

## NSFC Vice President Meets with EU Guests

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Prof. Sun Jianguang, Vice President of National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) met with an EU delegation headed by Dr. Rudolf Strohmeier, Deputy Director General for Research and Innovation in the European Commission. Both sides communicated on the latest development and cooperation, the FP7 and “Horizon 2020” program, and discussed the NSFC-EU joint research program in biomaterial starting in July and the future direction for cooperation.



The EU delegation also includes Dr. Philippe Vialatte, Head of Science, Technology & Environment Section of the Delegation of EU; Mr. Frank Greco, Head of Information Society & Media Section of the Delegation of the European Union to China; Ms. Jessica Mitchell, Science and Technology Attaché of the Delegation of the European Union to China and Mrs. Zhong Wen, Project Officer of the Delegation of the European Union to China, etc.

NSFC attendees also include Mr. Han Yu, Director-General of the Bureau of Policy; Prof. Qin Yuwen, Executive Deputy Director-General of the Department of Information Sciences; Mr. Lu Rongkai, Deputy Director-General of the Bureau of International Cooperation; and Ms. Li Wencong and Mr. Xu Jin from Bureau of International Cooperation.

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## NSFC and ISF Ready to Launch New Program

The MOU signed between the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) and the Israel Science Foundation (ISF) on Oct. 22, 2007 has led to Chinese and Israeli scientists' fruitful cooperation and exchange activities jointly funded by both funding agencies.

The consensus reached recently by NSFC and ISF at the two meetings held respectively in February and May, 2012 will take the collaboration into a new stage. Both parties will jointly launch a new cooperation program to encourage their scientists to actively carry out substantial cooperation in research activities. They will provide funding equivalent to \$100,000 per year to each granted Chinese and Israeli PI respectively with 3-year duration.

The applicants from both sides should meet respectively the eligibility set by NSFC and ISF. They are also required to submit an identical English proposal. NSFC and ISF will review the proposals respectively and negotiate for a joint decision on the projects to be funded.

The time period for submission of proposals for FY2012 will be from September 1st to November 1st. The funding priority areas are physics, chemistry and agriculture.