

# China Institute Newsletter

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## China Related Activities

The 2nd China-Canada Energy Cooperation Conference, organized by the China Institute and the Chinese University of Petroleum-Beijing was held in Beijing in May, 2006. Over 120 delegates participated in panel discussions on energy relations, oil sands, gas and related sectors, joint-venture experiences, investment, conservation and diversification of energy, alternative and renewable resources, trade, investment and regulations in the energy sector in China and Canada, and the geopolitical and geo-strategic context of China-Canada energy cooperation.

Gurston Dacks, Associate Dean in the Faculty of Arts will travel to Beijing in September to meet with students at the China University of Foreign Affairs. CFAU and the UofA recently signed an International Partnership Program Agreement and will welcome up to 40 students to the UofA next year. The program offers academically qualified CFAU students the opportunity to increase English language proficiency skills during a first year of university level study and the possibility of undertaking a limited number of courses transferable for degree credit at the UofA at the same time. After completion of the preparatory year at CFAU, it is expected that students will be able to meet English language proficiency requirements at the UofA and will be eligible to apply for continuation of studies in the BA program in Faculty of Arts at the UofA.

An announcement for a competition under the China Opportunity Fund, a fund initiated by the Vice-President (Research) to support the development of collaboration with State Key Laboratories (SKL) or National Laboratories (NL) in China was recently sent out—with the deadline for competition submissions of August 31, 2006. This is a joint project with the Ministry of Science and Technology in China, which provides funding for eligible Chinese partners. For further information please contact Dr. Lihong Yang, International Relations Officer (Asia-Pacific), at 492-2057, e-mail: [lihong.yang@ualberta.ca](mailto:lihong.yang@ualberta.ca)

Dr. Chris Le, Department of Public Health Sciences, organized an International Workshop on Water Contaminants & Health Effects from July 5-8, 2006 in Edmonton. The workshop was jointly sponsored by the Canadian Water Network and the Chinese Academy of Sciences and addressed significant environmental and public health issues related to chemical contaminants in water.

## Upcoming Events

The Faculty of Education will host a Chinese Language Forum September 28-29, 2006. This forum will focus on the significance of Chinese language and cultural education, examine the state of Chinese language education in Alberta and Canada and identify interagency and cross sector strategies for the promotion and enhancement of Chinese language education.

The National Academy of Education Administration will send 22 senior university administrators to the UofA for an Executive Training program between October 22-November 9, 2006. The training program is being jointly developed by the Faculty of Education, University of Alberta International and the China Institute. NAEA is an organization which falls under the Ministry of Education, and is the national leadership training institute for educational administrators in China. At present, the University of Alberta is the only Canadian institution working with NAEA to provide a full training program.

### Special points of interest:

- The China Institute organized a China Energy Roundtable at the recent Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER) Summit July 16-20th. 4 members from China's National Development Reform Commission (NDRC) came to Edmonton to participate in the Roundtable. NDRC is the most important senior Ministry in China and in charge of China's overall energy policy.
- President Emeritus, Rod Fraser recently spoke at the Third Chinese-Foreign Presidents Forum in Shanghai July 12-18, 2006. Other foreign universities that made presentations included Stanford, Yale, Cambridge, Keio University in Japan, and the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm.
- The official launch of the China Institute will be held on Monday October 23rd from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Telus Centre. Formal invitations will be out soon—please mark your calendars!

Do you have any interesting news items or stories to share related to your activities with China?

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## China Related Activities

Congratulations to Professor Emeritus Dr. Larry Wang who was recently notified by the Chinese National Bureau of Foreign Experts that he will be presented with the Friendship Award this September. Dr. Wang, one of only 50 foreign experts to be recognized, will be received by top Chinese leaders including Premier Wen Jaibo. The Award recognizes Dr. Wang's significant contributions to China's economic and social development through his work with the ECO (Ecological Conservation Outreach) project.

The School of Business recently signed an agreement with the China Executive Leadership Academy Pudong to collaborate on management training, joint research and faculty exchange. CELAP is a Shanghai based national institution funded by the Central Government. Training is for high level leaders from government and top executives from the business community with a focus on social and economic improvement.

A number of energy based companies in China have attended management training programs at the UofA. A one-month petroleum Managers Development program was conducted in July by the School of Business for CNPC (China National Petroleum Corporation) and CNOOC (China National Offshore Oil Corporation). 5 managers from PetroChina are also attending a four month management program which began in August that includes the auditing of MBA classes. As well, an additional 20 managers will participate in a two month management course between October and November delivered by the School of Business.

Dr. Shaohua Wang in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry has been working with Changhai Hospital in Shanghai since 1997, helping them set up their coronary artery bypass program. Dr. Wang has taken a number of surgeons, anesthesiologists, nursing staff, perfusionists and other health care professionals from the UofA to do teaching and volunteer work at the hospital. At least 10 cardiac surgeons and cardiac anesthesiologists from Changhai hospital have trained here to return to work in China.

