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Tianchi lake on the top of Changbai mountain

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CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS FOR THE TERM 2016-2018

Dear Sino-Eco friends,

As a Chinese ecologist in the US for 16 years, I am passionate, able, and ready to serve and lead the Sino-Eco. I will work with all of you to continue promoting communication and collaboration among Chinese ecologists and to promote ecological research and education.

Passionate to serve and lead

“Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success”. I share the same view with American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson and firmly believe that passion is the key to be the leader and the success of the Sino-Eco. I have the desire and immense passion to serve and lead our organization and advance its growth. I feel it is a great honor to serve the organization, and at the same time, a great responsibility to help it grow bigger and stronger.

Able to serve and lead

I am also capable of serving and leading this organization based on my research and teaching expertise, my service experience in similar organizations, and my unique position in between young and established ecologist. I have published > 20 articles and book chapters and have provided scientific leadership and expertise to the field of aquatic invasive ecology. I am an Associate editor for the Journal of Plant Ecology and the Journal of Aquatic Plant Management. Currently I am Associate Chair of my department at the University of Hartford. I also served as a Board Director in the Northeast Aquatic Plant Management Society for three years and received the “Outstanding Member” award. Additionally I served as an executive member of Asian Ecology Section of ESA for two terms. I have served as an executive member of the Sino-Eco and organized our last gathering in

Baltimore, MD. All these prepare me to challenge myself for my next role.

Ready to serve and lead
AES-ESA

I am ready to play a critical role in building the bridge between young and experienced ecologists and promote collaborations all ecological researchers and educators. I plan to:

Promote the professional development for young ecologists through mentoring by experienced ecologists;

Promote research collaborations between Sino-Eco members-among established ecologists, among young ecologists, and between young and experienced ecologists;

Promote ecology education by sharing teaching knowledge between Sino-Eco members and with other experienced ecology educators;
Promote communication and collaborations with other organizations such as AES-ESA for joint workshops and symposia;

Promote the Sino-Eco reputation by actively recruiting new members and continuing the “Best Student Paper Award”.

My first connection with Sino-Eco was in the 2004 ESA meeting and I am extremely happy to know many new and old friends in this great organization. I humbly welcome your support! With your support and my passion and capability, we can and will help this organization grow bigger and stronger.

Sincerely,

Bin Zhu, Ph.D., Associate Professor/Associate Chair,
University of Hartford.



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“海阔天空的想，脚踏实地地干。再创 SINO-ECO 美好家园的辉煌。”

By Charlie Huang (黄长志)

Only in this month, I decided to run for 2016-2018 term of the Sino-Eco President. Why do I want to be Sino-Eco President? I was one of the founding members of Sino-Eco in 1988 and witnessed the organization's growth from infancy to adulthood during the past 28 years. I have my great respects to all the previous teams of Sino-Eco leadership, from “Triple Wu” to Drs. Jianguo Liu, Xingguo Han, Pu Mou, Jiquan Chen, Xi He, Quan Dong, Ye Qi, Guanghui Lin, Junda Lin, Yude Pan, Shili Miao, Changhui Peng, Binghe Gu, Ge Sun, Jianwu Tang, Xiaohua Wei and Yushun Chen. We experienced up and down periods in these years. However, I have benefited from the past committees and presidents for their selfless contribution. Now it is time for me to return and serve the organization.



I worked as a local coordinator requested by presidents Drs. Binghe Gu and Yushun Chen for annual get-together parties in 2007 (1) and 2013 (2), respectively.

If elected, I will ensure my term to include the following efforts:

1. Continue to promote/assist those “brand name” activities, such as the International Symposium on Modern Ecology Series and the International Young Ecologist Forum.
2. Play an important role as a key linkage for ecological collaborations among China and other countries. Facilitate grant application for international cooperation.
3. Provide better member service. In addition to Sino-Eco website and group email for formal communication, I plan to establish WeChat (微信) Sino-Eco group for informal but timely communication among our members, which may help SinoEco to re-connect former members and recruit new members.
4. Organize career panelist discussion after the annual get-together party at the Annual ESA meeting. Organize special issues of journal publication and book publication for promoting your member's career growth.

Last but not least, the year 2018 will mark Sino-Eco's 30-year anniversary. Upon endorsement by our members, I will organize an anniversary ceremony in either US or China.

In summary, I have the passion and enthusiasm toward next presidency. With your trust and support, together we can re-discover Sino-Eco and make a difference.

FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Dear Sino-Eco members and friends,

Greetings from Wuhan! While you are possibly in travel these days, I and graduate students have to stay in the lab most of the time as we are surrounded by lots of storms and floods this summer.

Summer season is also the transition season for Sino-Eco. I have enjoyed in serving as the President during 2014-2016. First, I want to appreciate my executive committee members for the continued support while I moved from Arkansas to Wuhan. Thanks also go to my advisory committee members for their advising during my position transition. And I want to thank all other Sino-Eco members and friends made continued support in our association activities!

In the past two years, we had two wonderful annual gatherings in Sacramento, CA and Baltimore, MD, respectively. During these events, we recruited new members and made lots of new friends. And one important progress is: we worked even more. We continued delivering a series of newsletters to members. And we added job related information into the newsletters. We also made continued support in China-North America joint ecological conferences and meetings to promote Sino-Eco. We also made great efforts in improving the website contents and service.

It was sad to know that we lost two friends: Dr. Rusong Wang in Beijing and Dr. Junda Lin in Florida. They made great examples for Sino-Eco members to have their passion into ecological and environmental research.

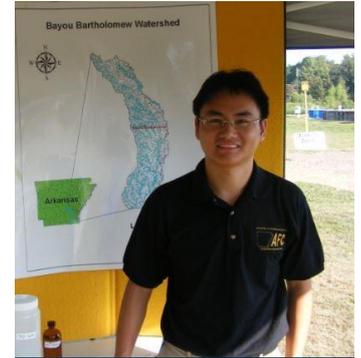
I am glad to see that Dr. Bin Zhu from University of Hartford has organized a strong Sino-Eco 2016-2018 team. Bin actually has been a Sino-Eco member longer than me and he has great passion in promoting Sino-Eco. I feel very comfortable for this transition and am sure the new committee will lead Sino-Eco to a wonderful new stage.

From now on, I will start to “hide” and support Sino-Eco in another way. But I will still be alive in Sino-Eco emails, annual gatherings, and other related events.

Yushun Chen, Ph.D.

Sino-Eco President 2014-2016

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LETTER FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Dear Sino-Eco members and friends,

I am very grateful for your kind support and feel extremely honored to serve as the Sino-Eco President 2016-2018. Our newly established executive committee sincerely thanks the previous teams led by Dr. Yushun Chen and other former presidents for their hard work. We will learn from them and work together with you to make our organization bigger and stronger.

Our goal in the next two years is to promote education and research among members and recruit more members for the Sino-Eco. We will focus on the following four aspects.

1. We will continue the Best Student Paper Award to encourage more young members and recognize their achievements. We may create new awards such as the Sino-Eco Student Travel Award to support students to come to our events, in which they can meet their peers and our established ecologists.
2. We will continue to enhance our research collaborations among our members. We will form partnerships with other organizations to organize research symposiums or workshops to promote academic exchanges and communications between China and overseas.
3. We will strengthen our collaborations in ecology education. Many of us are scholars and educators at the same time. How to educate the next generation and raise a concerned ecocitizen and a fine ecologist should be a vital responsibility for us. We hope the Sino-Eco can be a platform for educators to share their ideas and promote ecology education.
4. We will try to make the Sino-Eco a platform for our members and friends to interact and communicate with each other. We will timely update our website, frequently communicate through our email list, and efficiently use the Wechat group. Our members and friends will be able to announce your achievement, events, job opportunities, and etc. through our own Sino-Eco.

We thank you again for your trust in us. We welcome any suggestions and comments if you have. We look forward to working with you and serving you at the Sino-Eco!

Sincerely,

Bin Zhu

Sino-Eco president 2016-2018

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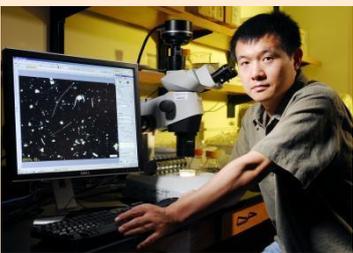
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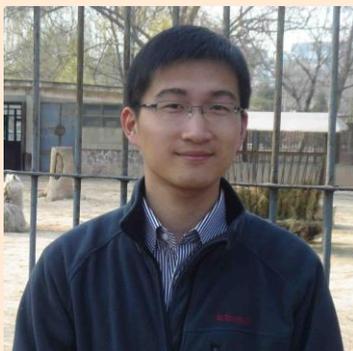
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