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I. Message from the Chair

Dear AES members,

I wish you are having a great start of 2007! 2006 has been a good year for all of us. We have one workshop on editorial and publishing in ecological and environmental sciences and one symposium on biological invasions and climate change planned for May 22-27, 28-31, 2007 respectively during and after the Eco Summit in Beijing, China (see below for details). In the new year, as we continue to learn more about each other and seek out new collaborations, I am hoping that each of you can help me spread the words about AES, its mission, and benefits, to attract new members. Meanwhile, as we will do our best to keep our members updated and informed, I also hope that you can share with us about any major activities either you are initiating, organizing, or participating so that we can include it in future issues of our newsletters.

Best wishes,

Qinfeng, Ph.D., Chair, ESA-AES
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II. News

A rare, nearly blind white dolphin that survived for millions of years is effectively extinct, an international expedition declared recently in a fruitless six-week search of its Yangtze River habitat. The baiji would be the first large aquatic mammal driven to extinction since hunting and overfishing killed off the Caribbean monk seal in the 1950s.

"China from the Inside" was aired by PBS on Jan 10 and 17. Dr. **Jianguo Liu** of Michigan State University wrote an article about China's environmental future for this program and to answer questions online after the program is aired. Here is the

URL: <http://www.pbs.org/kqed/chinainside/nature/environment.html>

A special issue on **Biological Invasions** (Volume 8 Number 7 October 2006). This issue includes majority of presentations from the Beijing International Symposium on Biological Invasions 2004. Drs. **Shili Miao**,

Ragan M. Callaway and **Qinfeng Guo** served as guest editors for this issue.

A new book entitled *Conservation Biology in Asia* has been recently published. This volume originated at the first meeting of the Asia Section of the Society for Conservation Biology, held in Kathmandu in November 2005. For background and ordering information, please visit: <http://www.resourceshimalaya.org> (provided by Dr. Andrew T. Smith)

A book, entitled ***Ecology of Hierarchical Landscapes: from Theory to Application*** and edited by Drs. **Jiquan Chen** (University of Toledo), **Sari Saunders** and **Kimberley Brosofske** (Michigan Technological University), and **Thomas R. Crow** (USDA Forest Service) was published in August, 2006. This book synthesizes the experiences and lessons learned from a long-term landscape study in the Chequamegon National Forest in Northern Wisconsin and other relevant landscapes. More details can be found at: https://www.novapublishers.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=4246 (Provided by Dr. Bo Song)

III. Meeting/workshop Announcements

ESA/SER Joint meeting will be held in San Jose McEnergy Convention Center, San Jose, California on August 5 - August 10, 2007. Please visit ESA website for detail: <http://esa.org/sanjose/>

AES and the Botanical Society of China are in the joint process organizing a three-day (May 28-30) editorial and publishing workshop involving journal editors, scientists who also serve as editors, and Scientists in ecology and environmental sciences right after the Eco Summit 2007 in Beijing. This workshop would be most valuable for improving editorial and publication standards by addressing (1) the issues that technical editors interest may not satisfy the scientists and audience, impact factors, and editors' role to organize and identify potential frontier paper, conflicts, (2) research hot topics and directions, and (3) how to get papers published. (provided by Dr. Qinfeng Guo).

AES will organize a symposium entitled "Biological Invasions and Management under Changing Climates" during the Eco Summit-07. This symposium will bring together interdisciplinary leading researchers in alternative biocontrol, biotechnology, conservation, and modelers to address ecological forecasting and invasives management under various climate change scenarios (provided by Dr. Qinfeng Guo)

The 4th International Symposium on Modern Ecology Series (ISOME) will be held in the University of Inner Mongolia on May 28-June 3, 2007. The organization chairman is Dr. **Jianguo Wu** of Arizona State University. For more information, please visit: <http://www.moderneco.net/>.

2007 Eco Summit Beijing preparation is well underway. Nearly 900 scientists have submitted or registered for the Summit as mid-January 2007. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ecosummit2007.elsevier.com/call.htm>.

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