

China Institute Newsletter

University of Alberta

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China Related Activities

Dean Mike Mahon, Drs. Dan Mason, Tom Hinch, and Gordon Walker, and doctoral students Son Trong and Xiye Wang, all from the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, presented refereed papers at IX World Leisure Congress held in October in Hangzhou. Presentation topics included international sporting events, international development through sport, and similarities and differences in Canadian and Mainland Chinese people's attitudes toward, motivations for, and constraints to, leisure. Faculty members also made presentations at, and held discussions with, Beijing Sport University (BSU) and Shanghai University of Sport (SUS). A Memorandum of Understanding was recently signed with SUS, and President Yao Songping made evident his interest in developing a leisure studies program similar to that at the University of Alberta. According to Dr. Hai Ren, a professor at BSU, after the 2008 Olympics are held in Beijing leisure studies will be a "rising sun" industry in China.

Dr. Nicola Cherry, Professor in the Community and Occupational Medicine Program in the Department of Medicine is the lead on a collaborative project between the University of Alberta and the Anhui Medical University of Health Management School. The project will evaluate the impact on the use of health services of Cooperative Medical Services, especially of older women, in two areas of Huoshan County in Anhui Province in rural China. The Lupina Foundation, a private Canadian charitable foundation founded by Dr. Peter Warrian and his wife, Dr. Margret Hovanec, is currently funding this important research. The Foundation is committed to research and innovation related to health and society issues.

In early November 2006 Drs Bev Williams and Rene Day from the Faculty of Nursing conducted a week long invitational workshop on interactive problem/context based learning at the Fudan University Faculty of Nursing in Shanghai, China. An outcome of the workshop was the development of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Fudan University and the University of Alberta. Initial consultation also occurred with the Faculty of Nursing at the Jiaotong University in Shanghai. Discussions about optimizing our MOU with the Peking University School of Nursing in Beijing, China also occurred.

Upcoming Events

As part of International Week, the China Institute will host a lecture on January 30th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Room 134 Telus Centre. The topic to be discussed is: North Korea: Nuclear Security or Human Security. Guest panelists will include Brian Job and Wade Huntley from the Liu Institute for Global Issues at the University of British Columbia. The panel discussion will focus on North Korea as the latest nuclear club member and what is at play in the regional context, as well as solutions to the crisis.

The Annual Canada-China Economic Cooperation Conference will be held from June 20-22, 2007 in Edmonton. Watch here for more details on how to register.

Special points of interest:

- Welcome to new Consul General Mr. Wu Xinjiang and his family who arrived in Canada on November 28th. Mr. Wu will be located in Calgary and replaces former Consul General Song Xixhu.
- The School of Business hosted over 170 visitors from China last year. Approximately 100 of those took part in formal training sessions organized by the Centre for International Business Studies (CIBS) headed up by Dr. Edy Wong, Director and Assistant Dean.
- The Chinese Spring Festival or Lunar New Year starts February 18th and will be a major holiday of 8 days in China. This is the year of the Pig and is a special "Golden" year which occurs once in a 60 year cycle.

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

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China Related Activities

The China Institute held a private screening of the Golden Globe nominated movie Broken Trail, starring Robert Duvall, Thomas Haden Church and Edmonton's own Olivia Cheng. Close to 300 people watched the movie, met Olivia Cheng and helped raise \$1225.00 in support of the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Association.

The 2007 Chinese Government Scholarship (CGS) program is available for Albertans to study abroad in China. The Government of China is offering up to five full scholarships and ten partial scholarships to sponsor Alberta students (high school graduates and current post-secondary students) and scholars to participate in Chinese language studies, or academic study at the undergraduate or graduate level, or complete research in higher education institutions in China. Applicants must be permanent residents of both Alberta and Canadian citizens. Deadline for applications to Alberta Advanced Education and Technology is March 16, 2007. For an application please contact: monica.barclay@ualberta.ca.

President Li Chang You and a delegation of eight Deans from Inner Mongolia Agricultural University (IMAU) will visit the University of Alberta in February and will be hosted by the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics. An articulation agreement was signed between the two institutions that will allow students to complete two years of study at their home universities in China, transfer their credits to AFHE, and complete their final two years at the University of Alberta. Students who complete the transfer and the AFHE program requirements would receive Bachelor's degrees from the University of Alberta and IMAU.

