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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)

9) Dinner and social

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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