2026 Sino-American Conference on New Horizons in Plant Science
1st Round Announcement

To further deepen botanical exchange and cooperation between China and the United States, and to establish an international platform that fosters interdisciplinary integration in plant science, the Botanical Society of China and the Botanical Society of America will jointly organize the "**2026 Sino-American Conference on New Horizons in Plant Science.**"

The conference will be held from **19–23 September 2026** in **Tai'an, Shandong, China,** under the theme "***Future Botany in a Changing World.***" We invite internationally renowned scholars and outstanding young scientists to deliver talks and share the latest breakthroughs. The conference will also draw on the profound historical and cultural heritage of Tai'an and its surrounding areas to showcase the beauty of Chinese Culture. Plant scientists from institutions worldwide, especially graduate students and other young scientists, are warmly welcome to come and participate in conference activities.

I. Conference Details

Theme: Future Botany in a Changing World（全球变化下的未来植物学）

Dates: 19–23 September 2026 (Check-in: 19 September)

Venue: Taishan Blossom Hotel, Tai'an City, Shandong Province, China

Website: https://2026SACNHPS.scimeeting.cn

II. Conference Organization

1. Organizers:

- Botanical Society of China
- Botanical Society of America

2. Hosts:

- Shandong Agricultural University
- Shandong Normal University

3. Contributing organizers:

Botanical Society of Shandong, *Journal of Systematics and Evolution*, *American Journal of Botany*, *Applications in Plant Sciences*, *Journal of Integrative Plant Biology*, and *Chinese Bulletin of Botany*

4. Conference Chairs:

- **Honorary Chairs:** Academician Deyuan HONG,
  Academician Tingyun KUANG,
  Academician Zhihong XU
- **Chairs:** Academician Kang CHONG, Kenneth M. Cameron
- **Executive Chairs**: Xiaoquan WANG, Xiansheng ZHANG, Dezhu LI,
  Qiu-Yun (Jenny) Xiang, Hong Ma, Hongzhi KONG
- **Secretary-General:** Hongzhi KONG, Hai LIN

III. Conference Content

1. Plenary Lectures

Approximately 24 in total. Academicians and distinguished experts in plant science and related fields will be invited to present their latest research advances.

2. Parallel-session Lectures

Approximately 30 keynote lectures, 60 themed presentations, and 40 young-scholar reports. Among these, the keynote lectures and 30 themed presentations will be by invitation only. **The remaining 30 themed presentations and young-scholar reports will be selected from the submitted abstracts, and outstanding authors will be invited to present their work.**

Active participation and abstract submission from all botanists and researchers are warmly welcomed!

Five parallel sessions will be organized covering plant science and related fields:

Session 1: Plant Diversity Research and Conservation in the New Era
（分会场一：新时代的植物多样性研究与保护）

Session 2: “PLANeT” and Plant Tree of Life 2.0
（分会场二：植物“星球计划”与生命之树 2.0）

Session 3: Plant Multi-Omics and New-Quality Agricultural Productivity
（分会场三：植物多维组学与农业新质生产力）

Session 4: Plant Science for a Green Planet in A Changing World
（分会场四：全球变化下的植物学与绿色地球）

Session5: Biotechnology and Plant Synthetic Biology
（分会场五：生物技术与植物合成生物学）

3. Featured Forums:

- **Young PI Training:** Distinguished experts will be invited to share their experience on research topics selection, team building and management, as well as to interact with young scholars.
- **Journal Insight Forum:** Leading journals in plant science from China and the United States will be invited to share ideas on journal development and international collaboration in the new era.
- **Workshops:** Distinguished experts will be invited to conduct targeted discussions on scientific frontiers, technological applications and industrial development in **plant integrative omics**, **biotechnology**, **botanical garden management** and other related fields.
- **Sino-US Plant Scientists Exchange Forum:** Through panel discussions and free communication, brings together outstanding plant scientists from China and the United States, facilitating in-depth exchanges on frontier scientific issues, disciplinary development trends, and international cooperation mechanisms.

4. Abstract and Poster:

- Deadline: **31 July, 2026**
- Guidelines:

(1) Abstract or Poster can be submitted according to the parallel session categories ONLY in the system. E-mail submissions are not available.

(2) Please register on the conference website first, prior to abstract and poster submission.

(3) Abstract (500-800 words) or Poster in English. Please refer to the template provided on the website for the abstract.

(4) Poster: 120cm (height) x 90cm(width).

