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News – *JES* Symposium to celebrate 30 years of publishing environmental research

Journal of Environmental Sciences (*JES*) is growing into its 30 years of continuing publication since its establishment in 1998. In celebration of the 30th anniversary of *JES*, Professors Chris Le (University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada), Guibin Jiang (Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing), and Chunxia Wang (National Natural Science Foundation of China, Beijing) have co-organized a Special *JES* Symposium at the 9th National Conference on Environmental Chemistry, to be held in Hangzhou on October 19-22, 2017. Drs. Jiang, Wang, and Le have previously collaborated on co-editing a special issue of *JES* (Jiang et al., 2016), to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences.

The Special *JES* Symposium at the 9th National Conference on Environmental Chemistry will be an opportunity to celebrate the healthy growth of *JES* and the outstanding contributions of its authors. From more than 300 papers published in *JES* every year, two to three papers from each of the recent three years will be nominated and selected to receive the outstanding publication awards. The award recipients will be invited to present their recent work at the *JES* Symposium. Several invited speakers will further enhance the *JES* symposium with their keynote lectures.

The *JES* Symposium will also be an occasion to recognize the significant contributions of many outstanding reviewers, Editorial Advisory Board members (Feng et al., 2016a), Associate Editors (Feng et al., 2016b), and the Editorial Board members (https://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-environmental-sciences/virtual-special-issues/a-virtual-issue-profiling-recent-papers-of-the-editorial-boa). Like these environmental scientists, the co-organizers of the *JES* Symposium continue to contribute to *JES* through publication of their recent research (Cullen et al., 2016; Le, 2016; Liu et al., 2016; Moe et al., 2016; Shao et al., 2016; Yin et al., 2015).

The *JES* Symposium will be an excellent venue to showcase and discuss recent advances in environmental sciences. The symposium will help identify environmental challenges, seek opportunities, facilitate networking, promote excellence, and foster collaboration. We welcome all levels of active participation and contribution from students, rising stars, and established scientists who are involved in any area of environmental research!

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