US/SINO Grass Alliance Meeting USDA, ARS, and Chinese Cooperator's Meeting Agenda October 14, 2010 Yangling, China

Meeting Location: Yangling International Convention & Exhibition Hotel

Northwest A&F University

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Meeting

8:30 am

Welcome: Dr. Guodong Han will provide a welcome

Participant Introduction: Drs. Gudong Huan and Jack Staub will conduct the introduction of the participants [All

participants (US and Chinese) will introduce themselves]

Meeting Introduction: Dr. Jack Staub will provide an overview of meeting and meeting expectations

9:00 am

Dr. Jack Staub

Overview of research activities at the USDA, ARS Forage and Range Research Laboratory (FRRL)

Dr. Teryl Roper

Overview of research, teaching and service at the Utah State University (USU)

Dr. Jack Staub

Summary of Grass Alliance activities 2009-2010

Group Questions and discussion interactions

10:30 am

Break

10:45 am

Dr. Jack Staub

Overview of small group discussion meetings and expectations

Small Group Discussions

Current plant materials are unable to meet the needs of changing climates and growing environments.

Group Leaders: Dr. Douglas Johnson (FRRL), Dr. Paul Johnson (USU), and Chinese scientist (to be announced)

Invasive plants, wildfires, and disturbances contribute to desertification and loss of rangeland function.

Group Leaders: Dr. Blair Waldron (FRRL), and Dr. Guodong Han (IMU)

Current forage production systems do not meet maximum productivity potentials for rangeland and pasture growing environments.

Group Leaders: Drs. Joseph Robbins and Steve Larson (FRRL), Dr. Earl Creech (USU), and Chinese scientist (to be announced)

12:40 pm

Lunch

2:00 pm

Small Group Discussions (continued)

Dr. Jack Staub

Comments on direction of final Small Group Discussions

3:15 pm

Break

3:30 pm

Discussion Leaders call for open discussion

Summary: Group Discussion Leaders

Dr. Jack Staub/Teryl Roper

Summary of discussion and development of future Grass Alliance direction

4:15 pm

Dr. Jack Staub

How do we make the Grass Alliance work

Overview of opportunities for scientific exchange between China and US

Provincial and MOST funding opportunities

Dr. Teryl Roper

- A. Requirements for placement of graduate students at USU
- B. Costs for graduate student education
- C. Costs for postdoctoral scientists
- D. Available funding for exchanges
- E. Discussion of potential exchange candidates

Drs. Jack Staub

- A. FRRL contributions to graduate education
- B. FRRL contributions to postdoctoral scientist exchange

Group Questions

5:00 pm

Break

<u>5:15 pm</u>

Workshop 2011-12; Drs. Larson/P. Johnson

- A. Determination of interest
- B. Determination of venue
- C. Determination of tentative date and time
- D. Formation of a workshop committee

5:45 pm

Meeting closure: Drs. Robins, Waldron, and Creech

- A. Overview of meeting accomplishment
- B. Decisions that were made
- C. Assignments that were made
- D. Expectations given commitments of meeting participants

6:15 pm

Meeting adjourn

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Dr. Zhang Bo of the Xinjiang Agricultural University, Urumqi presenting his research proposal



Dr. ZhangYue-xue of the Practacultural Sciences Institute, Harbin presenting her research proposal



Dr. Yupin Rong of the China Agricultural University, Beijing presenting her research proposal



Dr. Hu Tianming of the Northwest A&F University, Yangling presenting his research proposal



Dr. Yi Geng-yan of the Inner Mongolia Agricultural University, Hohot presenting her research proposal