

Vice President Shen Wenqing Met with ANR President



On November 19, 2008, Prof. Shen Wenqing, NSFC Vice President, met with Dr. Jacques Stern, the visiting President of the French National Research Agency (ANR). The Attendees from NSFC were Mr. Zhang Zhaotian, Deputy Director-general, and Mr. Liu Ke, Director of Division from the Department of Information Sciences, and Mr. Lu Rongkai, Director of Division of the Bureau of International. The meeting was followed by a lunch at NSFC.

Prof. Shen extended a welcome to Dr. Stern and introduced to the guest the latest development of NSFC. Then Mr. Lu Rongkai, Mr. Zhang Zhaotian and Mr. Liu Ke gave brief introductions about NSFC and its international cooperation, the funding in the department of Information sciences and its related scientific divisions. During the meeting, both sides reviewed the progress in bilateral relations since their first contact in 2007 and showed their satisfactory with the development of cooperative relations since the bilateral agreement on cooperation was signed this year. They also expressed their wishes and confidence for further cooperation in the future.

NSFC and ANR signed, on January 22, 2008, the Agreement on Cooperation and the Memorandum of Understanding on Joint Calls for Joint Research Projects. According to the Memorandum. A joint call will be launched annually for joint research projects. The themes of the calls will be jointly decided by both sides. In 2008, a joint call was launched in Information and Communication Technology and Engineering and Material Sciences (including Nano Science). Three joint research projects were funded after discussion between NSFC and ANR on the basis of peer review.

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