2026 Sino-American Conference on New Horizons in Plant Science
2nd Round Announcement

To facilitate a premier cross-Pacific platform to deepen the long-standing friendship between Chinese and American botanists, share pioneering research advances, and strengthen interdisciplinary and international collaboration among plant scientists worldwide, 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 welcome internationally renowned scholars and outstanding young scientists to share scientific insights and find solutions from plant science to address the world's major challenges, from food security to global climate change and ecological conservation, and to support the development and growth of young scholars, advance plant science for a greener and sustainable future. 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

（山东省泰安市宝盛大酒店）

Website: https://2026sacnhps.scimeeting.cn/en/web/index/35412

The official working language of the conference is English. All presentations and discussions will be conducted in English.

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*

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III. Conference Content

1. Plenary Lectures

Approximately 24 in total. Academicians and distinguished experts in plant science and related fields will present their latest research advances by invitation.

2. Parallel-session Lectures

There will be 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 open submission of abstracts. Outstanding authors of selected abstracts will be invited to present their work onsite.**

Selected overseas scholars whose abstracts are accepted will receive the exclusive conference support, including US$ 800 (for young-scholar reports) - US$ 1,000 (for themed presentation) honorarium to subsidize travel to China, free hotel accommodation during the conference, and complementary registration that includes the conference banquet and other

meals. This support offers 15 slots for themed presentations and 10–15 slots for young-scholar reports.

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: Plant Biotechnology and Plant Synthetic Biology

（分会场五：植物生物技术与合成生物学）

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 interacting with young scholars.

- **Journal Insight Forum:** Major journals of BSC and BSA and their publisher(s) will share ideas on successful manuscript preparation, journal development, and international collaboration in the new era via presentations and penal discussion.
- **Workshop:** Distinguished experts will be invited to conduct targeted discussions on scientific frontiers, technological applications and industrial development in **plant integrative omics**, **biotechnology** and other related fields.
- **Commemorative Activities:** A special memorial ceremony will be held to pay tribute to distinguished botanists Dr. Peter RAVEN and Dr. Zhengyi WU, in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to the development of botanical science.
- **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:

- Abstract Deadline: **31 July, 2026.**

  We encourage all prospective presenters to submit abstracts as early as possible. Abstracts will be reviewed and confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis until all available slots are filled.

- 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)	14:00-22:00	**Conference Registration**
20 Sep. (Sun)	08:30-12:00	**Opening Ceremony & Plenary Lectures**
	12:00-13:30	**Poster Exhibition**
	13:30-18:00	**Plenary Lectures**
	18:00-19:30	**Poster Exhibition**

	19:30-21:00	**Young PI Training** **Journal Insight Forum** **Workshop** **Commemorative Activities**
21 Sep.（Mon）	08:30-12:00	**Parallel-session:** **Keynote Lectures (total 5)**
	12:00-13:30	**Poster Exhibition**
	13:30-18:00	**Parallel-session:** **Themed Presentations (total 5)**
	18:00-19:30	**Poster Exhibition**
	19:30-21:30	**Parallel-session:** **Young-Scholar Reports (total 5)**
22 Sep.（Tue）	08:30-12:00	**Plenary Lectures**
	12:00-13:30	**Poster Exhibition**
	13:30-18:00	**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*)

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

Mark Wayne CHASE, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK

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Pete HOLLINGSWORTH, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, UK

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David INOUYE, University of Maryland, USA

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Jim LEEBENS-MACK, University of Georgia, USA

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

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Stephen SMITH, University of Michigan, USA

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

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VI. Registration

1. Conference website:

https://2026sacnhps.scimeeting.cn/en/web/index/35412

2. Registration fees:

For overseas attendees, the registration fee is not required at the registration online. It could be paid by your colleagues in China before the conference or by your own during the conference (by credit card).

Only Chinese Yuan (CNY) or 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/ Postdoctoral Researchers	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. All conference participants (included invited speakers) need to register on the website (https://2026sacnhps.scimeeting.cn/en/web/index/35412) and complete the necessary information for your participation.

2. Registration fees 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. Accommodation

Official Conference Hotel: Taishan Blossom Hotel（泰山宝盛大酒店）

Address: No. 367 Yingsheng Road, Taishan District, Tai'an City, Shandong Province, China（山东省泰安市泰山区迎胜路 367 号）

Conference rates are available for all participants: CNY 380 per room per night, including daily breakfast for two guests.

As hotel rooms around the venue are limited, we recommend you make a reservation at your earliest convenience.

VIII. Contacts

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