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I. Message from the Chair

First, I extend a special note of thanks to Drs. Shili Miao and Ben Gu for their dedicated service, which made AES a successful section in the past two years. In the coming year, we will continue the legacy and make stronger connections with national/international ecological societies in Asia through organizing international meetings, trips, and collaborative research. We plan to sponsor or co-sponsor several intercontinental symposia, particularly with ecologists and ecological societies of Asia. Activities which may need immediately actions include: (1) 4th International Symposium on Modern Ecology to be held in Inner Mongolia

(<http://www.moderneco.net/index.htm>; contact Dr Jianguo Wu, jingle.wu@asu.edu), and (2) Eco Summit 2007 in Beijing;

<http://www.ecosummit2007.elsevier.com/sponsors.htm>, contact Dr. Bai-lian Li). A symposium by AES is being proposed for the Eco Summit 2007: "Invasion Biology and Management under Changing Climates" (co-organizers Guo, Q. and Miao, S.). I

strongly encourage our members to contribute on topics such as invasive species, infectious diseases, dusts, desertification, and global change. With your support and active participation, I am confident that AES will have another successful year - thank you!

II. News

2006 ESA Annual Meeting held in Memphis

About 2,500 ecologists and 50 AES members attended and presented during the annual meeting.

2006 AES Mixer in Memphis

An AES mixer was held in Holiday Inn hotel during ESA annual meeting in Memphis. Over 60 AES members and colleagues attended this event. Several members of ESA leadership team including Executive Director Katherine McCarty, Editor-In-Chief of Frontiers in Ecology and the Environments Sue Silver, Science Director Cliff Duke, and ESA President Alan Covich were also present. Dr. Shili Miao, AES chair 2004-2006, hosted this event for three agendas. Shili's opening remarks briefly summarized AES achievements in past two years. She announced that Dr. Qinfeng Guo from US Geological Survey, Northern Prairie Water Research Center, is the elected AES chair 2006-2008.

Then, the mixer got into its highlight, Dr. Bai-lian Li from University of California Riverside updated the Eco Summit 2007 (<http://www.ecosummit2007.elsevier.com/>) that will be held in Beijing, China, May 22-27, 2007. Finally, the audience discussed possibilities to seek travel expenses for needed ecologists to attend Eco Summit. Task teams for writing funding proposal will be followed soon.



III. Meeting 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/>

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