

Prof. Chen Yiyu Visited France and Germany



Prof. Chen Yiyu, President of NSFC, paid a successful visit to France and Germany from July 12 to 23, 2004.

During his visit in France, Prof. Chen visited the French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER), the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA), the Institut Pasteur and the High Normal School (ENS). Both sides have presented the latest development of their own institutions and explored the possibilities of further cooperation in the field of natural sciences, oceanographic resources, environment and agriculture. In order to deepen the collaboration in agriculture between China and France, Prof. Chen and Mrs. Guillou, Director General of INRA, jointly signed the annexed document of the NSFC-INRA Agreement on Cooperation.

In Germany, Prof. Chen held a formal meeting with Prof. Winnacker, President of Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG). After the meeting, they jointly signed the renewed bilateral agreement on cooperation between NSFC and DFG. Prof. Chen also met with Mr. Doudenhosen, State Secretary of the German Ministry of Research and Education, Prof. Steglich, Vice President of DFG, Dr. Grunwald, Secretary General of DFG and Dr. Zienicker, Deputy Secretary General of DFG. During the meetings, they discussed and exchanged ideas on such issues as enhancing and deepening the bilateral cooperation, supporting the basic research under the new situation, the funding and evaluation mechanism for research, the management of funding organizations and the international cooperation within the framework of science funding. In addition, Prof. Chen paid a visit to Humboldt University, the DFG Research Center 8086, the Max Planck Institute for Chemical Physics of Solids and the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics. He also met with Prof. Strecher from Potsdam University and Prof. Mosbrugger from Tübingen University, and had an interview at Deutch Welle (Radio Germany).

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Joint Sino-US Symposium on Ecological Complexity and Ecosystem Services Held in Beijing



May 24-25, 2004, Joint Sino-US Symposium on Ecological Complexity and Ecosystem Services was held in Beijing. The symposium was co-sponsored by NSFC, CAS and NSF, and was organized by Institute of Zoology, CAS and Arizona State University. Prof. Zhu Zuoyan, Vice President of NSFC, attended the opening ceremony and made an important speech.

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