China-UK Workshop on Cancer Held in Beijing


The China-UK Bilateral Workshop on Cancer, co-sponsored by NSFC and MRC under the MOU, was held in Beijing from Oct. 24 to 26, 2005, with joint sponsorship of the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) and the Medical Research Council (MRC), UK, and organization of the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (CAMS). 30 experts from China and UK attended this event and carried out in-depth discussions on early diagnosis of cancer, gene expression and new drugs and possibly gene therapy of cancer. The workshop achieved its pre-set target.

Prof. Zhu Zuoyan, Vice President of NSFC, Prof. Han Jianguo, Director General, Bureau of International Cooperation of NSFC, Prof. Blakemore, Chief Executive of MRC, Dr. Tony Peatfield, Head of International Affair of MRC, and Mr. David Concar from the British Embassy in Beijing attended the meeting. Prof. Zhu and Prof. Blakemore also made remarks and signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between NSFC and MRC at the opening ceremony chaired by Prof. Zhan Qimin, Vice President of CAMS.

On Oct. 27, Prof. Han Jianguo and Prof. Sun Ruijuan from the Life Science Dept. of NSFC participated in a press conference together with Prof. Blakemore, held by the British Embassy for the workshop and signing of the MOU. During the conference, Prof. Han and Prof. Sun gave an introduction and answered the questions about NSFC's funding in life sciences and its international cooperation. In the evening, the workshop participants attended a reception held by the British Ambassador at his residence.

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