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I. Message from the Chair

ESA is currently collecting nominations for ESA International Honorary Member Award. Since 1985, when this award began, there have been two awards to scientists from Japan and one to an Indian scientist, but no awards to scientists from anywhere else in Asia. Also, all the past awardees have been men, not a single woman has received this award. Please make your nomination to award scientists who deserve it.

The Honorary Member Award will be given to a distinguished ecologist who has made exceptional contributions to ecology and whose principal residence and site of ecological research are outside of North America (i.e., USA, Canada and Mexico). The recipient of the Honorary Membership is invited to attend an annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America, all expenses paid, to receive the plaque at the Award Ceremony and encouraged to present a paper or poster at the meeting. The Honorary Member receives a lifetime membership in the Ecological Society of America and all ESA journals for life. Anyone who may make a nomination emails a one page letter of nomination and the nominee's CV to Sandy Tartowski at startow@nmsu.edu by March 1st 2006.

II. News

AES worked together with SINO-ECO, Ecological Society of China, and the Key Lab of System Ecology of CAS on the translation from English to Chinese for several important ecological publications and reports by ESA, including the Special Issue (Vol 3, 2005) of Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment, the 21st Century Vision and Action Plan for

ESA; and two Science and Nature papers. The electronic version of this book is now available on the SINO-ECO website at: <http://www.sino-eco.org> and the ESA website(<http://www.frontiersinecology.org/>).

The ESA has recently reached an agreement with the Chinese Government to make all ESA journals accessible to institutions in China. A Chinese version of ESA website and some important publications will come up at ESA website soon.

Starting from 2006, AES together with SINO-ECO, collaborate with the Institute of Botany , Chinese Academy of Science and the Botanical Society of China to lead the **Journal of Plant Ecology**, a leading peer-reviewed journal of plant ecology in China.

FIRST ASIA SECTION MEETING of the Society of Conservation Biology was held in Kakathmandu, Nepal 17-20 November, 2005. The theme of this meeting was "*Biodiversity Conservation in Asia: Current Status and Future Perspectives*". For more information, please visit: <http://www.conbio.org/scb/activities/sections/asia/kathmandu/index.cfm?CFID=11412116&CFTOKEN=574710>

Dr. **Mingkui Cao** passed away on February 7, 2006 in Beijing, China. Dr. Cao served as a professor with the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resource Research, Director of GCP (Global Carbon Project) Beijing Office, member of GCP (Global Carbon Project) Scientific Steering Committee and Deputy Director of the Scientific Committee of the CAS Key Lab of Ecological Network Observation and Modeling, Chinese Academy of Science. He was one of the pioneers on global carbon and methane emission from natural wetlands using process-models and incorporated plant physiological processes into global models for assessment of global change impacts on the carbon cycle.

ESA 91th Annual Meeting will be held in Memphis, Tennessee between 6 and 11 August, 2006. Deadline for Abstract is March 1, 2006.

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