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**RE: Invitation to participate in the 31st IUBS General Assembly and Conference on  
Biological Sciences and Bioindustry in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China, 5-9 July 2012**

The International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) will hold its 31st General Assembly (GA) and Conference on Biological Sciences and Bioindustry 5-9 July 2012 in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China. The co-hosts of the GA and Conference are the IUBS; the Bureau of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), China; the Bureau of International Cooperation, CAS, China; and the Department of International Affairs, China Association for Science and Technology, China. The organizers of the GA and Conference are the IUBS; the China National Committee for International Union of Biological Sciences (CCIUBS); the International Society of Zoological Sciences (ISZS), Institute of Zoology, CAS, China; the Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, CAS, China; the Institute of Botany, CAS, China; and the People's Government of Wuzhong District, Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China.

The IUBS is currently the only international body that covers all disciplines of the biological sciences. As a result, the IUBS will host and organize international symposia in tandem with the GA and Conference, so as to provide an opportunity for the international biological community to exchange information, discuss interdisciplinary studies, and promote international collaboration in scientific research programs. For detailed information on the GA and Conference, please visit the official website at: <http://iubs.csp.escience.cn>, which is updated regularly.

On behalf of the hosts and the organizing committee, we warmly invite you to attend this important international conference. We hope that through your participation, we can not only exchange information and discuss interdisciplinary studies, but also begin or extend collaborations in scientific research programs and bioindustry development.

Look forward to seeing you in Suzhou in July.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, Local Organizing Committee  
Vice President, IUBS

**Note:** This invitation is to be used only by participants to apply for grants or traveling documents. It does not guarantee any financial commitment to any participant to attend this GA and Conference.  
For more information about financial support and visa application, please contact the ISZS secretariat.

