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COAA 5.12 Sichuan Earthquake Relief Campaign

The massive Wenchuan earthquake on May 12, 2008 affected all walks of life in Sichuan and our colleagues in the meteorological services suffered huge losses. Nine meteorologists and their direct family members were dead, and fourteen people were injured. Residence houses and office buildings in 12 weather stations near the epicenter were either extensively damaged or destroyed. The observational station in Beichuan was totally crushed.

As a professional organization, many of us expressed eagerness to extend helping hands to the people in need. In this effort, COAA Southern California Chapter was taking the lead. A campaign was initiated within one week of the earthquake to collect donations for the earthquake relief and reconstruction of the lost weather stations. Many had made great contributions during this campaign.

After months' efforts, the Earthquake Relief Campaign has achieved our goal and come to the conclusion. On behalf of COAA Board of Directors and the Southern California Executive Committee, we would like to express our gratefulness for your contribution to the Sichuan Earthquake Relief Fund. We have been touched by the enthusiastic responses from so many of you and so many scientific institutions. The

Sichuan Earthquake Relief Campaign received a total of \$17,675 from 199 individuals affiliated with 26 academic institutions in 15 States, including retired professors and students. The COAA Board of Directors and Southern California Executive Committee will make sure every penny from the donation goes to Sichuan.

The donation and donors' information have been mailed to the Sichuan Provincial Meteorological Society (SPMS), a sister organizations of COAA. SPMS is working on distributing the fund. Collaborating with the Meteorology Bureau of Sichuan Province (MBSP), it has been agreed that the fund will mainly go to the victims and their families of the Beichuan Station. MBSP/SPMS will provide a report to us in the future after the donation is distributed. We will pass this information onto you when available.

The Deputy Director of the MBSP has informed us that the people at the MBSP have been deeply moved by our fundraising campaign, and are grateful to all the friends who participated in the donation. They indicated that although the earthquake brought enormous difficulty to their colleagues, knowing so many people' love and support in helping their reconstruction efforts is a great comfort and encouragement.

The following is a relevant report from the Chinese Meteorological News Press:

美国气象界同仁捐助北川受灾气象职工

来源：中国气象报社 发布时间：2008年09月05日

中国气象报记者吕守奇报道 近日，四川省气象学会收到来自美国美华海洋大气学会会员及美国其他科研机构科研人员的捐款17675美元，并按其意愿将捐款转交因地震受灾的北川县气象局职工。

“5·12”汶川特大地震发生以后，远在大西洋彼岸的美华海洋大气学会会员十分关心中国灾情，心系地震灾区气象职工。美华海洋大气学会南加州分会发起给四川受灾气象职工及家属募捐活动。此活动得到包括美华海洋大气学会总会会长杨锡铨、南加州分会会长薛永康和中国气象局成都高原气象研究所前兼职所长、美国科罗拉多大学冰川研究所张廷军博士等在内的美国气象界同仁的积极响应，南加州分会还在其网页上公布了募捐消息。据了解，包括美国宇航局、美国海洋大气局、迈阿密大学、加州大学等26个研究机构、大学的200名教授、研究人员和学生参与了捐助活动，其中在美华人124人，美国朋友76人，共计捐款17675美元。（责任编辑：徐丽娜）

COAA-SCC 2008 Summer Workshop and Picnic

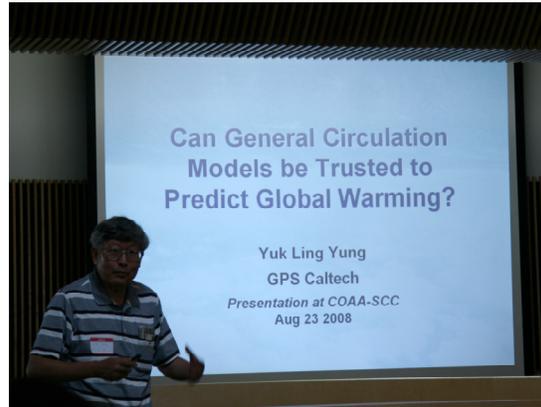
The COAA Southern California Chapter (COAA-SCC) organized a Summer Workshop/BBQ on August 23, 2008 at the beautiful campus of University of California, Irvine. The theme of the Workshop is *Climate Change and Implications*. The theme was selected to reflect recent trends in atmospheric and oceanic research and to stimulate discussion among participants.

The workshop featured two invited talks by Prof. Yuk Ling Yung from Caltech and Prof. Sam Shen from California State University, San Diego. Prof. Yung shared his vision and cutting edge development in the research of climate change. Prof. Shen talked about his personal experience and his involvement in the detection of climate change signal. The workshop also exhibited six posters covering broad research topics such as ENSO dynamics, community land surface model development, atmospheric methane change, air pollution around Los Angeles, and real-time forecasting of oceanic tides.