The Chinese Catholic Parish will be hosting its seventh Chinese New Year Carnival February 10-11. The Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, Honourable Norman Kwong, his wife, Mrs. Mary Kwong, and Mayor Stephen Mandel will be at the opening ceremonies on Saturday to officially kick off the celebration. There will be booths with Chinese arts and crafts and merchandise, taste delectable Chinese dishes, play fun-filled games, and watch the many performances, which include martial arts, dances, and a hair and fashion show! Location: 10140—119 Street from 11-8 on Saturday and 11-5 on Sunday. Admission is free.

Upcoming Events

The Edmonton Beijing Opera Association will present the "Blossoms in Snow" Night of Beijing Opera by the Mei Lanfang Peking Opera Troupe at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium on March 24 and 25, 2007. This is the first time ever for a world famous Beijing Opera group visiting Edmonton, and Edmonton is the only Canadian city hosting this event. A total of 50 artists will be on state in Edmonton. The performances will be conducted with live orchestral accompaniment and supported by English and Chinese subtitles. Tickets are available from Ticket Master: 451-8100 or www.ticketmaster.ca

Special points of interest:

- The China Institute and the Institute for United States Policy Studies sponsored a Workshop and Public Forum on: North Korea: Nuclear Security or Human Security. This one-day workshop and public forum put together experts of academia, government officials and NGO representatives from across Canada to make sense of the latest developments of the North Korea nuclear crisis. The workshop intends to produce policy-relevant analysis and recommendations, while the public forum was targeted at informing and educating the Canadian public on one of the pressing global crises. The public forum was part of the University of Alberta's International Week activities that were coordinated by the Global Education Program. This year's theme was "Beyond Terror: the Real Weapons of Mass Destruction".

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Dr. Jinsuo Zhang, Vice President and Dean of the College of Management at Xi'an University of Science and Technology (XUST) recently visited the University of Alberta. Dr. Zhang reached a mutual agreement with the Centre for International Business Studies in the School of Business to organize the joint training program for senior managers of Chinese energy sectors.

The University of Alberta will be represented by the Faculty of Extension at the 2007 International Education Marketing Mission in China which will include visits to Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Guangzhou and Hong Kong between March 9-20th.

A team from the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science and University of Alberta International will do Registration Workshops in Beijing, Shanghai, Dalian, Nanjing, Tianjing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen from April 22-27. 11 high schools will be visited during that week.

The Cultural Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Canada has announced the Taiwan Studies Grant Program for Canadian Scholars for the year 2007. This grant, sponsored by the Ministry of Education of Taiwan, is designed to encourage Canadian academics in universities and colleges or in research institutions to undertake research projects on Taiwan, or on various aspects of Taiwan's relations with Canada. For an application, please contact TECO at: tecoedu@taiwan-canada.org. The application deadline for is March 31, 2007

The China Institute co-sponsored with the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria, a Symposium on Japan-China Relations: Past History and Future Directions March 2-3 in Victoria. There were dedicated panel sessions giving the Japanese, Chinese, and Canadian perspectives on the evolving state of Japan-China relations.

Upcoming Events

The China Institute and University of Alberta International welcomes you to attend the screening of the CCTV (China Central Television) documentary on the University of Alberta. This documentary series on world famous universities in the world was produced in the Spring of 2006. The screening will be held on Tuesday March 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the Myer Horowitz Theatre. Admission is free. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

Ambassador Lu Shumin, Chinese Embassy in Ottawa, will give a lecture on "China's Development and China-Canada Cooperation" on Friday March 23rd at 3:30 p.m. in Room 150 Telus Centre. Please RSVP by March 19th to: adrienne.wong@ualberta.ca, or phone: 492-1263

Special points of interest:

- The China Institute will present a lecture by Mr. Yang Cao on Wednesday April 11th at 4:30 p.m. in room 134 Telus Centre. Mr. Yang Cao will speak on the China Sensation Exhibition, which will be featured by the Art Gallery of Alberta, at Enterprise Square from April 14 to June 10, 2007. Mr. Yang Cao is an Associate Professor at Sichuan College of Education and is also member of the China Artists Association and Director of Education for the Research Centre of Sichuan College of Education. The China Sensation Exhibit features the work of 18 contemporary artists from the city of Chengdu, located in the Sichuan province of the People's Republic of China. The exhibition shows the multi-dimensional nature of what artists are doing in China today.

