Welcome to the first issue of the ABCP Newsletter. Delivered straight to your inbox every quarter, it will contain ABCP's latest news, activities and forthcoming events. If you have any suggestions, comments or would like to share with us any exciting news, please email newsletter@abcp.org.uk. We also wish to take this opportunity to send our gratitude to the many professors, volunteers and organisations for their continued support.

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ABCP Visit to China

An ABCP delegation consisting of 12 members led by the Association's President Professor Jianguo Lin successfully visited China from 25 March to 1 April 2019.

The group visited a number of governmental bodies and organisations in Beijing and Wuhan, including British Embassy in Beijing, British Council's Beijing Office, British Consulate-General Wuhan, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Science and Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, National Natural Science Foundation of China, China Scholarship Council, Tsinghua University, Shougang Group, Zhongguancun Science Park, Wuhan Municipal Government, and Wuhan Donghu New Technology Development Zone City Management Bureau. "The visit was full of rewards and fruitful results," Professor Lin concluded, "It also expanded the visibility and influence of the ABCP in the UK."

ABCP Vice President and General Secretary, Professor Daqing Ma (Imperial), Vice President Professor Hongbiao Dong (Leicester) and Professor Jihong Wang (Warwick) and Junwang Tang (UCL), Professor Qihai Huang (Keele), Professor Tao Cheng (UCL) and Professor Tang (Newcastle) joined the visit. Professor Hongming Xu, Professor Zhanfeng Cui and Professor Xiaolan Fu, who were visiting China on a busy schedule, participated in some of the delegation's activities in Beijing or Wuhan.

The trip contributed to the Association's intention to cooperate with relevant units and enterprises, and as an result some MoUs were signed during the week. It has also helped the Association to determine future development strategies as well as to explore more effective modes of operation.

Jiangsu-UK Declaration Signed

A Jiangsu-UK Declaration was signed by representatives of leading UK universities, together with their counterparts from Jiangsu province, China, during the Annual General Meeting of the Jiangsu-UK 20+20 World-Class University Consortium in Zhenjiang on 9 April 2019.

It aims to demonstrate the commitment among consortium members to improve the level of international cooperation and expand opportunities for 30 leading UK universities to work in China. It will promote the establishment of a community of experts to advance education collaborations in three areas – advanced manufacturing, environment and health care.

The Jiangsu Declaration is part of a £40 million investment into international higher education by the Jiangsu provincial government, and built on a Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2016.

The Declaration will also support the Jiangsu provincial government's aim to propel 15 of its universities into China's top 100 in the national rankings by 2020, by partnering internationally with leading universities in the UK.

Speaking of the partnership, Mr Matthew Knowles (second right in the photo at the closing ceremony), Area Director East China, British Council, said: "The Jiangsu-UK Declaration builds on the good work the consortium of universities has achieved to date.

"Now with this Declaration, we are signalling our long-term desire to sustain the momentum we have collectively built with our Chinese partners, allowing more UK universities to participate, contribute and ultimately benefit from international collaboration."

A number of British Chinese professors contributed to the event.

New AI Book Is On The Way

People who are interested in AI will be delighted to hear that a new book is going to be published by the Scientific and Technical Documentation Press by the end of 2019 - *Development of Future Society and AI* - led by Professor Yi-Ke Guo and authored by 43 professors and researchers.

It will include one preface, contributed by Dr Harry Shum, Executive Vice President of Artificial Intelligence & Research at Microsoft, and 23 chapters. This is the first time that British Chinese professors are jointly writing a book. Watch this space!

ABCP Workshop on Future of Collaboration with China

ABCP organised a workshop on "The Future of Collaboration with China for the UK Universities" at the Magna Carta Island on 20 February 2019. A number of senior managers of UK universities along with members of ABCP attended (full list below).

Professor Jianguo Lin opened the event by introducing the background of ABCP and the purpose of the workshop, which was then followed by discussions on two main topics - "the impact on the UK universities without engagement with China" and "what we need to do to mitigate risks and damages".

Different key issues were discussed through Q&As, views on UK's current political situation and its influences on the education sector; tension between the US and China and its impact on the UK China education system, now and in the future, were also exchanged.

