institute of Plant Physiology, CAS
Some Difficult Issues Which Plant Growth Modelers Working On Soil and Water Conservation in Northwestern China Are Facing

Li, Baoguo; China Agricultural University

A Method of Determining Land-Use Patterns Based on Regional Available Soil Water in Semi-Arid Areas

Yu, Qiang; Institute of Geography, CAS
The Chinese Ecological Research Network: Its Role in Soil and Water Conservation

Hu, Chunsheng; Shijiazhuang Institute of Agricultural Modernization, CAS
Development of Water-Saving Agriculture in China

Yang, Linzhang; Institute of Soil Science, CAS
Non-Point Source Pollution and the Impact on Water Quality in China

Cheng, H. H.; Dept. Soil, Water, and Climate, Univ. Minnesota
Beyond Problem-Solving in Soil and Water Management in China.

For more information, please contact Dr. Liwang Ma at 970-490-8339 or Liwang.Ma@ars.usda.gov

2. Schedule and location for Annual Gathering Meeting

The Association of Chinese Soil and Plant Scientists in North America (ACSPSNA) will meet at the Adam's Mark Hotel - Governor's Square 14 on Tuesday, November 4, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. First 15-20 minutes will be a social time, and meeting will start at 5:20 pm. Several invited soil scientists from Mainland Chinese will be expected to attend this meeting. All members and other Chinese scientists are encouraged to attend.

3. Calling for Volunteers:

The ACSPSNA is a non-profit professional organization for our Chinese Scientists. To better serve our members, we need a group of strongly motivated people. Here, we are requesting for the nominees to serve the society as the next committee member. To those who are interested in the work, please send your name and brief information to us (Zhengxia Dou, dou@cahp2.nbc.upenn.edu or Lingxiao Zhang, lzhang@drec.msstate.edu) and we will introduce you to our members on the next issue of Newsletter (likely in October) so that society members may have a chance to know you ahead of time. Please prepare yourself with a short introduction during the annual gathering meeting (name, work/background, and what you plan to do for the society).

4. Hotel Reservation:

The conference-designated hotels for the reservation are listed in the following:

Hotel	Distance to CCC*,	Prices**
Mark Adam's Hotel	4 blocks	\$153
Holiday Inn Downtown	2 blocks	\$ 99
Hayatt Regency	4 blocks	\$153

Marriott City Center 4 blocks \$155

*: Colorado Convention Center, **: for single and double, tax not included (13.45%)

► **Note:** We encourage our members to reserve the spaces with the conference-designated hotels and reserve them early. However, considered the limited hotel options and to those who may have the financial difficulties (example: tight in research budgets, or have to be personally responsible for the meeting expenses), you may take the option to contact Executive Tower Hotel (2 blocks to the CCC). They agreed to provide a reasonable rate (at around \$79 - 89/n, depending on single or double and reservation before July 25). The person to be contacted is Karen (1-800 525-6651 Ext. 130, please mention that you are with ACSPSNA group). Early reservation is encouraged. You may also need to check with your affiliates (if any and necessary) about the policies involved in the reservation and reimbursement for a "non-conference designated hotel" before making this reservation. If you have further question, please contact Lingxiao Zhang at: lzhang@drec.msstate.edu

5. Important dates for ASA annual meeting:

The ASA website is now open for abstract submission. We encourage our members to submit the abstracts on time or early.

- **July 23, 2003:** Deadline for submitting *Full Abstract*. (*previous issue had a mistake*)
- **Nov. 2-6, 2003:** Annual Meeting Period

Pre-registration materials has been included in CSANews in July issue, 2003. All related information can be found from the ASA website at: <http://www.asa-cssa-sssa.org/anmeet/>

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► **ACSPSNA member address update**

The updated member list is at:

<http://www.deltasov.msstate.edu/ACSPSNA/member-list.htm>

Some of the members have changed their addresses within last 2-3 years:

Chen, Yiwu (to Michigan State)
Hang, Fengxiang (to Miss. State ♦ departmental change)
Liu, Haibo (to Clemson University)
Jiang, Zhongchun (to State University of New York)
Bai, Guihua (to USDA in Kansas)

If you find that your address (or other ♦s) is incorrect or has changed, please send the corrected and new information to Lingxiao Zhang at: lzhang@drec.msstate.edu

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► In Memoriam

Dear alumni and friends,

Wang Hongkang, 72, professor of Department of Environmental Science and Engineering at China Agricultural University (formerly Beijing Agricultural University), died of stomach cancer on June 2, 2003 in Beijing. As the founder of the department, Professor Wang Hongkang has made significant contribution to the department as well as the university. His dedication to science is particularly influential on junior researchers as well as many graduate students.

To honor Professor Wang's contribution to the society, a scholarship fund has been set up by his former students, colleagues, and friends. The purpose of the fund is to award one or two outstanding students in the department annually and to encourage young people's involvement and devotion to Environmental Sciences. If you are interested in contributing to the fund, however big or small, please send your donation to the following address. A web page will be established to publicize the fund and its management and activities <http://www.cau.edu/cn/zihuan/index.htm>.

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