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China Related Activities

The China Institute is securing a number of government officials from Yukon, BC, Saskatchewan and Alberta to the "Canada-China Economic Cooperation Conference" which will be held in Edmonton June 20-22, 2007. The conference will bring government, private sector and academia together from Canada and China to discuss issues including: energy, labour, trade and investment, joint venture experiences, environment and general bilateral relations.

East Asian Studies and Comparative Literature is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Daniel Fried to the joint position in Chinese Literature and Comparative Literature and Dr. Wendy Jiang to the position in Chinese Linguistics effective July 1, 2007. Dr. Fried comes to the University of Alberta from the National Central University in Taiwan where he was an Associate Professor in the Department of English. Dr. Jiang recently received her PhD (2006) from the University of Queensland, Australia and specializes in Chinese applied linguistics. Also recently appointed was Walter Davis, jointly to Art and Design (2/3) and East Asian Studies (1/3). His research and teaching interests include Chinese painting and prints, Chinese calligraphy, Japanese painting and prints, modern Chinese and Japanese art and the historiography of East Asian art history.

Preparations are underway for the 2007 MBA International Study Tour which will take place in China in May of this year. The study group, consisting of 22 students and 5 staff, will spend 13 days in Beijing and Shanghai examining the business environment in China. The participants will be exposed to lectures from Professors at our partner schools, the China National School of Administration and the Shanghai Administrative Institute, and will visit both international (General Motors & Microsoft) as well as Chinese (Lenovo & Giordano) companies. This is the second year the MBA Study Tour to China has taken place.

Chinese Ambassador to Canada Hon. Lu Shumin gave a talk on China-Canada relations to over 200 people on March 29th. He answered very candidly to questions on human rights, environmental sustainability, economic growth and other issues related to China-Canada relations.

Upcoming Events

The China Institute will present a lecture by Mr. Peng Jiang on Wednesday April 11th at 5:00 p.m. in room 134 Telus Centre. Mr. Peng Jiang will speak on the China Sensation Exhibition, which will be featured by the Art Gallery of Alberta, at Enterprise Square from April 14 to June 10, 2007. Mr. Peng Jiang is a painter whose work is included in the China Sensation exhibition. He was born in Chengdu and graduated from the Woodcut Department of the Sichuan Fine Arts Institute.

The China Sensation Exhibit features the work of 18 contemporary artists from the city of Chengdu, located in the Sichuan province of the People's Republic of China. The exhibition shows the multi-dimensional nature of what artists are doing in China today. A reception will follow at 6:30 p.m. hosted by the Alberta Art Gallery.

Special points of interest:

- The CCTV documentary on World Famous Universities—featuring the University of Alberta has won this year's CCTV Outstanding Show award in China. Congratulations to all those involved in the feature which was filmed on the University of Alberta campus in June 2006.
- The China Institute recently had meetings in the city of Hefei in Anhui province, PRC. Meetings were held with the Anhui University of Science and Technology, Anhui Medical University and the University of Science and Technology China. AUST and USTC are very interested in collaborating with the University of Alberta in a number of different areas. AMU already has a project with the UofA's Faculty of Medicine on the monitoring and evaluation of the health condition of women under a new collaborated medical system in rural areas.

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The 3rd Canada-China Economic Cooperation Conference, organized by the China Institute, Canadian Energy Research Institute, China University of Petroleum—Beijing, and the EDGE Network was held from June 20-22, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Edmonton. Over 120 delegates registered for the conference which saw government, private sector and academics from both countries talk about bilateral issues, in particular in the energy sector.

The conference featured a number of high ranking Chinese officials, including ZHANG Yuqing, Deputy Director General of the Energy Bureau in the National Development Reform Commission in China. The NDRC is referred to as the Super Ministry responsible for China's energy related issues. Mr. LI Hongwei, Director of the Department of International Economic Cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce also spoke about trade, investment and labour issues. All of the Chinese major oil companies were also represented at the conference: China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), SINOPEC, as well as China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC).