Following the successful visit of a delegation from Shandong University in May, a reciprocal visit was paid by a five-person delegation in June. The UofA delegation led by Associate Dean of Research (AFHE), Francis Yeh, also included Drs. Jingli Luo, Ming Rao, Hong Zhang and David Zhu. The Association of Chinese Canadian Professors (ACCP) coordinated the visit.

## Upcoming Events

The Government of Shenzhen recently gave official approval to the School of Business to grant the School an office in Shenzhen. The official agreement will be signed in October during the annual Shenzhen Hi-Tech Fair.

Wela Quan (International Recruiter—Asia) with University of Alberta International will be in visiting a number of different cities in China over the next few months to promote the University of Alberta and to answer any questions by Chinese high school students and parents. Her stops will include: Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Shanghai, Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, Xian, Nanjing, Suzhou, Hong Kong and Dalian.

## Special points of interest:

- We are looking for faculty and staff that are doing research related to China—or have an interest in China to join the UACan (Uof A China Academic Network). This will be a grassroots group that will meet informally to discuss how we can promote research, teaching and communication with China. The first meeting is scheduled for September 19th at 4:00 p.m. at the Telus Centre. If you are interested in joining us, please confirm your attendance by e-mail to: [monica.barclay@ualberta.ca](mailto:monica.barclay@ualberta.ca)
- Did you know that University of Alberta has Alumni Branches in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing? If you know of any UofA alum that are living in these areas—please let us know so that we can inform them of events happening in their region. For more information contact: Gina Wheatcroft, Associate Director and Manager of Alumni Branches at: 492-0117.
- The China Institute website features regular updates on China's energy issues and energy relations with the rest of the world. It is averaging between 15,000-20,000 hits per month and is popular among those who follow China's energy policies around the world.

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## China Related Activities

The China National School of Administration will be sending 30 senior civil servants to the University of Alberta from October 21-November 11 for their Senior Government Officials' Completion Program. This is the 5th group from CNSA to be hosted by the School of Business. CNSA is a ministerial-level institution that reports directly to the State Council.

10 faculty members from the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation will travel to Hangzhou for the 9th World Leisure Congress where they will present a number of papers. Visits to the Beijing Sport University and Shanghai Sport University will also be made to present papers and explore opportunities for research collaboration and graduate student mobility.

The School of Business will have Mr. Gordon Pitts as a Distinguished Writer in Residence from October 10 to December 10. Mr. Pitts is the Globe and Mail's International Correspondent to China. Mr. Pitts has worked as a business reporter and editor for both the Ottawa Citizen and Financial Post and has been an advocate for the coverage of family business as an editor and writer at the Globe and Mail.

Rene Day and Bev Williams in the Faculty of Nursing will travel to Fudan University in Shanghai this November to give a week-long workshop on Problem Based Learning.

The UACan (University of Alberta China Academics Network) held their first meeting on September 19th. The group consisted of 40 faculty and staff members representing 12 faculties. There was a roundtable discussion on how the China Institute could be of assistance in a number of different areas, including grants, exchanges and research collaboration.

The Chinese Brochure for prospective international students is now available online on the University of Alberta International website: <http://www.international.ualberta.ca/prospective.php>

## Upcoming Events

Please join us as we celebrate the official launch of the China Institute—Monday October 23rd between 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Telus Centre. Please RSVP to: [adrienne.wong@ualberta.ca](mailto:adrienne.wong@ualberta.ca) to confirm your attendance. Prior to the festivities, Dr. Brian Evans, Professor Emeritus, will give a presentation on Chester Ronning and China-Canada relations beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Telus Centre.

The 2006 Foote Lecture in International Business will be held on November 7th at 3:30 p.m. in the Stollery Executive Centre. Mr. Howard Balloch, former Ambassador to China, and current principal of the Beijing-based Balloch group will describe and weigh emergent aspects in Canada-Trade relations.

October 1-7 is China's National Day holiday celebrating the founding of the People's Republic.

## Special points of interest:

- Did you know that the University of Alberta has a total of 1190 full-time international students from China -563 graduate and 627 undergraduate students. In addition there were 221 students from China registered in a credit English Language Program through the Faculty of Extension.
- Museums and Collections will have exhibition space in the TELUS Centre that will be ready early next year. Selected pieces from the MacTaggart collection of Chinese art and textiles will be on display.
- The Association of Chinese Canadian Professors (ACCP) was the first organization in North America of full-time professionals who are closely associated with China or with a study focus on China or East Asia. Official inauguration took place in 2002. There are currently about 60 members.

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## China Related Activities

Dr. Wenran Jiang, Acting Director of the China Institute, was among a small group of academic and business leaders invited to Ottawa for a senior level consultation on Canada's China policy on October 19th. The event, hosted by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, was attended by Minister of Foreign Affairs, Peter Mackay, Minister of International Trade, David Emerson, and ministerial level participants from all federal and provincial departments.

Dr. Shoo Lee, Scientific Director of iCARE, has established the International Neonatal-Perinatal Training Program. Physicians and medical staff in Canada volunteer a month of their time to teaching the neonatology fellows at Children's Hospital in Fudan University in Shanghai. The students spend one year in China and then come to Canada for one year to utilize their skills in our units here. The Medical Post recently published an article on the program.

