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1. ACSPSNA 2005 Annual Meeting Location and Agenda

The ACSPSNA 2005 Annual Meeting will be held in Alpine Ballroom East, Second Floor, Hilton Hotel, Salt Lake City, 5:00-7:00 pm, Nov. 8 (Tuesday).

Meeting Agenda

1) Opening remarks
   - Introduction of program agenda and approval

2) Student award
   - Award winner self-introduction
   - Future of the award program, if “yes” electing new committee members

3) Proposal on the association fellow program

4) Proposal on the Outstanding Contribution Award to Chinese Agriculture Research (Dr. Liwang Ma)

5) Financial report
   - Explore more ways to raise funds?

6) New executive member election
   - Introduction to Dr. Yan Jin (see item #2)
   - Additional volunteers? and self-introduction
   - Vote

7) Other items
   - Information (name-list) update
   - Other things?

8) Presentation and panel discussion: “Road to Become a Society Fellow”
   Dr. H.H. Cheng
   Dr. Bingru Huang
   Other (TBA)
2. Introduction to Dr. Yan Jin, a candidate for the executive board committee

I am currently an Associate Professor of Environmental Soil Physics in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences at the University of Delaware (UD). I have a joint appointment at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering as well. Since 2003, I am an adjunct professor at the College of Natural Resources and the Environment of China Agricultural University (CAU).

I graduated with a B.S. in Soil Science from Hebei Agricultural University. I received my M.S. in Soil Chemistry from New Mexico State University and my Ph.D. in Soil Physics (actually in Environmental Toxicology) from University of California at Riverside (UCR). I became a faculty at UD in 1995 after one-year of postdoc at UCR and have been in Delaware since then.

My appointment at UD consists of teaching (25%), research (75%), and service (0% on paper but a lot of work in reality). My research is mainly on the fate and transport of contaminants in soil, with focus on viruses and colloids. I teach soil physics and related courses at both undergraduate and graduate levels. My services include serving on many committees at all levels: department, college, and university, as well as for professional societies, journals, and federal agencies.

My collaboration with CAU started in 2003 during the SARS epidemic. We have a project, funded by the NSFC, to work on virus fate and transport in soils.

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