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**PRESIDENT COLUMN**  
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In the past few months I have spent a great deal of time and energy on job hunting with no luck. And I have spent quite some time pondering why. Here I would like to share with you my two cents. A good position is too important to everyone of us.

In spite that ecology is often a hot topic in the society, profession of Ph.D. ecologists is limited more or less to academia, and mostly university professorship. As population of Ph.D's. increases exponentially and finally approaches a limit of "resources", we see a picture of competition so similar to what we studied in population dynamics and so familiar to everyone of us. A few months ago Science launched a campaign of Ph.D. population control and development of alternative careers. No wonder why. For each position I applied, there are normally somewhere between 100 to 200 applicants. Assuming each one submits at least a ten-page application, what a workload just reviewing of all the applications!

And, what an achievement those guys who finally got the offers have made! One can only appreciate it when he/she have tried it. For various reasons, some have explored alternative paths and have succeeded. Think of those who have become research scientists in public and private institutions. They are doing great and enjoying life. At least, they may tell you, they don't have to worry about bringing research grants like those "poor" professors. What about going into industry ? There must be some opportunities out there. Maybe a lot. But the question is what can an ecologist be useful in industry? I looked at myself and found no answer. It seems to me ecologist is so much bound to either educational or governmental institutions. It is probably too hard to survive in industry. (Maybe not, I have never tried).

I still want to become one of those who are striving to get tenures and struggling with endless deadlines. If I ever succeed, I will teach my students the useful knowledge, the skills to survive thrive in a broader spectrum of professions.

Those who have not gone too far in their career development had better think ahead.

Ye Qi

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**SINO-ECO ACTIVITIES**  
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**RESEARCH REPORTS/ABSTRACTS**  
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By: T. Jay Bai, Tala Te, Joe She, Keith Schulz, and Jeff Linn. MDSM International, P.O.Box 272628, Fort Collins, CO 80527, USA. Inner Mongolian Normal University, Huhhot, PRC. Colorado State University, CO 80523, Fort Carson, CO 80913-5000, USA.
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***Range trend analysis for Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (1985-1995), CO. using Multi-Dimensional Sphere Model.
-Comparison of MDSM with Interpolating-***

The Multi-Dimensional Sphere Model (MDSM), a new method for trend analysis and system monitoring, has been introduced recently. The model is designed to analyze multivariate time series, or data with three subscripts, $X_{(i,j,k)}$. When applied to vegetation, these three subscripts represent Species, Plots, and Time, respectively. In trend analysis, a vegetation with species i at time k is described by a standardized centroid vector, $x_{(i,k)}$, $i=1,2,\dots,n$, called State Vector, in n -space. The quotient of the present and past State Vectors gives the Multivariate Instantaneous Trend, $t_{(i,k)}=x_{(i,k)}/x_{(i,k-1)}$. This trend is then extended to next year making a prediction, $p_{(i,k+1)}=t_{(i,k)}*x_{(i,k)}$. The Predicted Vector is then combined with next year's sample Data, d , to generate an Expectation Vector, $e_{(k+1)}=p_{(k+1)}+d_{(k+1)}$. A DOS executable computer program, *TREND*, known and copyrighted as *SMM52*, was applied to a data set of 29 species, from 85 plots, during the period of 1985 to 1995, at the US. Army Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site

(PCMS) in Colorado. Missing data from the various years were interpolated, and the entire set was analyzed. A sharp decrease of Cholla Cactus, *Opuntia imbricata*, with $t=0.2$ immediately after the start of military training was detected. The cosine values between the predicted and sampled or interpolated vectors rang from 0.9997, for 1995, to 0.9763, for 1987. These indicate that the MDSM, a multiplication model, is very promising and works as well as Interpolation, an additive model, on vegetation monitoring.