After the workshop, the participants had lively discussions while enjoying the great BBQ food. Totally there were about 48 participants from UCI, UCLA, UCSD, Caltech, CSU-SD and JPL. The participants included professors, research scientists, and graduate students. The event provided a good opportunity for Southern California scientists to know and network with each other by sharing their recent work in an informal and relaxed Southern California manner.

In the workshop, Dr. Yu Gu (UCLA) gave a detailed report on the Sichuan earthquake donation organized by COAA. The workshop was organized by Prof. Jin-Yi Yu (UCI) and Dr. Xiaochun Wang (JPL) with many inputs from other members of the Executive Committee of COAA-SCC. Fuu-ming Kai and many other UCI participants volunteered for the logistic details of the

Workshop/BBQ and made it a great success. (Reported by Dr. Xiaochun Wang and Prof. Jin-Yi Yu)



Prof. Yung was giving his invited talk (Picture taken by Hiu-Suet Kung)



(Group picture taken by Fuu-ming Kai)

Prof. K.-N. Liou received the award certificate for the Nobel Peace Prize

Prof. K.-N. Liou has received a copy of the award certificate for the Nobel Peace Prize, which was bestowed on the IPCC in 2007, for his substantial contribution to the work of IPCC over the years since the inception of the organization. Congratulations to Prof. Liou for his great achievement. (Provided by Prof. Yongkang Xue)

COAA 2008 Spring Workshop

The COAA 2008 Spring Workshop was held on May 3, 2008, 9:30am-3:00pm, in Room 2400 (Seminar Room) of the Computer and Space Sciences Building, University of Maryland at College Park.

This year’s Spring Workshop featured a special session: Tribute to Professor Jin Wu. Prof. Jin Wu was the founding member of COAA and had been instrumental in establishing collaborations between Chinese and American institutions. In this session, after an opening reflection on Prof. Wu by Sky Yang (Chair of COAA Board), Dr. Eddie Shih from NOAA gave an invited talk: A man with great vision and innovative ideas – A memorial tribute to Professor Jin Wu, and Dr. Paul Hwang from Naval Research Lab

reviewed Professor Jin Wu’s research on the ocean surface drag coefficient.

In the sessions of Ocean Sciences (chaired by Dr. Ming Li) and Atmospheric Sciences (chaired by Dr. Donglian Sun), researches presented their own research results and inspired many questions and discussions.

Dr. Deliang Chen appointed as the new Executive Director of the International Council for Science

Dr. Deliang Chen, a COAA member in Sweden, has recently been appointed as the new Executive Director of the International Council for Science (ICSU, www.icsu.org) in Paris. ICSU plays a leading role in international science and research programs such as IGBP and WCRP.

COAA membership registration form

COAA Membership

Chinese-Americans and other persons of any race, gender or religion interested in furthering the purposes of COAA are eligible for COAA membership. To apply, please fill the membership registration form and send it with registration fee payable to COAA to: COAA, P. O. Box 1293, Greenbelt, MD 20768. Annual dues for membership are: \$10 (regular member), \$5 (student member), \$200 (corporate member), \$100 (life member), none (honorary member).

COAA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

ADDRESS: _____

Street City State Zip Country

TELEPHONE: _____

Work Home Fax

E-MAIL: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

A Letter from the Meteorological Bureau of Sichuan Province

四川省气象局

感谢信

亲爱的美国同仁及朋友：

2008年5月12日14时28分，四川发生特大地震，我们气象局在震区的职工和家属痛苦地经历了地震的生死磨难，观测台站也遭受很大的损害。在灾区告急的关键时刻，感谢美华海洋大气协会的各位同仁和其他朋友们的慷慨捐赠，我们一定按照你们的意愿将捐赠款项全部转交给北川县气象局及其职工。

对你们的无私援助和深情厚谊，我们真诚地表示感谢，并致以崇高的敬意！

四川省气象局：



四川省气象学会：



二〇〇八年八月二十八日

Aug. 28, 2008

Dear Colleagues and friends:

On Monday, May 12 2008 at 2.28 p.m. Beijing time (6:28 GMT), a major earthquake, measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale, jolted Sichuan Province in southwestern China. Our colleagues and their families in the observational stations of Meteorological Bureau of Sichuan Province (MBSP) near the epicenter have been devastated by this disaster and the stations have been either severely damaged or destroyed. At the time of emergency, the timely and generous donations from Chinese-American Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (COAA) members and other friends contribute greatly to the MBSP earthquake relief effort. Your donations will be fully used for the relief of the families of earthquake victims and colleagues in these meteorological stations.

From bottom of our hearts, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to you for your sympathy, generosity, and support.

Sincerely,

Meteorological Bureau of Sichuan Province
Sichuan Provincial Meteorological Society