

NSFC Vice President Attends the 13th U. S. - China Joint Commission Meeting on Science and Technology Cooperation



On October 15, Prof. Shen Wenqing, Vice President of NSFC, delivering a speech at the meeting

A NSFC delegation led by Vice President, Prof. Shen Wenqing attended the 13th U. S. -China Joint Commission Meeting on Science and Technology Cooperation (JCM) from Oct. 14th to 19th, 2009. During the JCM, Prof. Shen delivered a speech entitled New Progress in the Bilateral Cooperation between NSF and NSFC under the Framework of the Protocol on Basic Research, introducing the latest advancement and achievements obtained in the cooperation between the U. S. National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), and proposing several suggestions on the future bilateral substantial collaboration between the U. S. and China in basic sciences.

Minister Wan Gang of the Ministry of Science and Technology of China and Mr. John Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, co-chaired the meeting, during which such topics as scientific and technological



Prof. Shen Wenqing, Vice President of NSFC, signing the Protocol on Earthquake Research between China and USA

R&D investment, mechanisms in support of funding collaborative biomedical research, agriculture, energy and climate change, clean energy technologies, R&D in higher education, basic research and S&T innovation capacity building, ocean resource conservation and utilization, nuclear safety, measurement science and technology, biodiversity and bioinformatics, and so on were thoroughly addressed.

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.