

# **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

**Jia Dong**, Cornell University, USA

**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 (李德铎)**, 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

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**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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