

Participants of the 13th JCM came from the Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Chinese Academy of Sciences, State Oceanic Administration, China Earthquake Administration, General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, China Meteorological Administration, NSFC, etc. on China's side, and the White House Office of Management and Budget, National Institutes of Health, NSF, Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, National Academy of Sciences, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, U. S. Geological Survey, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Smithsonian Institution, etc. on the U. S. side.

During the JCM, Prof. Shen held cordial talks and exchanged views with Dr. Arden Bement, Director of NSF in respect of recent achievement gained and the next-step bilateral collaboration between the two funding agencies.

NSFC delegates include Ms. Bai Ge, Deputy Director-General of the Bureau of International Cooperation.

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DFG Secretary General Visits NSFC

At the invitation of NSFC, a delegation headed by DFG Secretary-General Dr. Dorothee Dzwonnek visited NSFC and gave presentations to NSFC staff. Prof. Shen Wenqing met with the delegation and presided over the meeting with around 80 attendees from NSFC scientific departments and bureaus.

In their presentations, Dr. Dzwonnek and her colleagues introduced DFG's latest development and relevant thoughts ranging from continuation of the excellent initiative, flexibility and transparency for ap-



licants, review process and modularization, to German Houses of Science and Innovation abroad, DFG and European Research Council and the European Framework 7 Program, etc.

Members of the DFG delegation included Prof. Elmar Weiler, President of Ruhr-University, Bochum, Dr. Robert Paul Königs, Head of Department I (Scientific Affairs), Dr. Klaus Wehrberger, Head of Research Centers Division, Dr. Annette Schmidtman, Head of Research Careers Division, Dr. Ingrid Krüßmann, Director of East Asia Section, and Ms. Ute Schmidt, Director of the Executive Office. During their stay in China, the delegation also visited the Ministry of Education, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Tsinghua University.