Prof	Max Lu	Vice Chancellor, University of Surrey
Prof	Philippe De Wilde	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation), University of Kent
Prof	Stephen Shute	Pro Vice Chancellor (Planning and Resources), University of Sussex
Ms	Winnie Eley	Vice-President (International), University of Southampton
Dr	David Pilsbury	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International Development), Coventry University
Prof	John French	Executive Director, Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, University of Cambridge
Prof	Zhanfeng Cui	Director, Oxford Centre for Tissue Engineering and Bioprocessing, University of Oxford
Prof	Jianguo Lin	President of ABCP, Imperial College London
Prof	Sai Gu	Executive Vice-President of ABCP, University of Surrey
Prof	Daqing Ma	Vice-President & General Secretary of ABCP, Imperial College London
Prof	Jihong Wang	Vice-President for Finance, ABCP, University of Warwick
Prof	Hongming Xu	Vice-President for Policy & Membership, ABCP, University of Birmingham
Prof	Hongbiao Dong	Vice-President for Industrial Liaison & Fund Raising, ABCP, University of Leicester
Prof	Shujun Li	Vice-President for Internal Communications & Public-Relations, ABCP, University of Kent
Prof	Yu Xiong	Secretariat for International Advisory Board, ABCP, Northumbria University
Prof	Gang Pan	Director of the Centre of Integrated Water-Energy-Food, Nottingham Trent University
Prof	Junwang Tang	Professor of Materials Chemistry and Engineering, University College London
Ms	Janie Kingsley	Executive Operational Manager, ABCP; Deputy Head of International Office (International Office), University of Sussex

ABCP IAB Meeting Was Held

A formal meeting of ABCP's International Advisory Board (IAB) was held at the Min Jiang Restaurant in London on 6 November 2018. Lord Browne and Professor Max Lu jointly chaired the meeting, with attendees including Professor Paul Boyle, Professor Dame Anne Glover, Professor Dame Ann Dowling, Professor Jianguo Lin, Professor Sai Gu, Professor Yu Xiong, Professor Zhanfeng Cui, and Professor Zi-Qiang Zhu.

The meeting began with a discussion on the IAB itself, including how to add value to ABCP, measurement of success and its future plan; it then moved onto current media reports and possible solutions to tackle the phenomena from ABCP's perspective; it then followed with an overview and discussion on IPR issues.

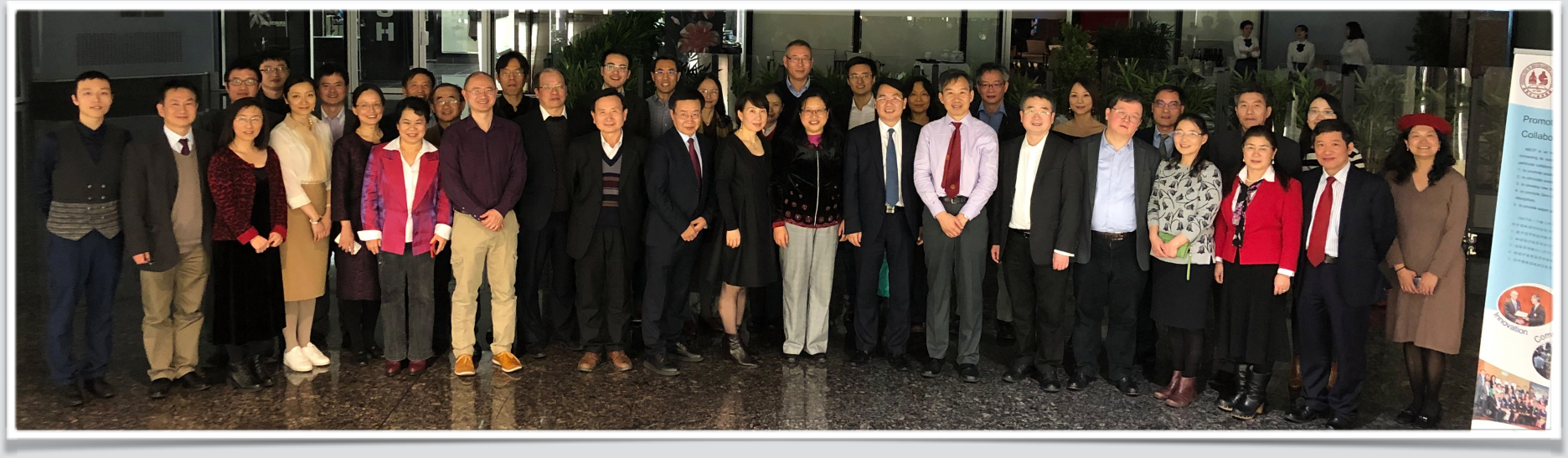
Suggestions for ABCP to facilitate more mutual visits and seminars, and other networking events have also been brought to the table. A possibility to bring together large corporations or high-technology venture investors to form a joint early-seed fund with a consortium of universities that have complementary research and innovation capabilities, was also been discussed. Attendees also exchanged ideas on mentorship, key technology competition and funding schemes development to encourage young people to participate in bilateral collaborations. An action plan was agreed and distributed, and members look forward to the 2019 annual meeting around the same time.

