



Northeast Institute of Geography and Agroecology  
Chinese Academy of Sciences

Dear Academician Boris A. Voronov, Director Mariya V.Kryukova and colleagues,:

It is a great honor and privilege for me on behalf of IGA to send my best wishes to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IWEP. As we are aware, the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday is of particular significance and value in both Chinese and Russia culture, marking the end of half century and a move forward into increasing maturity. For these years IWEP became the large centre of complex ecological studies known worldwide. I hope that the years to come are fruitful and prosperous and I offer my warm good wishes to IWEP in its celebrations.

In the year of commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IWEP's founding, it is our bounden duty to respectfully review the achievements of our partnership in the past. Northeast Institute of Geography and Agroecology, Chinese Academy of Sciences has a long history of cooperation with Institute of Water And Ecology Problems, FEBRAS. During 1990's, IGA had implemented intercourse and cooperation in tectonics and geomorphy with IWEP. From 2005 to 2009, IGA took part in Amur-Okhotsk Project with the scientists from IWEP. In 2008, the first "Russia-China Young Geographer Academic Seminar" was held in Changchun and sponsored by IGA and IWEP. IGA signed Memorandum of Understanding with

IWEP in 2011 and renewed in 2016 aiming to conduct comparative research of ecological, hydrological and atmospheric-chemical properties. IWEP and IGA have co-sponsored *International Conference of Resources, Environment and Regional Sustainable Development* since 2014. These conference have great influence of the Amur River Basin Protection and brought great social benefits achieved under the innovative thinking of IWEP and IGA scientists.

Rome was not built in one day. Neither was it built by a single bricklayer. Generations of scientists, staff, alumni, friends and partners of the institute have each done their parts in laying and consolidating the bedrock of IWEP in the past 50 years. The Golden Jubilee year is an appropriate time for all of us to come together and share the joy and honor of being a loyal and faithful partner. The opportunities this partnership provides for scientists at both institutions are immense and very productive, especially there is a lot of cooperation on ecological protection under the on the Belt and Road Initiative of China in the future. We are willing to continue this partnership and build a better cooperation platform based on what has been achieved so far with mutual trust, I believe this will yield fruitful result in the future!

I would like to extend my best regard and thanks again to all IWEP

scientist and staff for your commitment to the Golden Jubilee . Let us join our hearts and minds to celebrate the golden jubilee, in a manner that is truly meaningful to us, and worthy of our memory.



Best Regards,

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