

Invitation to the 2026 Sino-American Conference on New Horizons in Plant Science

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, 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. 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

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

Venue: Tai’an City, Shandong Province, China

Website: <https://2026SACNHPSCSCIMEETING.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:

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

4. Conference Chairs:

- **Honorary Chairs:** Academician Deyuan HONG, Academician Tingyun KUANG, Academician Zhihong XU
- **Chairs:** Academician Kang CHONG, Ken Cameron
- **Executive Chairs:** Xiaoquan WANG, Dezhu LI, Jenny Xiang, Hong Ma
- **Secretary-General:** Hongzhi KONG

III. Conference Content

1. Plenary Invited Lectures (approximately 24)

2. Parallel-session Lectures (comprising ~24 keynote lectures, ~48 themed presentations, and ~40 young-scholar reports):

- Plant Diversity Research and Conservation in the New Era
- “PLANeT” and Tree of Life 2.0
- Plant Multi-Omics and New-Quality Agricultural Productivity
- Plant Science for a Green Planet in A Changing World

3. Featured Forums:

- Youth Forum: Inviting early-career scholars to exchange the latest research advances. Outstanding young researchers are warmly encouraged to self-nominate, and the organizing committee will conduct a selection process.
- 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

4. ABSTRACT and Poster:

Abstracts and the poster session will be organized according to research themes; all attendees are warmly encouraged to showcase their research. Detailed guidelines will follow—please watch for the upcoming announcement.

IV. Registration:

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

2. Registration fees: Please watch for the upcoming announcement.

All participants must pay the registration fee when registering for the conference.

On-site payment is generally not accepted.

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