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**CONFERENCES**  
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ECO-Inforna'96

Global Networks for Environmental Information

Epcot Science and Technology, Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA
4-7 November 1996

Call for Papers, Panels, and Proposals
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Conference Topics:

Environmental Information Management and Decision Support Systems
Resource Management and Sustainable Development
Pollution Monitoring and Control
Legislation, Regulation, and Compliance
Emerging and Future Environmental Applications, Issues and Developments

Summary (Abstract) Deadline: 15 April 1996

Author Notification: May 1996

Camera-ready Paper Due: 5 August 1996

Proceedings Available: 4 November 1996

Direct your questions, summaries, and proposals by fax, email or postal service to:

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International Symposium on Sustaining Resources and Environment

The Institute of Applied Ecology of the Chinese Academy of Science, The Pacific Geographical Institute, Russian Academy of Science, and Shenyang Municipal Government will jointly convoke the first International Symposium on Sustaining Resources and Environment in the face of human impacts in northeastern Asia and its adjacent regions.

The symposium will be held between 8/22-29, 1996, in Shenyang, P.R. China. Cognizant of your scientific establishments, they invite you to participate the meeting.

For more information, please contact:

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International Conference and Exhibition on Environmental Protection of Electric Power

(ICEPEP China'96)

October 11-15, 1996

This is the first international electric power environmental protection academic conference sponsored by the People's Republic of China. The purposes of the conference are : firstly to promote the international academic exchange of electric power environment science, secondly, to have foreign technical experts, enterprises, and officials comprehend the status, program and development of China's electric power industry and its environmental protection

in furthering better cooperation. At the meantime of academic conference, we also hold an "International Exhibition on Environmental Protection of Electric Power."

Registration

The conference fee is : US \$ 450, if the registration form is received on or before June 30, 1996.

US \$ 550, after this date.

Conference Language : English

For further information, please contact :

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Request for Pre-proposals

The Nature Conservancy

Ecosystem Research Program- 1996

The Ecosystem Research Program was founded in 1993 with \$1.5 million from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for the development of a competitive grants program. An additional \$1.5 million was committed from John Sawhill and the Board of Governors. Between 1993 and 1995 three proposal review cycles were completed and \$3 million was awarded to 22 ecosystem-based research programs.

With the generous support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation the program was refunded in January, 1996.

Pre-proposals will be reviewed by a panel of Conservation Science staff from state and regional offices, preserves, bioserves and the Home Office.

Pre-proposals must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, May 17th, 1996. The original pre- proposal and ten copies should be sent to:

Christine Wisnewski, Coordinator

Ecosystem Research Program

The Nature Conservancy

1815 North Lynn Street

Arlington, VA 22209

(703) 841-4583 (phone), (703) 247-3674(fax),

cwisnewski@tnc.org (e-mail).

From: zuyg@sun.ihep.ac.cn (Dr. Yuan-Gang Zu)

Modern Plant Sciences

Modern Plant Sciences is a newly-established journal sponsored by the Open Laboratory of Ecological Research, Northeast Forestry University, China. The journal has been approved by the State Education

Commission and is expected to publish its first issue soon this summer.

The scope of the journal can be defined clearly from the name. It should be a platform for international academic exchanges. All of the Sino-ECO members are welcome to submit their papers and reviews.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Yuan-Gang Zu (zuyg@sun.ihep.ac.cn) for detail information.

A notice of soliciting contributions to Modern Plant Sciences

1. Modern Plant Sciences is a half-yearly English edition journal. The research paper to this journal should report the results of original research or a concise and complete description of a limited investigation. The material should not have been previously published elsewhere, except in a preliminary form. It will take six months to go over the author's manuscript, during these months, the author should not send the same manuscript to any other periodicals. Any other periodicals should not publish any paper from Modern Plant Sciences without permission.

