

ACSPSNA Newsletter

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1. ACSPSNA 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes

The ACSPSNA 2008 Annual Meeting was held Monday, October 6, 2008 at George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX. Yan Jin and Dong Wang presided the meeting. The following are minutes from the meeting.

Keynote Presentation on Progress in Science and Technology in China

The main agenda item of the 2008 annual meeting was a keynote presentation by Mr. Heping Chen, Consul for Science and Technology, Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Houston. Mr. Chen gave a comprehensive overview of progress in sciences and technologies in China. It was especially encouraging to see the significant increase in the capacity of research and development in China and the impact on world economy in the last decade.

Welcome New Board Member

Dr. Wengui Yan, a Research Scientist with USDA-ARS was nominated and elected unanimously as the Secretary/Treasure for ACSPSNA. Welcome aboard, Wengui!

2. ACSPSNA 2009 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh



Please mark your calendar!

When: Monday, November 2, 2009, 6:00-7:30 PM
Where: Convention Center, Room 315, Pittsburgh, PA

The 2009 ACSPSNA annual meeting will take place at the above time and location. We have the following main items planned for the meeting.

- Professor Fusuo Zhang from China Agricultural University and Professor Zucong Cai from Nanjing Soil Science Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Sciences will each give a talk on research collaborations and academic exchanges between China and the US; and potential funding opportunities and mechanisms to support these activities.

There will be a brief discussion following their talks on future collaborations in research and education between China and the US.

- ACSPSNA business meeting: Approval of 2008 meeting minutes, financial report, election of association official, and other items.

Other important events at the ASA-CSSA-SSSA meetings!

The ACSPSNA is co-sponsoring two symposia with the Soil and Environmental Quality Division of SSSA (S11) and the Environment Network for Chinese Students and Scholars (ENCSS). These symposia are intended to enhance interactions and academic exchanges among scientists from China and the US. Many important topics in the fields of agriculture and environmental sciences will be presented by prominent scientists from China and the US including Dr. Paul Bertch, SSSA President and Dr. Fusuo Zhang, President of Plant Nutrition and Fertilizer Society of China. The two symposia are:

- Integrated Solutions to the Soil and Agri-Environmental Challenges Facing China in the 21st Century (4 speakers all from China, conveners are J. T. Sims and Fusuo Zhang; co-sponsored by A-5, S-11, and ACSPSNA). **Nov. 2 (Mon) 12:55-3:25PM Convention Center, Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom BC, 3rd floor.**
- The Role of Science in Environmental Pollution and Climate Change - A Dialogue between the US and Sino Scientists (6 speakers 3 from China 3 from the US, conveners are Xue Kai of ENCSS and He Zhenli representing ACSPNA). **Nov. 4 (Wed) 12:55-3:25PM Convention Center, Rm 407.**

3. ACSPSNA Activities in 2009

- Co-organized/sponsored 3 symposia: the 2 listed above and one at the 2009 Wuhan International Conference on the Environment
 - Updated member list
 - Established a web link with ASA-CSSA-SSSA as a cooperating society (<https://www.agronomy.org/about-society/affiliates/cooperating-societies>).
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We look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh!

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