Message from the President

Dear ACPSS friends,

On behalf of the new Board of Directors, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your trust and support. We have the will and determination to work hard to serve the organization well. Since 1995, various boards have contributed to the establishment of the rules and regulations of the organization, the formation of the organizational culture, the implementation of numerous national and international programs and activities, and the enhancement of the organization’s visibility and its image management. This board will strive to continue the favorable development trend of the organization and further strengthen our organization. To be specific, we’ll focus on the following tasks:

First, annual conference has become the most important tradition of our organization. Within our term, we’ll hold two such conferences in late October or early November in 2012 and 2013. We’ll continue to make these conferences useful platforms for ACPSS members and ACPSS friends to conduct academic exchange, to meet old academic friends, and to make new academic friends.

Secondly, we’ll continue to develop international programs and activities such as lecture tours in mainland China and election observation tours in Taiwan. We also hope to work with universities in China to hold a joint conference in China in summer 2013.

Thirdly, we’ll continue to improve the publication of ACPSS journal, American Review of China Studies (ARCS). Recently, we have appointed Dr. Jieli Li of Ohio University as the Editor-in-Chief of the journal. He will have full autonomy in all matters related to the journal, and is expected to reach the following goals: (1) to continue the journal, and improve its quality and prestige; (2) to contact commercial publishers, with the ultimate goal of making the journal accepted by a prestigious press, which will help ensure the quality and distribution of the journal; and (3) to ensure that ARCS will be listed on the SSCI (Social Sciences Citation Index). The board will make sure that the transition of the editorship is smooth, and will provide support for the new editor.

Fourthly, ACPSS website is the window of our organization. The previous board worked very hard to have it moved from China to the United States, and reprogrammed and maintained it to fit the needs of the organization. This board will continue with the effort of the previous board, and further beautify the site. Dr. Lan JIANG, Director of Public Relations, will work with Dr. Ying HAN and her technician friend to make the site even better. Dr. Jiang has the skills and enthusiasm in doing the job. We can expect to see a new face and a new development of the website soon.

Fifthly, ACPSS newsletter is the “throat and tongue (喉舌)” of our organization. Dr. Linda Wang is the director. Like Dr. Lan JIANG, Dr. Linda Wang also has the competence and enthusiasm to fit her position. I’ll leave you to judge the quality of this issue and the promise of the future ones.

Sixthly, we’ll administer the two awards established by the previous board in the second year of our term. They are ACPSS Award for Excellent Service and ACPSS Scholarly Publication Award.

The list could be longer. However, we believe that we should feel no regret if we can accomplish the above goals. Once again, we sincerely ask for your support and help during our term. Meanwhile, I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a successful and prosperous new year!

Shaorong Huang

Highlights of the 17th International Conference at Columbia University

By Jieli Li
ACPSS, in co-sponsorship with Weatherhead East Asian Institute, successfully held its 17th International conference at Columbia University from October 28th to 30th, 2011. Over 70 Scholars from both the U.S. and other regions of the world gathered together and presented their research papers in 21 panels and roundtables revolving around topics of China’s regional development and inter-ethnic relations, and other related areas of contemporary China studies.

Dr. Jieli Li, president of ACPSS, kicked off the conference with his opening remarks at the opening ceremony to be followed by welcome remarks delivered by Dr. Nicholas B. Dirks, Executive Vice President of Columbia University and Dr. Myron L. Cohen, Director of Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Mr. Jianjun Cen, education counselor of Chinese Consulate General in New York City also showed up to offer his good wishes for the conference. The opening ceremony also featured two keynote speeches addressed by Dr. Guanlei Zhu, professor and vice president of Nankai University, and Dr. Naran Bilik, distinguished professor of Fudan University.

The ACPSS assembly also elected its new Board of Directors at the conference. Beginning this year, the ACPSS Awards for Excellent Service and Scholarly Publication have been established and the first recipients were recognized at the conference. Dr. Jie ZHANG, Dr. Shuming Lu, and Dr. Xiansheng Tian are the recipients of Excellent Service awards and recipients for Scholarly Publication awards are listed in a separate report.

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**ACPSS New Board of Directors**

Dr. Shaorong Huang (President)
Dr. Shiping Hua (Executive Vice President)
Dr. Jianguo Ji (Vice President)
Dr. Lan JIANG (Public Relations Director)
Dr. Yonggang Huang (Membership Director)
Dr. Yunqiu Zhang (Treasurer)
Dr. Linda Wang (Newsletter Editor)

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**ACPSS Asset Management Committee**

Dr. LJ Jieli (Chairman)
Dr. Liren Zheng
Dr. Ying HAN

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**ACPSS Publication Awards Recipients**

By Jianguo Ji

Chair of the Publication Awards Committee

The ACPSS Board of Directors voted on and approved, on October 18, 2011, the recommendations submitted by the ACPSS Publication Awards Committee, with necessary and essential modifications in the wording so as to make each category more distinguishable. The Board deeply appreciates the Committee’s hard work in the whole selection process.

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美国华人人文社科教授协会首届学术研究成果出版奖获奖者名单

（2011年10月28日公布）

- 最佳科研成果奖（系列丛书总编）1名 Best Research Publication Award (Edited Book Series)
  - 鲁曙明 (Shuming Lu, City University of New York – Brooklyn College): 《西方人文社科前沿述评》Series on Western Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences. 中国人民大学出版社, 2007版.

- 优秀学术研究成果奖（专著）6名 Outstanding Research Publication Award (Sole-authored Book)

 优秀学术研究成果奖（论文）1名 Outstanding Research Paper Award

 学术研究成果奖（合著）1名 Research Publication Award (Co-authored Book)

 学术研究成果奖（合编）2名 Research Publication Award (Co-Edited Book)

 学术研究成果奖（专著）2名 Research Publication Award (Sole-authored Book)

 创作成果奖（传记）1名 Creative Writing Award (Biography)

 创作成果奖（诗集）1名 Creative Writing Award (Poetry)
▶ 杨人辛 (Renxin Yang, Northern Michigan University): Floating Willow Flowers. 东北大学出版社, 2011年版.

Member News

 Guangqiu Xu won the 2011 OYCF-Ford Teaching Fellowship, a scholarship to support him to teach at Xi’an International Studies University in Summer 2011. He was hired as Lecture Professor by the University.

 Sheping Hua has received the following appointments:
  o Appointed Guest Professor by Jilin University. This is in addition to his current guest/visiting professorship with Peking University, Renmin University and Nankai University.
By ACPSS Members

Books

Hua, Shiping. Governance of the United States and China co-edited with Liu Daxi (Beijing: Central Party School Press, 2011.)


Journal Articles


