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Dear Prof. Dr. DONG Shuwen and the SinoProbe delegation members:

EarthScope is an ambitious, multifaceted program to investigate the structure, dynamics, and history of the North American continent. SinoProbe is also a multidisciplinary earth science research program aimed at revealing the composition, structure and evolution of the Chinese continental lithosphere in East Asia. Both EarthScope and SinoProbe address similar scientific questions, and the two have common experiences and interests in Earth sciences research and technology development. Both have greatly improved our knowledge on the deep earth, and have generated important new ideas.

On behalf of the meeting Program Committee and the EarthScope National Office, it is my pleasure to invite you to the 2017 EarthScope National Meeting, to be held May 15-18 in Anchorage, Alaska, USA. The EarthScope National Meeting is held every other year, and is designed as an opportunity for the broad EarthScope scientific community, and other interested scientists, to come together to present and discuss research results across a broad range of geosciences disciplines. This year's meeting will begin with a session that focuses on the synthesis of work over the 13-year history of EarthScope to date, and will continue with other thematic sessions and new results. A summary of the current and past EarthScope National Meetings can be found at http://www.earthscope.org/research/national_meetings/, and the website for the current meeting is at https://www.iris.edu/hq/workshops/2017/05/earthscope_17.

You and your colleagues from SinoProbe (see attached list) are invited to attend the meeting to learn more about EarthScope science, and to present your own research work from the SinoProbe project or related investigations as poster or oral presentations. One of the specific themes for the National Meeting will be "EarthScope Applied Beyond North America", which will include both the applications of EarthScope data to global problems and research programs similar to the EarthScope. We will also provide an area for a SinoProbe Exhibit. According to your suggestion, we'd like to help the SinoProbe delegation to organize a dedicated session or evening activities during the meeting.



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A post meeting field trip will be arranged for the SinoProbe delegation to visit the USArray/Seismology and PBO/GPS stations around Anchorage and Fairbanks from May 19-22. On May 22-23, all of you are invited to visit the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where the EarthScope National Office is located.

The registration fees for the meeting, trip, lodging and personal accommodation fees should be paid by yourselves. The post meeting field trip will be arranged including special local transportation, facilities and insurance; your side should pay the expenses. The evening cold buffet reception for the SinoProbe special session should be paid by you as well. My staff and I will help make the needed arrangements and connections for you, working along with IRIS, which is arranging the overall logistics of the meeting. I will let you know whether you will need to pay directly to the vendors, through us, or through IRIS, as soon as we can determine the best way to make these arrangements.

The website for the meeting has been online since Feb. 1st. Please have all of the scientists from your delegation register, submit their abstract, reserve their hotel room, and make the payment online as soon as possible before the deadline.

Sincerely,

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P.S. The list of the SinoProbe delegation and proposed list of presentations is given below (total 27 people).