There was a major presence of Canadian enterprises such as Enbridge, TD Securities, Suncor, Westport Innovations Inc., and Blakes, Cassels & Graydon LLP. The Energy Council, which represents 10 US energy producing States and 4 Canadian energy producing provinces also sent delegates from their affiliated member states. Wyoming State Senator Henry "Hank" Coe, Chairman of the Energy Council also participated in the conference.

The lunch keynote speech on Thursday June 21st featured Honourable Doug Horner, Alberta Minister of Advanced Education and Technology. His speech focused on Alberta's important ties with China and his own visit to China in May. Mr. James Rajotte, MP from Edmonton-Leduc and Parliamentary Chair on Industry, Science and Technology flew back to Edmonton as soon as parliament rose on July 20th and gave congratulatory remarks at dinner on June 21st on behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, as well as introduced the dinner keynote speaker, Honourable LU Shumin, Chinese Ambassador to Canada. Ambassador Lu spoke about the growing rich relations between Canada and China, giving conference participants a good overview on a range of bilateral issues.

A number of delegates spent Friday afternoon at the lab of Dr. Zhenghe Xu, Professor and NSERC-EPCOR-AERI Industrial Chair in Advanced Coal Cleaning and Combustion Technology learning about the University of Alberta's research strength in the heavy oil and related areas.

2 Chinese university delegations also attended the conference: 4 members from Anhui University of Science and Technology, led by Vice President ZAN Liansheng, and 4 members from the China University of Petroleum—Beijing led by Chancellor JIANG Qingzhe.

Special points of interest:

- This is the 3rd conference of this nature that has been organized. The previous 2 conferences were held in Beijing.
- The conference had representation from BC, Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Alabama, California, Mississippi, New Mexico, Texas, Wyoming, South Africa, France and China.
- A big THANK YOU to our sponsors of the conference:

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China Related Activities

Dr. Joe Wu, Associate Professor in Elementary Education, Faculty of Education just returned from a trip to China, which included stops in Shanghai, Nanjing, Harbin and a number of rural areas in Shandong province. He was investigating the possibilities of implementing an innovative approach to teaching Chinese children how to read English using the Alpha-Beta system, a system developed by an interdisciplinary team of professors at the UofA. Dr. Wu visited schools, interviewed teachers and students, as well as children's families in both urban and rural areas to achieve a preliminary understanding of how Chinese children are learning the English alphabet and early reading, and what types of difficulties they encounter and whether the Alpha-Beta system is needed.

China's food and product safety issues have received much international media attention lately. Last month, Dr. Wenran Jiang, Acting Director of the China Institute, was invited for a featured interview on the subject by CBC Radio's Michael Inright on his popular program, *The Sunday Edition*. He was then invited to contribute an op-ed article by *The Ottawa Citizen*, which was also published by a number of other newspapers. Dr. Jiang was also invited to speak at a conference on "Canada's Industry-led Food Safety Programs - The Road Ahead," jointly organized by the Canadian On-Farm Food Safety Working Group and Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

The School of Business will offer a 4-week International Petroleum Management Program in July with participants from CNPC (China National Petroleum Company), CNOOC (China National Offshore Oil Company), as well as with executives from other countries in Latin America and South Asia.

Dr. Tom Marrie, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry has been invited by Daiichi Pharmaceutical (Beijing) Co. Ltd. to the 7th National Conference on clinical microbiology and 3rd Forum of clinical microbiology and infection among Two Straits and Three Regions held in Chengdu. He has also been invited to give lectures at 3 other symposiums in Shenzhen, Wuhan and Beijing.

Upcoming Events

Dr. Chris Le, Faculty of Medicine, is organizing the First Canada-China Symposium on Analytical Chemistry for Life Sciences August 20-22, 2007 in Edmonton. The goal of this joint symposium with the National Sciences Foundation of China, the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, and the University of Alberta, is to highlight research findings and the most recent advances in the topic area. There will also be opportunities for international collaboration by engaging scientists from China and Canada, as well as the facilitation of interactions between students at the University of Alberta and prominent analytical scientists. The China Institute is proud to be a sponsor of the conference.

