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CHANGE OF THE GUARD: IAPPS CENTRAL ASIA COORDINATOR

Professor Wu Kongming, IAPPS Governing Board member and current coordinator for Region IX: Central Asia, has recently informed us that due to increasing pressure from his assignment as Vice-President of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, has regrettably decided to step down from the IAPPS Board. The IAPPS Executive Committee has therefore appointed the Director at the Institute of Plant Protection of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), Dr Zhou Xueping, to the Governing Board as the Coordinator for Central Asia.



During the past 20 years, Dr Zhou has obtained important achievements in elucidating the function of geminiviruses and Rice stripe virus encoded proteins, and deciphering the mechanism of plant-virus interactions, as well as in genetic engineering of plants for viral disease resistance. He has published more than 200 original research articles in international journals, including *Molecular Cells*, *Genes & Development*, *Annual Review of Phytopathology*, *PLoS Pathogens*, *Plant Cell*, *Plant Physiology*, *Plant Journal* and *Journal of Virology*. The papers have been extensively cited by top peer-reviewed journals, such as *Nature Reviews Genetics*, *Nature Reviews Microbiology*, and *Trends in Plant Science*.

Dr. Zhou is a project leader of a number of national research programs, including National Key Basic Research and Development Program (“973” program), National Hi-Tech Research and Development Program (“863” Program), and National Natural Science Foundation Program. In 2002, he was elected as a member of the *Geminiviridae* Study group of the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) in recognition of his great contribution to geminiviruses. He was also elected as editorial board members of several professional journals, such as *Molecular Plant-Microbe*

Interaction, Journal of General Virology, and Virology, and was also invited as section editor of Virology Journal. Since August 2013, Dr Zhou has served as the Director of the Institute of Plant Protection of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS).

Dr. Zhou has won several national or provincial awards in recognition of his outstanding contribution to plant virology. He was awarded for the National Outstanding Young Scientist of China in 2001 and National Hundred-Thousand-Ten Thousand Outstanding Scientists in 2004. He was also honored as professor of Chang Jiang Scholars Program of the Ministry of Education in 2006, and acts as chief scientist of the innovation team in CAAS. Additionally, he won the Second Prize of State Natural Science Award and achieved other 5 awards for research achievements from the Zhejiang Province and Ministry of Education.

Please join me in welcoming Xueping to the IAPPS Governing Board and family.

By the same occasion, I would like to thank Professor Wu Kongming for his services as Region IX: Central Asia Coordinator for the last eight years. I am especially pleased with how Kongming has supported regional meetings and the IPPCs, and particularly for his excellent support of IAPPS membership by the large group of Chinese scientists. China is a leader in the number of IAPPS memberships and an outstanding Associate Member. For this support, I would like to thank Kongming on behalf of the IAPPS Executive Committee, wishing him much success as he continues to lead an active program of research and administration activities which promote global food security via IPM.

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INNOVATIVE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TECHNOLOGIES IN PLANT PROTECTION: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Kazakh Research Institute for Plant Protection and Quarantine (KRIPPQ) cordially invites you to participate in the International Scientific Conference “*Innovative and environmentally friendly technologies in plant protection*”, which will take place in **Almaty, Kazakhstan, September 24-25, 2015.**

This conference will address the issues and potential challenges of environmentally sound technologies in the field of plant protection. It will be organized in the format of plenary, panel and poster sessions, and exhibitions on the latest research achievements and ecologically benign technologies in the area of plant protection and quarantine. The working languages of the conference will be the Kazakh, English and Russian.

Deadline for the submission of articles, posters and information about exhibition materials is May 30, 2015. The organizing committee will receive the submissions and deliberate about the

appropriateness of the contributions to be included into the conference program. A participation fee of **US\$100** including a conference package with compendium of articles, airport transfer, coffee breaks and gala-dinner can be paid in cash at registration desk or in advance by bank transfer.

For those, who are willing only to publish their articles in the conference compendium without actual participation the fee is US\$30. Then money must be paid in advance by bank transfer before commencement of the conference.

Inquiries for application, article/poster submission and other information related to participation in the conference should be sent to email: **biocontrol.kz@gmail.com**.

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It seeks to provide a global umbrella for the plant protection sciences to facilitate and promote the application of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to the world's crop and forest ecosystems.

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