



**Weekly Letter from the ASPO  
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What an exciting week in China. It all started with a two day meeting with John Liu and discussions about the Loess Plateau Watershed Rehabilitation Project (<http://www.earthshope.org/>). One of my students was in China during the summer to make an energy systems study of this successful project. One interesting finding is that it looks as though there are large fossil fuel requirements at the early stages of the project but by the end of the project the use of fossil fuel will decline. On a bigger scale one can say that some of the remaining fossil fuels will be needed for the global transformation to a sustainable future.

On October 26 China University of Petroleum in Beijing (CUPB) organized a workshop about Peak Oil. The host of the workshop was the Chancellor of CUPB, professor Jiang Qingzhe. Experts invited from outside of the university were:

Zeng Xingqiu, Former Chief Geologist of Sinochem,  
Chen Yuanqian, Professor, Research Institute Petroleum Exploration and Development, CNPC  
Yan Lin, Professor, Chinese Academy of Social Science,  
Yu Chunlin, Vice Director of Strategy Office, China Energy Office  
Jiang Xingmin, Institute of Energy Research, National Development and Reform Commission of China  
Zhao Oingfei, Senior Engineer , Petroleum Research Institute of Sinopec  
Pang Xiongqi, Vice President of CUPB, and 8 more professors from CUPB.  
and other representatives from these organizations.

Werner Zittel should have been present, but unfortunately his flight was delayed.

I gave an introductory Peak Oil seminar for one hour with a simultaneous translation to Chinese. Professor Pang gave his Cork seminar in Chinese, and we then had a discussion about peak oil open to everyone who attended the seminar.

The seminar participants concluded that they all agreed that Peak Oil is real threat, that there are differing opinions on its timing, but the timing is so close that action is needed in the here and now. At the end of the meeting Professor Pang announced that ASPO China had been formed and that the Chancellor of CUPB, professor Jiang Qingzhe, will be president of ASPO China. Professor Pang will be Vice President and Professor Feng the secretary. Professor Jiang Qingzhe thanked everyone participating in the workshop and added that the government of China must formally approve ASPO China. With a number of individuals at the seminar representing the government I think that there will be no problems in attaining this approval.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> October the “2<sup>nd</sup> International Forum on China’s Energy Strategy” was organized by the “China’s Energy Strategy Research Center” at CUPB. Officials and experts from China were given seminars in Chinese whilst we international guests were given seminars in English. Unfortunately the program is not available on the web and it would take a long time to summarize. Suffice to say awareness of the issue of Peak Oil in China is moving rather fast and it is time for the rest of the world to wake up.

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