Special points of interest:

- University of Alberta International has a new student recruiter (Asia). Please join us in welcoming Mr. Jinjia Xu to the position. Jinjia can be reached directly at: 492-6032. Our best wishes go out to Wela Quan as she begins her law studies at McGill University this Fall.
- The Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival is from August 17-19. 50 teams of 20 paddlers will compete against each other, celebrating the City's Chinese-Canadian culture and the 2000-year old sport of dragon boat racing. For more information: www.edbfa.com
- Filming will begin this month on the documentary film "If I Can Dream—The Yangtze River Project", headed by Professor Emeritus, Dr. Larry Wang. Filming will be done in Heching and Shuifu in Yunnan Province, as well as in Beijing.

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Dr. Bev Williams, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Nursing has been invited by Xian MU, Secretary General for the Baotou Nursing Association, Inner Mongolia, to present 5 sessions at their Annual Conference at the end of August.

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China Related Activities

Acting Director, Wenran Jiang led a 49 member delegation from the Energy Council to Beijing from July 29 to August 2. The Energy Council, composed of state senators and representatives from the US and MLAs from Canada represents 11 US States (that produce over 80% of oil and gas) and 5 Canadian provinces. The delegation was hosted by China's National Development Reform Commission, the highest government body in charge of China's economic reform and energy policies. The North American legislators, most of them visiting China for the first time, met with top Chinese officials and major energy company executives. The Chairman of the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress received the delegation at the Great Hall of the People. A 30 minute exclusive interview with the leaders of the delegation by China's Central TV English program was shown on CCTV 9. A North America-China Energy Roundtable was also held at the Canadian Embassy.

37 students from the China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) will be coming to the University of Alberta at the end of August to begin their undergraduate degrees. These students are part of the International Partnership Program between CFAU and the UofA. Students will be registered with the Faculty of Arts and is the largest intake of international students from one institution. The China Institute and the Faculty of Arts are discussing with CFAU for a major expansion of the program that will see a large number of qualified students from China studying at the UofA.

Associate VP (International) Britta Baron delivered an opening speech at the International Workshop on Monitoring and Sensor for Water Pollution Control at Tsinghua University in June. This international workshop was co-organized by the Chinese Society for Environmental Sciences and the Joint Research Lab project between the UofA and the State Key Lab of Environmental Simulation and Pollution Control at Tsinghua University. This JRL project may lead to a larger joint research project on water pollution between the UofA and its Chinese counterparts.

Dr. Bev Williams, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Nursing has been invited by Xian MU, Secretary General for the Baotou Nursing Association, Inner Mongolia, to present 5 sessions at their Annual Conference at the end of August.

Upcoming Events

The Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics will be hosting the Third Canada-China Agri-Science Forum September 20-21. The Forum will see Chinese and Canadian Presidents and Deans of universities of Agriculture and/or Veterinary Medicine meet in Edmonton to discuss topics such as: science and innovation capacity, educational context and experience and key research topics related to agriculture and food. Partners in the Forum include: CFAWM, Agriculture Canada, Alberta Agriculture and Food and Alberta Advanced Education and Technology. Dr. John Kennelly, Dean of the Faculty, and Dr. Francis Yeh, attended the 2nd Conference which was hosted by the Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University last year.

Special points of interest:

- Professor Hou-Can Zhang of Beijing Normal University will be visiting the UofA as a Distinguished Visiting Speaker by the Faculty of Education, Education Psychology and the Developmental Disabilities Centre. She will be speaking on the Progress of Chinese Psychology after the Cultural Revolution on Wednesday September 12th from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm in the Maple Room—Lister Hall. For more information contact Dr. JP Das at 492-1318.
- The Summer Olympics next year in Beijing are scheduled to open on 8/8/08 at 8:08:08 pm.
- The word for "eight" in Chinese sounds similar to the word which means "fortune", "prosper" or "wealth". There is also a resemblance between two digits, "88", and the double happiness, a popular decorative design. Some people also think that 8 can be associated with the symbol meaning infinity.

