

The Royal Society Delegation Visited NSFC

On Mar. 31, 2003, Prof. Zhou Bingkun, Vice President of NSFC, received the Royal Society delegation headed by its Foreign Secretary and Vice President Prof. Julia Higgins.

Prof. Han Jianguo, Director-General of Bureau of International Cooperation, first made an introduction on the foundation, new measures in international cooperation and the recent progress in Sino-UK cooperation. Afterwards, both sides exchanged ideas on selection of peer reviewers, development of reviewer database, the evaluation of the results of the projects, etc.

During the discussion, both sides expressed satisfaction to the progress in bilateral cooperation since the agreement was signed in 1988 and renewed in 1992. A consensus was then reached on the following issues:

(1) Expand the existing exchange volume, namely, increase the number of joint projects supported by the two sides annually; and

(2) Open up new collaborative channels, such as short-study visits and bilateral academic workshops.

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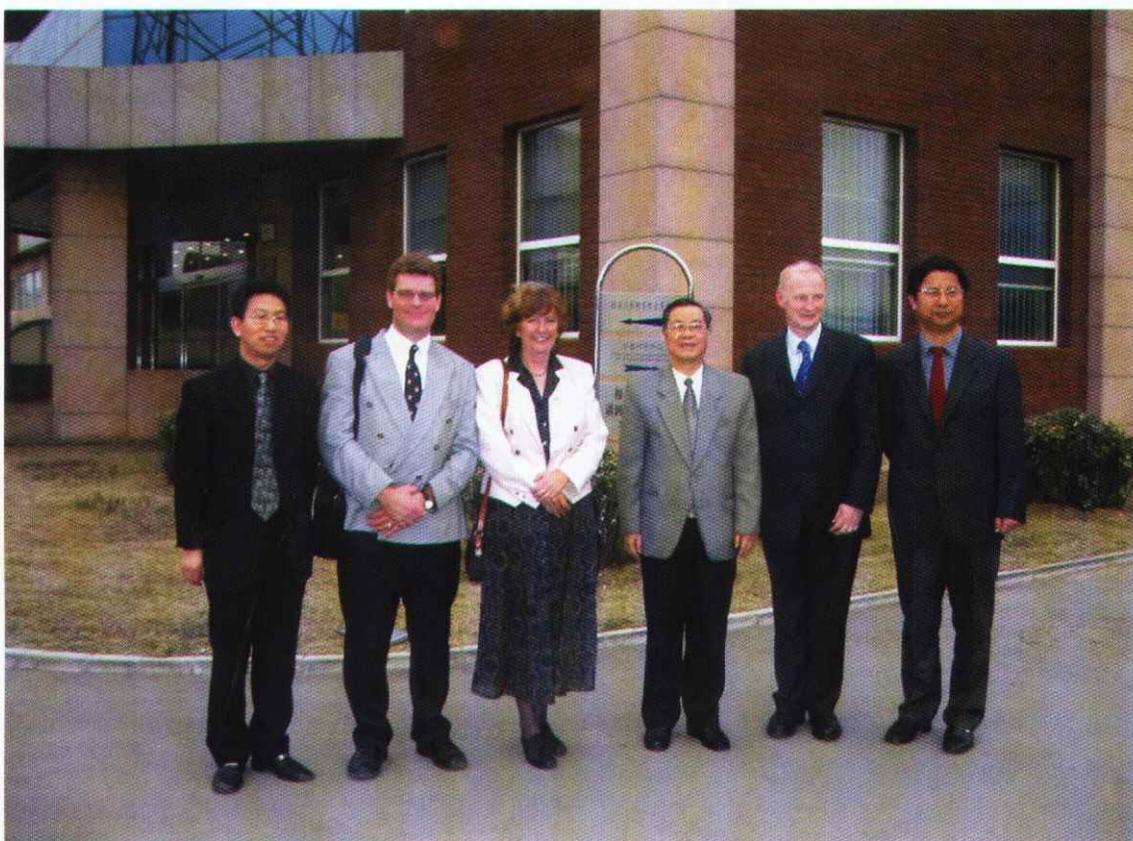


Photo taken after the meeting in front of the NSFC building. The third from left: Prof. Julia Higgins, fourth from left: Prof. Zhou Bingkun; The second from right: Prof. Stephen Cox, Executive Secretary-General of RS and on the right Prof. Han Jianguo.