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Earth & Environmental Sciences Area

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### Re: Letter of Invitation

Dear Shaoxing Mo:

We would like to cordially invite you attend the upcoming HydroML 2023 Symposium being held May 22 to 24, 2023, in Berkeley, California, USA as a speaker or poster presenter. The event is being hosted by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

The HydroML 2023 symposium will explore how artificial intelligence / machine learning (AI/ML) concepts can be used to enhance the predictive understanding of complex systems in hydrological and geological sciences. The overarching goal is to discuss process-based scientific principles that can help integrate AI/ML with earth system science. In essence, the symposium seeks to stimulate discussions that will help develop physically guided AI/ML approaches which are explainable, interpretable, and improve the mechanistic understanding of earth system science. It will foster collaborations among researchers who are both new to the field and already involved, thereby strengthening ties within the community of AI/ML researchers. More information is available on our website (<https://hydroml.org>).

We are informed that a B-1 Business visa is the most appropriate classification for your visit. In that respect, please take this letter, along with your valid passport, to the nearest U.S. Consulate or Embassy and request a B-1 visa stamp for entry.

**IMPORTANT: When entering the country, please ensure that you are issued a WB entry stamp as a Temporary Business Visitor. A tour at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab (LBNL) is being planned, and entry stamps with the denomination "WT" (Tourist visa) are not acceptable documentation for you to visit LBNL, although you could still attend the symposium since it is being held offsite at a local hotel, The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Berkeley Marina.**

Please Note: The U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Electronic Visa Update System (EVUS) for Chinese travelers is now accepting enrollments. EVUS enrollment is **mandatory** for Chinese nationals holding 10-year visitor visas who are traveling to the U.S. on or after **Nov. 29, 2016**. Affected Chinese nationals must enroll, by visiting the following website:

<https://www.evus.gov/evus/#/> prior to traveling to the U.S.

The EVUS requirement applies to Chinese nationals (mainland only) who hold 10-year visitor (B1/B2, B1, and B2) visas. Travelers will have to renew their enrollment *every two years or when their passport expires*,

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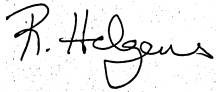
*whichever comes first. The requirement will apply to both new visa applicants and current visa holders.* This process will take approximately 20 minutes, and a fee may apply. In most cases, the enrollment will be processed within minutes of your application. Please ensure that you enroll, if applicable, to avoid any delays in your travels to the U.S.

If you need temporary lodging in Berkeley, the following hotel has a limited number of rooms with reduced pricing. This is the same hotel where the event will be hosted:

- *Doubletree Hotel Berkeley Marina*—Rate of \$189, with a cut-off date for reservations at the group rate on April 30, 2023.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Helgens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

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