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China Related Activities

The China Institute participated in the Strategic Retreat of the China-Canada Business Council in Toronto. Dr. Wenran Jiang, Acting Director, was invited to give the CCBC executives an overview on Canada-China energy relations. Other topics included: Canada's competitiveness vis-à-vis China, and the Council's role in policy and advocacy.

Dr. Wenran Jiang was invited to meet with the delegation from the Development Research Centre (DRC) of the State Council (China's Cabinet) in Ottawa. The DRC delegation which serves as the main think tank of the State Council, expressed strong interests in contacting joint projects with the China Institute

Thanks to the generous support of Alberta Advanced Education and Technology, 22 students from the University of Alberta, University of Calgary and Mount Royal College were sent to study Chinese at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China for six weeks during the summer. The group was led by Professor Liafong Leung and Mr. Haiying Cao of the Department of East Asian Studies. The group also visited Shanghai, Luoyang, Xi'an and Beijing.

Representatives from the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) were at the University of Alberta to talk about the Joint Research Lab Project. This three-year agreement, signed in October 2005 between the UofA and MOST focuses on three main areas of research: nanotechnology, environment and energy. Five initial projects were started, and funding for another seven has also been given.

The Association of Chinese Canadian Professors will be sending a delegation to Xian Science and Technology University in November. The purpose of the visit is to enhance academic exchange between members of ACCP and the hosting institution, with the objective of developing potential future research and/or teaching collaboration. For more information contact Scott Chang, VP External, ACCP at: 492-6375 or scott.chang@ualberta.ca.

Upcoming Events

This fall, the University of Alberta Museums celebrate the official opening of The Mactaggart Art Collection, comprised of over 700 rare and unique works of art, including textiles, paintings, handscrolls, and other never-before-seen artifacts from ancient and modern East Asia. The collection, generously donated to the University of Alberta in 2005 by Edmonton philanthropists Drs. Sandy and Cécile Mactaggart, exists to further our knowledge of East Asian culture on an international scale, influencing students, faculty and scholars world-wide. The inaugural exhibition, *Dressed to Rule: 18th Century Court Attire in the Mactaggart Art Collection*, runs October 24 – December 15, 2007 in Gallery A at the TELUS Centre for Professional Development. This exhibition explores the significance of design and symbolism of eighteenth-century imperial costume and features a selection of Chinese court attire, dating from the Qing dynasty (1644 – 1911). For more information, visit www.museums.ualberta.ca or call 780.492.5834.

Special points of interest:

- The China Institute and the Faculty of Graduate Studies are pleased to co-sponsor research abroad opportunities for graduate students doing thesis-related research in areas that fall under the mandate of the China Institute. There are three competitions per year. Grants are valued at up to \$2,000 for travel, plus up to \$2,000 per month (to a maximum of four months) for living expenses and other costs associated with conducting thesis research abroad. For further information on the Research Abroad Grant Program for graduate students, please go to <http://www.gradstudies.ualberta.ca/awardsfunding/scholarships/researchabroad/index.html>
- Thirty-six Chinese doctoral students sponsored by China's Scholarship Council have started their study at the UofA. Seven of them are co-sponsored by the UofA under the UofA-CSC co-funding agreement.

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China Related Activities

The Faculty of Education will be on a mission to China from October 11 – 20. 7 Faculty, including Dean Fern Snart, 2 Associated Deans, 3 Chairs and a representative for a Chair will make stops in Shanghai at the East China Normal University, Changchun at North East Normal University and Beijing at the China National Institute for Educational Research, Beijing Normal University and National Academy of Education Administration. They are taking over 2 MoU's with hopes of signing while there.

The Centre for International Business Studies at the School of Business is preparing for the 6th annual training program for the China National School of Administration (CNSA). The CNSA is the staff college of the State Council of China, which is the equivalent of the federal cabinet in the Government of Canada. The School's mandate is to provide administrative training to senior government officials and to prepare them for advancement in the Chinese government. For the past six years a three-week training program at the U of A School of Business has been included in the four-month in-residence program to prepare CNSA trainees for the reality of globalization. This year, the 28 senior government officials will arrive on October 21 to participate in a program on Leadership and Personal Development. This focus on personal development rather than on policy issues reflects the maturing of China's policy capability and globalization efforts in the past years. A portion of this program will be conducted in Toronto and Ottawa.