ABCP Chinese New Year Celebration

Members and key stakeholders of ABCP gathered at the Bright Courtyard Club in London on 23 February 2019, to celebrate the traditional Chinese New Year, the most significant festival for Chinese no matter at home or abroad.

More than 50 members of ABCP attended the celebration. Distinguished guests, the Minister Counsellor (Education) Mr Yongli Wang, the Minister Counsellor (Science and Technology) Mr Sunan Jiang, the Chief Representative of State Administration of Foreign Expert s Affairs (SAFEA), Mr Boshu Liang, wished ABCP a prosperous Year of the Pig.

The President of ABCP, Professor Jianguo Lin from Imperial College London, proposed a toast for all members a happy new year and gave a compelling speech. It outlined the ambition of ABCP set itself to deliver in the forthcoming year, and was warmly received. Professor Yi-Ke Guo (also from Imperial College London) gave a talk as well.



1st ABCP Badminton Tournament Manchester Took Place

The First ABCP Badminton Tournament Manchester was successfully held on 6 April 2019 at Manchester Enterprise Academy.

Over 30 players participated with thorough enjoyment.

Ms Qing Zhang, Ms Zhen Liu, and Professor Jian Ren Lu, who led the organisation of the event, said: “The event truly reflected teamwork and friendship. We look forward to the next event and welcome more people to take part in.”

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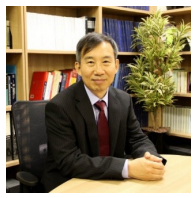
2019年全英华人教授协会年会

10 - 12 July 2019 | School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Surrey, Daphne Jackson Rd, Guildford GU2 7AL

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Max Lu
Vice Chancellor,
University of Surrey

Professor Jenny Higham
Principal, St George's
University of London



Professor Jianguo Lin
President, ABCP
Professor and FREng
Imperial College London

Professor Richard Williams
Vice Chancellor,
Heriot-Watt University

Professor Paul Boyle
Vice Chancellor,
Swansea University

Professor Qingjie Zhang
President, Wuhan University
of Technology

The first ABCP Annual Conference is a showcase for ground-breaking research and innovations from the professors in the UK and China to celebrate decades of successful UK-China collaborations.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

1. 13:00 - Higher Educations and Internationalisation (chaired by Professor Max Lu)
2. 15:15 - Science & Technology (chaired by Professor Sai Gu)

Day 1
July 10th 2019

3. 09:30 - Science & Technology (chaired by Professor Jianguo Lin)
4. 11:15 - Economy & Global Challenge (chaired by Professor Hongbiao Dong)
5. 13:30 - Science & Technology (chaired by Professor Hongming Xu)
6. 15:15 - Science & Technology (chaired by Professor Shujun Li)

Day 2
July 11th 2019

7. 09:30 - Science & Technology (chaired by Professor Jihong Wang)
8. 12:00 - Science & Technology (chaired by Professor Daqing Ma)
9. 14:00 - Economy & Global Challenge (chaired by Professor Xiaolan Fu)

Day 3
July 12th 2019

SUPOPORTING ORGANISATIONS

CETC中国电科
中英文化教育交流中心 UK-China Cultural & Education Exchange Centre
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