The City of Beijing will host the 2006 World Heavy Oil Conference between November 12-16th. The University of Alberta will have an information booth there in partnership with the Office of the Mayor. The University of Alberta International Marketing team will be speaking to oil companies from around the world who will be attending the conference to potentially secure support to sponsor students to study at the University of Alberta. The City of Edmonton will host the 2008 Conference.

The Faculty of Education, University of Alberta International and the China Institute successfully sponsored a 2 1/2 week executive training program for 22 Chinese presidents and vice-presidents from universities across China. Sessions were delivered by a number of senior administrators and enabled NAEA (National Academy of Education Administration) participants to acquire advanced knowledge of Canadian university management practices.

Representatives from University of Alberta International, Faculty of Arts and the Registrar's Office will travel to China in late November for application workshops with students applying to the University of Alberta from key schools in Dalian, Beijing, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Hong Kong.

## Upcoming Events

Mr. Gordon Pitts, School of Business Distinguished Writer in Residence, will deliver a lecture on Wednesday November 29th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Room 134 Telus Centre. Mr. Pitts is as senior writer with the Globe and Mail and will talk from the viewpoint of a business journalist in China. He has visited China several times to provide coverage for Report on Business. If you are interested in attending the lecture, please confirm your attendance with Adrienne Wong—phone: 492-1263 or e-mail: [adrienne.wong@ualberta.ca](mailto:adrienne.wong@ualberta.ca)

## Special points of interest:

- Over 200 guests helped celebrate the official launch of the China Institute on October 23rd. An announcement was also made of the development of the Mactaggart Collection Graduate Research Fellowship and Internship. The intent of the Fellowship is to support research related to the Mactaggart Art Collection and contribute to a research-learning and museum-learning experience for a graduate student in the areas of Curatorial Research – including Art History, History, Clothing/Textile History, Traditional Chinese Script, conservation, and museum studies. Our sincere thanks to everyone who attended the festivities.
- Consul General Song Xizhu from the PRC Consulate in Calgary will finish his term in November. Consul General Song has been a strong supporter of the University of Alberta and all of our China related activities. We all wish him well in his new posting.

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The Government of Alberta announced an investment of \$12 million to the China Institute to support the development of educational, research and business connections between China and Alberta. The money is an initial payment towards matching a \$37 million donation of rare Chinese artifacts and textiles to the university by Dr. Sandy and Cécile Mactaggart, the balance of which will be made up over the next two years.

Dr. Wenran Jiang, Acting Director of the China Institute, led a mission of US State Senators and representatives from the Energy Council to Beijing in mid-November. The Energy Council is an organization of elected legislators from 10 energy-producing states of the United States, four Canadian provinces and the nation of Venezuela. The Council's affiliate organization, The Center for Legislative Energy and Environmental Research (CLEER), involves more than 50 companies and trade associations from all three countries, as well as academic leaders from each jurisdiction. The purpose of the visit to Beijing was to introduce the Energy Council to the China National Development Reform Commission and initiate a dialogue on energy and related environmental policy issues which impact both China and North America.

Drs. Xing-Fang Li and Chris Le from the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry were invited by the Zhejiang Province to participate in an international meeting organized by the provincial government. They were two of 100 Overseas Talents (scientists, engineers, artists, and business people) invited by Provincial officials and business organizations to discuss the future development of science, technology, and economy in this province. Dr. Li received an outstanding scientist award, and she was also invited to be a guest professor at Zhejiang University.

An agreement between the University of Alberta, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Shanghai Institute of Pharmaceutical Industry (SIPI) was signed in Shanghai. Dr. Raimar Löbenberg, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will work with Dr. Jianfang Feng, Professor at SIPI, in the area of traditional Chinese medicine. SIPI is one of the largest and most comprehensive research institutes in the Chinese pharmaceutical industry.

## Upcoming Events

Following the recent attendance by Dean John Kennelly and Associate Dean (Research) Francis Yeh from the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics, to the 2006 China-Canada Agri-Science Forum hosted by the Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University in China, they have proposed that the University of Alberta host the 2007 China-Canada Forum. 27 Chinese Universities and 10 Canadian universities participated in the event which identified various opportunities and issues related to the future development of scientific collaboration, including enhancing the exchange of young scientists and professors, training of students and joint scholar programs. Among the recommendations was the establishment of a working group, an inventory of Canadian expertise, and a web site.

## Special points of interest:

- Dr. Kumar Nandakumar, Professor in the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering was recently appointed as a Chair Professor by the South China University of Technology for a three year term. He recently visited Guangzhou to begin collaborations with Professor Huang Si in the area of Process Modeling and Computational Fluid Dynamics.
- Did you know that there are more than 1400+ alumni living in China and Hong Kong.
- 2007 will mark the Year of the Pig. People born in the Year of the Pig are said to be chivalrous and gallant. Whatever they do, they do it with all their strength.
- Chinese New Year will be celebrated on February 18th

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