IV. Preliminary Conference Schedule

Date	Time	Arrangement
19 Sep. (Sat)	10:00-22:00	**Conference Registration**
20 Sep. (Sun)	08:30-18:00	**Opening Ceremony & Plenary Lectures**
	19:30-21:00	**Young PI Training Journal Insight Forum Workshops**
21 Sep. (Mon)	08:30-12:00	**Parallel-session: keynote lectures**
	13:30-18:00	**Parallel-session: themed presentations**
	19:30-21:30	**Parallel-session: young-scholar reports**
22 Sep. (Tue)	08:30-18:00	**Plenary Lectures & Closing Ceremony**
	19:30-21:00	**Sino-US Plant Scientists Exchange Forum**
23 Sep. (Wed)	-	**Departure**

V. Accepted Invited Plenary Lecturers and Parallel-session Keynote Lecturers (Sort by the initials of last names, *Updated continuously*)

Amy Angert, University of British Columbia, CANADA

Kenneth M. Cameron, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

Mark Wayne Chase, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK

Xiaoya CHEN（陈晓亚）, Center for Excellence in Molecular Plant Sciences, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, CHINA

Zhiduan CHEN（陈之端）, Institute of Botany, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, CHINA

Charles C. Davis, Harvard University, USA

Xingwang DENG（邓兴旺）， Peking University, CHINA

Michael John Donoghue, Yale University, USA

Erika J. Edwards, Yale University, USA

Xiangdong FU(傅向东), Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, CHINA

Xingguo HAN（韩兴国）, Hebei University, CHINA

Pete Hollingsworth, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, UK

Sanwen HUANG（黄三文）, The Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, CHINA

David Inouye, University of Maryland, USA

Jim Leebens-Mack, University of Georgia, USA

Dezhu LI（李德铢）, Shandong Agricultural University, CHINA

Jiayang LI（李家洋）, Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, the Chinese Academy of Sciences & Yazhouwan National Laboratory, CHINA

Bao LIU（刘宝）, Northeast Normal University, CHINA

Jianquan LIU（刘建全）, Lanzhou University, CHINA

Hong Ma（马红）, The Pennsylvania State University, USA

Allison Miller, Saint Louis University & Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, USA

Lijia QU（瞿礼嘉）**,** Peking University, CHINA

Loren Rieseberg, University of British Columbia, CANADA

Douglas Soltis, University of Florida, USA

Pamela Soltis, University of Florida, USA

Bao-Hua (Alysa) Song（宋葆华）**,** University of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA

Victoria Sork, University of California, Los Angeles, USA

Xiaoquan WANG（汪小全）**,** Institute of Botany, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, CHINA

Ertao WANG（王二涛）**,** Center for Excellence in Molecular Plant Sciences, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, CHINA

Qingfeng WANG（王青锋）**,** The Wuhan Botanical Garden of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, CHINA

Zhiheng WANG（王志恒）**,** Peking University, CHINA

Jun Wen（文军）**,** Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, USA

Yaowu XING（星耀武）**,** Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, CHINA

Cao XU（许操）**,** Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, CHINA

Shuhua YANG（杨淑华）**,** China Agricultural University, CHINA

Yuanhe YANG（杨元合）**,** Institute of Botany, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, CHINA

Kai YE（叶凯）**,** Xi'an Jiaotong University, CHINA

Yingshuang YI（伊廷双）, Kunming Institute of Botany, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, CHINA

Yaowu YUAN（袁耀武）, Institute of Botany, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, CHINA

Xiansheng ZHANG（张宪省）, Shandong Agricultural University, CHINA

VI. Registration

1. Conference website: https://2026SACNHPS.scimeeting.cn.

2. Registration fees:

The registration fee could be paid by your other domestic colleagues pre-meeting or made it by your own during the conference (by credit card).

Both Chinese Yuan (CNY) and US Dollars (USD) are accepted for payment. The fee amount will be calculated according to the registration period.

Category	Early Bird	Standard	
	By Jun.22	Jun.23-Aug.10	Aug.11- Sep.11
General Participant	CNY 2,400 / USD 350	CNY 2,800 / USD 410	CNY 3,000 / USD 440
Society Member	CNY 1,920 / USD 280	CNY 2,240 / USD 330	CNY 2,400 / USD 350
Student	CNY 1,600 / USD 235	CNY 1,800 / USD 265	

Notes:

1. The conference delegates need to register on the website (https://2026sacnhps.scimeeting.cn/) and complete the necessary information for your participation.

2. Registration fees for participants include access to the complete scientific program, the exhibition, conference lunches and dinners. Travel and accommodation are AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE.

3. Invoice

The registration fee will be issued as an electronic invoice to your registration email after the meeting.

VII. Contacts

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