2. Manuscripts must be printed clearly, correctly and creatively. Authors whose native language is not English are required to have their manuscripts checked by an English-speaking colleague prior to the submission. Submit the original and a copy of your manuscript. The manuscript should not occupy more than 12 printed pages with an abstract no more than 400 words. Manuscripts in general should be organized in the following order:

Title (should be clear, descriptive and not too long)
Name(s) of author(s)
complete postal address(es) of affiliations
Abstract
Key words (indexing terms), normally 3-6 items
Introduction
Material studied, area descriptions, methods, techniques
Results
Discussion
Conclusion
References
It is required for tables, figures and their illustrations to be concise and standard. The

photographs must be clear and clean. The letters and symbols should not be confused. The literatures cited in the text should be written according to Harvard System, and the reference table should obey international convention.

3. Please keep a copy of your original manuscript, may be we couldn't return your manuscript if it would not be accepted.

4. Manuscripts should be submitted to :
Modern Plant Sciences
P.O.Box 332, Northeast Forestry University
Harbin, 150040
P.R.China
Fax: 86-451-2102082
Tel: 86-451-2190114

PERC Launches Conservation Program in CHINA

The Pacific Environment and Resources Center (PERC) proudly announces a new program in China. This program aims to strengthen biodiversity protection in China by coordinating conservation strategies among local and international stakeholders.

Initial focus on the threatened Tumen River and delta, a region of rich biological diversity on the border between China, Russia and North Korea,

PERC welcomes offers of information and assistance, as well as proposals for collaborative projects. PERC also encourages all persons and organizations who endorse PERC's goals in China and around the Pacific Rim to make direct financial contributions. As a non-profit, PERC relies on the support of progressive individuals, foundations, agencies and companies.

Please contact us at:
The Pacific Environment and Resources Center
1055 Fort Cronkhite Sausalito, California 94965
U.S.A.
tel: 415-332-8200 fax: 415-332-8167 e-mail:
perc@igc.apc.org

From: JIQUAN CHEN <jiq@mtu.edu>
Subject: landscape ecology conference

Landscape Ecology and Biodiversity Reserve Conference/The Second Landscape Ecology Conference of China

Landscape Ecology and Biodiversity Reserve Conference/The Second

Landscape Ecology Conference of China will be jointly held in Beijing between May 17-20, 1996. Major topics of the meeting are:

- 1) Landscape ecology and biodiversity.
- 2) The fundamental theory and method of landscape ecology.
- 3) Sustainability and landscape ecology.
- 4) The applications of landscape ecology in agriculture and other fields.
- 5) Other ecological problems at large scales.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is April 30, 1996. If you are interested in participating in the meeting, please contact Hongyuan Liu for further information at:

Department of Civil and Environmental Science
Beijing University
Zip code: 100871
China

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**JOB INFORMATION**  
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From: Wenyan Shi <wenyan@ucla.edu>
Subject: job-opening

Two Postdoctoral Positions-Microbiology

available to study role of motility and chemotaxis for pathogenesis and development of bacteria. Strong background in molecular biology and microbiology is required. Candidates with US green card is preferred.

The candidates could be accepted through one of the following programs: Oral biology at UCLA school of Dentistry, Infectious disease at UCLA School of Medicine, and UCLA Molecular Biology Institute. One position could start on June 1 and the other position will start on Aug. 1. If interested, contact Dr. Wenyan Shi, P. O. Box 951668, Center for the Health Sciences, UCLA, L.A., CA 90095; (tel) 310-825-8356, (fax) 310-206-5539, (e-mail) wenyan@ucla.edu.

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From: Mary Crowe <CROWE@coastal.edu>
Subject: 2 tenure track jobs: plant ecologist and

geneticist

Plant Ecologist: Assistant Professor in the School of Natural and Applied Sciences at Coastal Carolina University. Full-time tenure track position available August, 1996. Ph.D. required.

