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US-China International Workshop on Key Processes and Regulation of Wetland Ecosystems

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**Background**

The rate of loss and deterioration of wetlands, such as bogs, fens, forested wetlands, freshwater and saltwater marshes, peat swamps, and wet meadows, is accelerating in most regions of the world. Researchers from both the United States and China are deeply concerned about the impacts of the loss on natural ecosystems and people whose lives depend upon them. They are eager to exchange their knowledge and research experience in wetland ecology, biogeochemistry, hydrology, and vegetation dynamics, to address challenges that are inherently global and demand collaborative efforts.

The first US-China International Forum on Processes and Services of Wetland Ecosystems was held at the Northeast Institute of Geography and Agroecology (IGA), the Chinese Academy of Sciences from July 28 to August 3, 2013. The forum jointly sponsored by IGA and the Louisiana State University (LSU) enjoyed great success, with more than 200 participants from six countries. On the 29th of October, 2013, a Letter of Intent between the two institutions was signed to promote cooperation in research and education. These events created a momentum for furthering future collaborations in wetland research. In this context, scientists from LSU and IGA have actively proposed the second workshop to be held at LSU this year to bring together wetland researchers.

**Dates**

10-12 November, 2014

**Venue**

The Dalton J. Woods Auditorium, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

**Working language**

English

**Agenda**

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**Theme**

Key processes and regulation of wetland ecosystems

**Major Topics**

- Chemical, physical, and biological factors affecting wetlands
- Wetland biodiversity
- Comparative ecosystem ecology of wetlands
- Wetland restoration
- Wetland management
- Global climate change and wetland dynamics

**Workshop Registration**

$100 for regular delegates
$30 for students

**Steering Committee**

**Honorary Chairs:**
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