

## **First Symposium of IMGRE**

Time: May 30-June 2, 2008

Place: Inner Mongolia Grassland Ecosystem Research Station (IMGERS)

### Agenda:

May 30, 2008

- Arrival (check in hotel in Xilinhot City)
- Reception banquet

May 31, 2008

- Travel from Xilinhot to IMGERS
- Field trip to the experimental site

June 1, 2008

8:30: Opening remarks (J. Wu, X. Han)

9:00: Overview of IMGRE field operations (Y. Bai)

9:30: Overview of IMGRE lab analyses (J. Huang)

10:00: Reflections on IMGRE (S. Naeem/J. Elser/L. Kang)

10:30: Grasshopper stoichiometry (S. Hao/J. Elser/L. Kang)

11:00: Grasshopper-plant interactions (G. Zhang)

11:30: Discussion

12:00-1:30: LUNCH

2:00: Report on ANPP/BNPP/community structure (Y. Bai)

2:30: Report on nutrient pools and plant stoichiometry (Meng Wang – grad)

3:00: Report on nutrient use efficiency (Xiaotao Lü – grad)

3:30: Report on N mineralization (Qiong Sha – grad)

4:00: Report on N mineralization potential (Lu Zhang – grad)

4:30: Report on litter decomposition (Xiaofang Sun – grad)

5:00: Report on microbial diversity (Keping Ma's grad)

5:30: Group discussion

6:30: Dinner and fun...

June 2, 2008

8:30: Resource allocation in plants (Q. Pan)

9:00: Plant stoichiometry (Qiang Yu – grad)

9:30: Trace gas emissions – plan (Zhiping Wang)

10:00: Water use efficiency – functional traits (Shuxia Zheng)

10:30: BEF modeling – plan and progress (Chris Clark - postdoc)

11:00: IMGRE related research plan/progress (Dan Flynn - grad)

11:30: Research plan on ecosystem modeling (Fei Yuan - grad)

12:00-1:30: LUNCH

2:00: Work plan for 2008 and amendments and refinements of the project

4:00: Discussion on possible manuscripts (authorship, data sharing, etc.)

6:00: Meeting adjourned

June 3, 2008

- Activities arranged by individuals