The First Canada-China Symposium on Analytical Chemistry for Life Sciences was held at the University of Alberta on August 19-23, 2007. The Symposium was attended by over 110 registered participants, including students and staff from the University of Alberta and invited speakers from China, Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom. Thirty invited platform presentations and 33 poster presentations highlighted some of the most recent advances in a diverse range of topics on bioanalytical technology development and innovation, and novel applications to biological and life sciences. A delegation from the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology also made use of this opportunity to visit the University of Alberta and to solidify an agreement on joint laboratories. Several collaboration projects were developed during the Symposium. The success of this Symposium has generated huge enthusiasm for continuation of this series of symposia, with the second one to be held in Beijing in October 2008 following the Olympic Games.

Upcoming Events

The Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK), and internationally recognized test, is held very October at the Department of East Asian Studies at the University of Alberta and administered by Dr. Liafong Leung. Eight students who wrote the test last October were awarded scholarships by the Chinese National Office of Teaching Chinese as a Second Language (HANBAN). Each student went to study Chinese at a chosen university in China this past July and August. Four of these students were from the University of Alberta and the other four from Ross Shepherd High School. This year's test will be held on October 27th. Deadline for applications is October 19th. For more information, contact the Department of East Asian Studies at 780-492-2836.

Special points of interest:

- Dr. Tom Marrie, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry will participate in the signing of 2 agreements on behalf of the University of Alberta with Shantou University Medical College and Anhui Medical University. Both universities are interested in collaboration in a number of areas with the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.
- Thirty-six Chinese doctoral students sponsored by China's Scholarship Council have started their study at the UofA. Seven of them are co-sponsored by the UofA under the UofA-CSC co-funding agreement.
- Board of Governor's Chair, Brian Heidecker was recently in Beijing to help the Faculty of Extension celebrate their partnership with TAIE International Institute. The UofA and TAIE will collaborate such that the English for Academic purposes (EAP) courses offered through the English Language Program (ELP) at the Faculty of Extension may be offered by TAIE at their campus in Beijing.

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China Related Activities

The China Institute participated in a mission to China including stops in Xian, Chengdu with the China Foreign Affairs University for the China Education Expo in which we promoted the International Partnership Program (IPP), as well as meetings in Shantou and Hefei with Tom Marrie, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry to sign agreements with Shantou Medical University and Anhui Medical University, then on to Beijing for various meetings with our partners and to meet up with Daniel Woolf, Dean of the Faculty of Arts who is currently on sabbatical. Dr. Woolf was one of a 16 member delegation that visited universities in Shanghai and Beijing to discuss western historical writing with Chinese scholars and to learn about their forms of historical writing. He also spent a day visiting the China Foreign Affairs University to meet the 69 students that are studying in the IPP and that are scheduled to begin their undergraduate studies at the UofA in September, 2008.

Each year, the Chinese Government provides a number of full and partial scholarships enabling Albertans to study in China. Alberta high school graduates, post-secondary students and scholars wishing to participate in Chinese language studies, academic study at the undergraduate or graduate level, or research are eligible. The language of instruction is primarily Chinese; however, the program may sponsor and recommend remedial Chinese language studies for applicants who are not applying for the Chinese language study program. Applications are now being accepted for the 2008 Chinese Government Scholarship program with studies commencing in September 2008. Deadline to apply is March 20, 2008. For more information please visit

<http://www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca/learners/chinese.asp>.

The Faculty of Nursing signed an agreement with Fudan University, School of Nursing. This agreement took effect in August 2007 and will be for a period of five years. It will involve cooperation through such activities as faculty and student mobility programs, joint research activities and publications, participation in seminars and academic meetings and exchange of academic materials and other information. Two UofA faculty members accepted an invitation from Fudan to travel there to present seminars related to problem based learning in 2006. Also, our Faculty provided a visiting scholar exchange opportunity in 2006.

