Vice President Shen Wenqing Met with NSERC President

On 13 October, 2008, NSFC Vice President Prof. Shen Wenqing met with a Canadian delegation, which consists of Dr. Suzanna Fortier, President of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), Dr. Martin Godbout, President of Genome Canada, Dr. Paul Hebert, Professor of University of Guelph and Dr. Christian Burks, President and CEO of Ontario Genomics Institute. Both sides exchanged the latest progress on new developments of each organization. The Canadian delegation briefed NSFC on the International Barcode of Life project (iBOL) and the two parties agreed that specific approaches and mechanism should be explored to enhance bilateral scientific cooperation.

The delegation was accompanied by Prof. Zhang Yaping from CAS Kunming Institute of Zoology and Prof. Huang Dawei from CAS Institute of Zoology. Dr. Feng Feng, Deputy Director-General of NSFC Department of Life Sciences, Prof. Chang Qing, Deputy Director-General of the Bureau of International Cooperation and relevant NSFC staff attended the meeting.

NSFC and NSERC signed a cooperative agreement in 1987 and have enjoyed a sound collaborative relationship since then.

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