Undergraduate teaching preferred. Responsibilities include teaching introductory biology and appropriate upper-level courses. The successful candidate is expected to develop a research program which includes undergraduate majors. Landscape ecologist, GIS experience desirable. Each applicant should submit a letter of application, c.v., statement of teaching philosophy and research interests and names, addresses and phone numbers of 3 references to: Dr. Colleen Lohr, Chair, Department of Biology, Coastal Carolina University, P.O.Box 1954, Conway, S.C. 29526. Screening of applicants will begin immediately and will continue until position is filled. CCU is an EO/AA employer

Geneticist: Assistant Professor in the School of Natural and Applied Sciences at Coastal Carolina University. Full-time tenure track position in genetics with an emphasis in molecular biology, available August, 1996. Ph.D. required. Undergraduate teaching experience preferred. Responsibilities include teaching introductory biology and appropriate upper-level courses. The successful candidate is expected to develop a research program which includes undergraduate majors. Each applicant should submit a letter of application, c.v., statement of teaching philosophy and research interests and names, addresses and phone numbers of three reference to: Dr. Colleen Lohr, Chair, Department of Biology, Coastal Carolina University, P.O. Box 1954, Conway, S.C. 29526. Screening of application will begin immediately and will continue until position is filled. Coastal Carolina University is an EO/AA employer

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From: Marcia Donovan <mndonovan@mbl.edu>
Subject: ***Plant Ecology Postdoc Position*** available at MBL

A postdoctoral position in plant ecology is expected to become available at the Ecosystems Center of the Marine Biological Laboratory after July 1, 1996.

DUTIES: The successful candidate will be expected

basin. Desirable skills include geographic information systems, statistics, remote sensing, and simulation modeling of watershed hydrology and nutrient transport. Funding available now and through 3/1/2000. Send vitae, research interests, and names of 3 references by May 15, 1996 to Dr. Donald Weller (e-mail weller@serc.si.edu), SERC, P.O. Box 28, Edgewater, MD 21037-0028. For more information visit <http://www.serc.si.edu>. EOE.

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Research Programmer/Modeler, Spatial Ecosystem Modeling

From: Thomas Maxwell <maxwell@kabir.cbl.cees.edu>
Subject: RESEARCH POSITION AVAILABLE

TITLE: Research Programmer/Modeler, Spatial Ecosystem Modeling

LOCATION:

University of Maryland
Institute for Ecological Economics
Solomons, MD USA

POSITION AVAILABLE: May 1, 1996

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, but review will begin April 26, 1996

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

We are seeking a self-motivated research programmer interested in helping define the state-of-the-art in collaborative spatial modeling at the interface between ecology, resource management, and high performance computing. The applicant should have a strong background in C++ programming as well as an interest in creatively participating in our research and development program. Our infrastructure development program is focusing on alleviating the barriers to wide application of high performance computing technology to spatial modeling in a collaborative environment. We are developing a modeling framework, called the Spatial Modeling Environment (SME), which supports 1) modular, hierarchical model construction and archiving/linking of simulation modules, 2) graphical, icon-based model construction, 3) transparent distributed computing, 4)

integrating disparate space-time representations, and 5) dynamic linking of distributed legacy simulation modules. It is hoped that this type of infrastructure will open the simulation arena to a much wider set of participants, and facilitate the application of computer modeling to the study of complex multi-scale processes in support of policy making on all levels.

We are also developing a number of spatial ecosystem simulation models, including the Patuxent Landscape Model (PLM). This landscape-level model is being linked to an economic model and used as a tool for resource management. We are using process-based models to simulate a variety of ecosystem types and

understand the response of nutrient cycles, macrophyte production, and other system dynamics to changes in land use and management. We are currently implementing the model in the Patuxent River Watershed, a well-studied Chesapeake Bay tributary in Maryland. The model continues to be refined and broadened to incorporate processes important to understanding ecosystem response to combinations of natural and human-induced stressors.