Upcoming Events

A delegation from the Association of Chinese Canadian Professors (ACCP), which Zhenghe Xu and Ming Rao from Chemical and Materials Engineering, Hong Zhang from Computing Science, David Zhu from Civil and Environmental Engineering and Scott Chang from Renewable Resources will be travelling to Xi'an to visit the Xi'an University of Science and Technology. Each of the delegates will have academic programs with respective colleagues at XUST, and Professor Xu has been invited to give a keynote presentation at the opening ceremony of the XUST annual symposium. The purpose of the visit is to enhance academic exchange between members of ACCP and XUST, with the objective of developing potential future research and/or teaching collaboration. Funding for the mission has been provided by the Education Office of the Consulate General in Vancouver.

- The Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Science and University of Alberta International will participate in a student recruitment mission that will have stops in Dalian, Tianjin, Beijing, Shanghai, Nanjing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen November 26th to December 7th.
- External Relations will be giving a presentation to Shanghai Jiaotong University administrators this week in Shanghai. David Jeu, Director of Global Development and Gina Wheatcroft, Associate Director of Alumni Affairs, and Manager, Alumni Branches will talk about the role of Advancement (Development and Alumni Relations) as part of an MoU that the UofA has with them.
- The University of Alberta will be holding a special centenary celebration in Hong Kong November 1, 2008 for all alumni living in the East and Southeast Asia region. Details will be announced soon.

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

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Dr. Wenran Jiang, Acting Director of the China Institute was invited by the University of California, Berkeley, East Asian Studies—Berkeley China Initiative to give a presentation at their conference: “China’s Environment: What Do We Know and How Do We Know It”. An international lineup of experts from a diverse range of fields—science, media, policy, business, NGO’s, social science, humanities were at the conference to share data on China’s environment, as well as reflect on how the data is collected, verified, disseminated and utilized. Dr. Jiang’s presentation entitled “Paradigm Shifts: Meeting China’s Environmental Challenges” was well received by more than 200 participants.

A delegation from the Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF), lead by President Zhang Shougong, and Vice President Liu Shirong visited the University of Alberta on December 3rd. The UofA and CAF have been partners since 2000. Currently the UofA is working with CAF on the Ecological Conservancy Outreach Project, and are hoping to expand their collaboration in the coming year. President Emeritus Rod Fraser, Professor Emeritus Larry Wang and Professor Francis Yeh with the Department of Renewable Resources were named Honorary Professors with the Chinese Academy of Forestry in 2004.

The University of Alberta is proud of its international reputation and our alumni from all over the world who represent us as ambassadors. In celebration of our centenary, and in recognition of our approximately 2, 500 alumni in East and Southeast Asia, the UofA will be holding a special international Centenary Celebration on November 1, 2008. The celebration will be held in Hong Kong and will bring together alumni from across East and Southeast Asia as well as University and Government officials. This event marks ten years since the first Hong Kong convocation in 1998.

Professor Ming Rao from the Department of Chemical and Mechanical Engineering has been invited to give a number of conference keynote speeches in China over the last few months. In October in Tianjini he spoke at the 14th International conference on Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management and the 2nd International Conference on Asian Industrial Engineering and Management . He also spoke at the 12th China Automation Application Conference in Hangzhou, as well as the 2007 China Steel Conference this November in Chengdu.

Upcoming Events

The China Institute, University of Alberta International and the Faculty of Graduate Studies will be holding an International Update Session focused on China on January 8th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Council Chambers—2nd Floor, University Hall. A light lunch will also be served. The focus of this information session is on an overview of the post-secondary education system in China, and graduate student recruitment. The session will also include information about resources available at the China Institute, the trends of student mobility in China, the University of Alberta/China Scholarship Council agreement and the new China Scholarship Council initiatives. Please register your attendance for this workshop by visiting UofA International on the Learning Shop at: <http://intlregistration.ualberta.ca>.

Special points of interest:

- The China Institute is in the process of developing a number of funding guidelines, ranging from faculty and student mobility programs to special projects support. Watch for more information and the calls for funding applications in the New Year.
- The China Institute will be hosting a movie screening on Saturday February 16th at the Myer Horowitz Theatre. We will be featuring the docu-drama: “Iris Chang: The Rape of Nanking” starring Edmonton’s own, Olivia Cheng. The film had it’s Toronto premier in November and now will be promoted throughout China. The documentary is about a young woman’s journey to bring one of the darkest chapters of history to light. Details on how to purchase tickets will be available soon.

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