

## ACSPSNA Newsletter No. 10

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### 1. Workshop Held during the World Congress of Soil Science

ACSPSNA organized a workshop during the World Congress of Soil Science held in Philadelphia, USA (July 9-15, 2006). The theme of the workshop was “*Collaborative Research in China: Opportunities and Challenges*”. The workshop provided a unique opportunity for interaction and attracted approximately 60 Chinese scientists from China, North America, and other parts of the world. Dr. Tiequan Zhang, current president of ACSPSNA, presided the meeting and Dr. H.H. Chen served as a keynote speaker as well as the mediator for discussions. The following speakers were invited to share their knowledge and experiences on collaborations with Chinese universities and research institutions:

- Dr. H.H. Cheng, Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota, USA
- Dr. P.M. Huang, Professor Emeritus, University of Saskatchewan, Canada
- Dr. Jing Guo Wang, Professor and Director, Office of International Relations, China Agricultural University, China
- Dr. Jiyun Jin, Professor, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science; Director, China Program of Potash & Phosphate Institute and Potash & Phosphate Institute of Canada, China
- Dr. Ling Zhang Yang, Professor and Deputy Director, The Institute of Soil Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Nanjing, China
- Dr. Yan Jin, Professor, University of Delaware, USA
- Dr. Xu Dong Zhang, Professor, Institute of Applied Ecology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shenyang, China

The discussion touched on various relevant topics including research and education opportunities, more effective modes of collaborations, current and future needs, and how ACSPSNA can facilitate such collaborations.

In addition to the workshop, Mr. Paul Kamps, Development Officer of the Agronomic Science Foundation (ASF), was invited to the meeting to introduce the China Agricultural Science Award, which was initiated and is sponsored by the ACSPSNA, to the international Chinese audiences.



*About 60 Chinese scientists from China, U.S.A., Canada, and other parts of the world participated in the workshop in Philadelphia during the World Congress of Soil Sciences*

## **2. Announcing Annual ACSPSNA Meeting in Indianapolis**

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### **Mark your calendar!**

**When:** Monday 5-7 PM  
**Where:** Marriott Ballroom 7, Second Floor

### **Agenda:**

- ➡ Reports and housekeeping (20 min)
  - Summary of activities; WCSS summary
  - Student award
  - Financial status
  - Nomination and voting for the secretary/treasurer
    - Dong Wang, University of Minnesota
    - Qingren Wang, University of Florida
- ➡ Update on progress of China Agricultural Science Award (40 min):
  - Bonnie Lueck, Development Officer, ASA Headquarters
  - Jin Yan/Ma Liwang
    - Update
    - Discussion on other approaches

➡ **Main theme:**

- ➡ **Experience sharing on grant proposal writing (40 min)**
  - Baoshan Xing, Professor, University of Massachusetts
  - Jay Gan, Professor, University of California Riverside

➡ Dinner

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*Please contact any of the committee members for questions or ideas!*

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### 3. China Agricultural Science Award

The success of this award program depends on your involvement! Please circulate the fund raising brochure and pledge to individuals you know. Please get involved by making a generous donation.

## China Agricultural Science Award

China has one-quarter of the world population. Therefore, sustainable development of Chinese agriculture to ensure food supply and to preserve the environment is crucial to China and to the stability of the world. Many scientists around the world have made significant contributions to Chinese agriculture, but their contributions have not been fully recognized by international scientific community.

Therefore, members of the Association of Chinese Soil and Plant Scientists of North America (ACSPSNA) have established the China Agricultural Science Award (CASA), which will be administered by the American Society of Agronomy (ASA). This award will recognize those individuals who are ASA-CSSA-SSSA members and have made significant contributions to Chinese agriculture by:

1. Impacting Chinese agricultural education
2. Promoting applications of new research and technologies in China
3. Influencing Chinese agricultural policies that benefit farmers and the environment
4. Improving the quality of Chinese agricultural research and technology transfer

The award amount is anticipated to be \$1,000 per year and will be funded through an endowment held in the Agronomic Science Foundation.

#### How You Can Help

Your help is needed to permanently endow a fund through the Agronomic Science Foundation, that will support the China Agricultural Science Award in perpetuity. An endowment of \$25,000 or more will be necessary to provide enough funds for an annual award (beginning in 2007, if funding permits).

The Agronomic Science Foundation (ASF) is an educational foundation, incorporated in 1967, to support professions in agronomy, crop and soil sciences. It supports the work of:

American Society of Agronomy (ASA)  
Crop Science Society of America (CSSA)  
Soil Science Society of America (SSSA)

Your gifts will be used to support the program you choose. Gifts to ASF are fully U.S. tax deductible.

#### How to make your donation

Contributions can be mailed to ASF at 677 South Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53711, using the donation form in this brochure. You may also contact Bonnie Lueck, ASF Development Officer, at 608-268-4947 or email [blueck@a-s-f.org](mailto:blueck@a-s-f.org). Donations can also be made online at: <http://www.a-s-f.org/>. Please designate your donation to the China Agricultural Science Award.

#### Gifts of Stock

Donors to the Agronomic Science Foundation have the opportunity to avoid potential capital gains taxes and receive a charitable deduction for the fair market value of donated stocks. If you prefer to make your gift using appreciated securities, please contact Bonnie Lueck, ASF Development Officer, at 608-268-4947 or email [blueck@a-s-f.org](mailto:blueck@a-s-f.org) for more information.

#### Pledges

Pledges are accepted over a period of time up to three years. Donors are recognized at the pledged level, rather than actual gifts received to date.

#### ASF's Legacy Circle

While annual gifts are very important, you can make an even greater impact when you specify your support for the China Agricultural Science Award in your will or estate plan.

Donors making estate gifts are recognized as part of the ASF Legacy Circle. For more information, check the Legacy Circle box on the contribution card or contact the ASF Development Office.



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Dear Fellow Chinese Professionals, Scholars, and Students:

We are very delighted to inform you that American Society of Agronomy (ASA) has approved the establishment of the China Agricultural Science Award (CASA) to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to Chinese agriculture. The Association of Chinese Soil & Plant Scientists in North America (ACSPSNA) will be recognized as the sponsor of the award.

This award means a lot to every Chinese agricultural scientist in North America and will have profound impacts on our careers and on our images as a minority group in the Tri-society. The award will not only recognize our fellow Chinese scientists, but also non-Chinese individuals who make significant contributions to Chinese agriculture.

To make the award a success, we need your support and help! You are a part of this award, and you will be proud of yourself for your contributions. Every donation will make a difference. We will need to raise at least \$25,000 in total in order to make this happen. Please consider making a pledge by contributing to the China Agricultural Science Award program.

On behalf of the ACSPSNA, we thank you in advance for your support and donation!

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