For further description of the SME, see the following web site:

<http://kabir.cbl.cees.edu/SMP/MVD/index.html>

For further description of our primary modeling project (PLM),

see:http://kabir.cbl.cees.edu/PLM/PLM_Proj.html

For more information about the Institute for Ecological Economics, see:

<http://kabir.cbl.cees.edu/miiee/miiee.html>

QUALIFICATIONS:

Experience in C++ programming is required, experience in mathematical modeling is helpful; interest in developing models and modeling infrastructure for spatial ecological simulation is essential. Ph.D. is helpful but not required.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Assisting with the development and support of the SME, PLM, and associated documentation, and co-authoring journal publications and Web pages. The position involves coordination with programmers, ecologists, and other colleagues working on the project. Opportunities exist for collaborative research on a variety of modeling or computational topics at the home lab or affiliated labs.

SALARY: Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Base entry level salary for candidates

with Ph.D. is \$31,500. Full Benefits.

APPLICATION:

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, C.V., and 4 references to the address:

Dr. Tom Maxwell

University of Maryland, Institute for Ecological Economics

Center for Environmental and Estuarine Studies

P.O. Box 38

Solomons, MD 20688

phone: 410-326-7388

fax: 410-326-7354

or send to e-mail address:

maxwell@kabir.cbl.cees.edu

URL: <http://kabir.cbl.cees.edu/Tom/Maxwell.html>

Plant Ecology Position

From: Evan Weiher <EWEIHER@oreo.uottawa.ca>

Subject: Plant Ecology Position

Position in plant community ecology/conservation biology.

Duties will include: (1) day to day management of a research lab focused on temperate wetlands and deciduous forests, (2) directed research with P. Keddy, (3) independent research in plant community assembly. The ideal candidate will have: (1) a Ph.D. in Plant Ecology, (2) experience in temperate wetlands, (3) familiarity with deciduous forests, (4) managerial potential, (5)

good interpersonal skills, (6) demonstrated writing ability, and (7) broad, general interests. Candidates must be willing to commit to a minimum of three years in this position. Starting date is somewhat flexible (July-August 1996). Reply with a short letter stating interests, cv, and phone numbers of two references.

Send to: Dr. Paul A. Keddy, Dept. of Biology, University of Ottawa, P.O. Box 450 Station A, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 6N5, Canada.

Forest research coordinator

The Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) seeks a coordinator for an applied forest research project on the management of swamp forest (Catio forest), and non-timber forest products (Tagua) in the Darien, Panama. This project is financed by ITTO, and will be carried out in collaboration with the Government of Panama. The coordinator will be responsible for overseeing a study of cativo

regeneration and physiology, and a demographic study on the productivity of tagua palms. The successful applicant will have a Master's or Ph.D. degree in natural resource management, plant ecology, conservation biology or forestry, as well as proven research experience, and the ability to communicate effectively with local groups and government agencies in both English and Spanish. The appointment will be for 2 years with the possibility of extension. The salary is commensurate with experience (\$20,000 - \$24,000 per year). Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, 3 confidential letters of recommendation, and a cover letter including a statement of their career goals in research and conservation by May 20th 1996 to: The Personnel Office, STRI, Unit 0948, APO AA 34002-0948, USA. Start date June 30th. Informal inquiries can be made by electronic mail to: stri.tivoli.heckados@ic.si.edu

U.S. Forest Service unit related to this field and located on campus; and be able to teach sections of undergraduate core courses in forest biology as needed. Requirements: Ph.D. in forestry, botany, or closely related field, with emphasis in physiology; priority will be given to applicants with at least one degree in forestry. Demonstrated proficiency in one or more of the following: regeneration biology (including seed physiology, seedling production, or seedling establishment); whole plant modeling; forest biotechnology; or host-pest interactions. Deadline: 10 May 1996, or until position is filled. Letter of interest, curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, and transcripts covering all academic work should be mailed to: Dr. Alexander L. Friend, Search Committee Chair, Department of Forestry, Box 9681, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS 39762-9681. Mississippi State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Assistant Professor-Tree Physiology

From: MX% "alf2@ra.msstate.edu"

