

5th Sino-German Professor-Forum 2013
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In his opening speech in the morning of June 8, the Chairman of GDBCH Prof. GU Xuewu welcomed the participants and invited guests. He reiterated the missions of GDPCH as 1) exchange forum among members for the purpose of intensifying Sino-German collaborations; 2) think tank for political consultation; and 3) sustainable network with a multidisciplinary knowledge profile.

Vice President of TUC Prof. Oliver Langefeld welcomed the participants. He praised the networking capability of Chinese. Following the motto of "Regional verwurzelt, global geschätzt", TUC provides individual supervision and praxis-oriented learning conditions with 29% of international students and 23% female students. It has partnership relations with 9 Chinese universities.

Two new members of GDPCH introduced themselves: Frau Prof. Wang Dinan (HS Ruhr-West) and Prof. XIA Yang (FOM Open Business School, Essen).

Minister Counselor of Embassy Dr. JIANG Feng greeted the participants. This was his fourth visit of Clausthal. He briefed the recent visit of Premier Minister LI Keqiang in Germany with highlighted discussions on the bilateral cooperation in research and education. Currently, there are 30,000 Chinese students in Germany (3000 are full time PhD candidates) and 6200 outgoing German students in China. He outlined the challenging situation of decreasing intensity or interest of in-depth political Sino-German dialogs in spite of the steadily increasing number of individual and fragmental connections.

Dr. Christian Jörgens (Director Asia Pacific, BMBF) appreciated the informal discourse in GDPCH. He witnessed the growing self-confidence among Chinese and praised the political role of China towards a more innovative society. Germany is ready to join the same process and seek partnership solutions for grand topics. He summarized the bilateral relationships at different hierarchical levels from grass root to national governmental level. He identified the need among German people to know more about Chinese culture and language and to promote the sustainable collaboration. He also gave an overview of networking and funding measures on behalf of DAAD.

Dr. Ingrid Krüßmann (Director East-, South- and Southeast Asia, DFG) briefed the debut visits of the new DFG President Prof. Strohschneider in China. She appreciated the open discussions between DFG and the new president of NSFC YANG Wei, President BAI Chunli of CAS, Minister WAN Gang of MOST, and Deputy Minister of HAO Ping of MOE. The dialog with CASS was more formal. She highlighted the pioneer idea of founding a DFG/NSFC-scientific advisory group (中德合作专家咨询小组) and its missions.

In the afternoon of June 8, Prof. ZENG An-Ping and Prof. CHU Lifeng moderated two sessions of oral presentations on the on-going and planned Sino-German projects. The presentations were given by:

Prof. ZHANG Jianwei (Univ. Hamburg)
Cross-modal learning, future ICT Systems and their synergetic effects with cognitive sciences

Prof. FU Xiaoming (Uni Göttingen)
MobileCloud – Linking Sino-European Research Institutions in the mobile Cloud Era

Prof. HOU Zhengmeng (TU Clausthal)
On-going Sino-German cooperation in research and teaching with focus on energy research

Prof. ZHANG Weiqi (Univ. Münster)
Comparative studies about happiness and satisfaction from medicine and life sciences

Prof. WANG Dinan (HS Ruhr West Uni)
Interdisciplinary projects crossing computer science, life science and engineering

Prof. HOU Changbao (FH Nürnberg)
Teaching and practice-oriented projects in civil engineering

Prof. YANG Bin (Univ. Stuttgart)
Sino-German Joint Class at NUST and diverse research projects on signal processing and system theory

Prof. JIANG Xiaoyi (Univ. Münster)
Interdisciplinary imaging research from mice to men with highlight of the Cluster of Excellence “Cells in Motion”

The presentations have authentically reflected a broad band of multidisciplinary know-how of GDPCH and invoked lively discussions among senior and junior GDPCH-members.

In the evening of June 8, the publication plan of the joint book project was discussed. 7 contributions were collected. All remaining contributions should be submitted to Anping no later than Oct.15, 2013. The book title will be finalized in due time. All GDPCH members are obliged to seek possible sponsors for the publication.

The agenda (GU Xuewu) and meeting date (HOU Zhengmeng) for the next GDPCH in Kunming 2014 will be finalized as well.

In the morning of June 9, the participants enjoyed a hiking tour along the Goethe-Track to Brocken and the narrow-rail Harz train.

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“Be happy, remain happy, be yourself, remain yourself”. – MENG Liqiu