Subj: Faculty Position: Tree Physiology

Date: Thu, 4 Apr 1996 15:37:48 GMT

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR-TREE PHYSIOLOGY. This is a full-time, 12-month, continuing, tenure-track position in the Department of Forestry at Mississippi State University to start as early as July 1996. Function: participate in the Department's teaching,

research, and service programs. Responsibilities: teach undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education courses related to tree physiology; develop a strong research and graduate program in this field; collaborate with a U.S. Forest Service unit related to this field and located on campus; and be able to teach sections of undergraduate core courses in forest biology as needed. Requirements: Ph.D. in forestry, botany, or closely related field, with emphasis in physiology; priority will be given to applicants with at least one degree in forestry. Demonstrated proficiency in one or more of the following: regeneration biology (including seed physiology, seedling production, or seedling establishment); whole plant modeling; forest biotechnology; or host-pest interactions. Deadline: 10 May 1996, or until position is filled. Letter of interest, curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, and transcripts covering all academic work should be mailed to: Dr. Alexander L. Friend, Search Committee Chair, Department of Forestry, Box 9681, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS 39762-9681.

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**MISC.**

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From: "Aaron M. Ellison" <aellison@mtholyoke.edu>
Subject: Statistical Ecology Section: Student Awards for the Annual Meeting

The purpose of the awards is to provide partial support for up to three student members of the section to present papers or posters in the area of statistical ecology at the annual ESA meeting. Individual awards are for \$200 to support travel, food, and meeting registration. Eligibility requirements for the award include:

- 1) you must be currently enrolled as a graduate student, or have received your degree within the calendar year of the ESA meeting;
- 2) you must be a member of the Statistical Ecology Section of ESA;
- 3) you must have submitted an abstract for a paper or poster to the ESA.

Selection of award recipients will be by a random drawing 90 days prior to the start of the ESA meeting. Recipients of the award will be notified by mail. Applications for awards should be sent to section Vice-Chair Don Edwards, Department of Statistics, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208 and include: name, address, phone number,

electronic mail address (if possible), and a copy of the abstract submitted to the ESA. Please include a self-addressed postcard for notification of the drawing results.

From: "Samuel M. Scheiner" sam_scheiner@asu.edu

Subject: Call for judges at ESA meeting

If you are going to the ESA meeting in Providence and you have your PhD, we need judges for the Student Awards (Buell/Braun) Competition. We have over 90 applicants this year and only a dozen judges so far. You can find the judges form in your December ESA Bulletin (p. 177). Please fill one out and send it to me. Your efforts are appreciated by both the society and the students.

Thanks, Sam

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Lowest Rates for Domestic Calls

From: MX%"hq@IFCSS.ORG"
Subj: Lowest Rates for Domestic Calls: IFCSS/AT&T/ICM program
Date: Fri, 26 Apr 1996
ATT@ifcss.org

- 1. Domestic Savings Plan
AT&T True Reach: No monthly fee
50% discount for all domestic calls, to any number,
9 cents/min at evening (5:00pm to 11:00pm)
8 cents/min at night(11:00 pm to 8:00 am) and weekend
 - 2. International Savings Plan
 - 1). 50% Discount for ANY number, ANYwhere!
 - 2). You will get ONE month FREE calls after you stay in AT&T for six months.
\$0.87/min for calling China provide services at:
Weekday: 8pm to 2 pm;
Weekend: all 48 hrs, for three months;
\$0.46/min for calling Taiwan;
\$0.50/min for calling Hong Kong
- For more information please contact the sender.

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**MEMBERS CONTACT UPDATE**

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For Joining SINO-ECO, updating your information, and questions, please send your message to:
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Abbreviation: Title Lastname, FirstName
PH: phone number, EM: E-mail address,

AD: address,
RI: research interests, CS: current situation.

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**FROM THE EDITORS**  
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Dear SINO-ECO Members and Friends,

We would like to thank you for the positive comments we received on the newly adopted newsletter header design. Special thanks go to Dr. Yaohua LUO for the calligraphy of the Club's Chinese name. Your contributions and encouragement are essential for a success of the Club's newsletter.

SINO-ECO Newsletter Editorial Board