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Respectful congratulations on the open publishing of the IJABE

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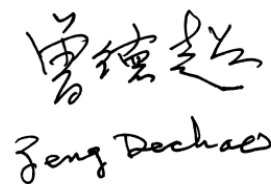
First, I would like extend my respectful congratulations on the open publication of the International Journal of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, founded jointly by CSAE and the US-based AOCABFE.

The founding and the development of the agricultural engineering discipline in China had involved many international experts, especially the US scholars; even including figures such as Dr. J.B. Davison, the founder of ASAE in 1908. Through the 20th century, USA had marvelously succeeded, through agricultural mechanization, practically alleviate human chore in all lines of farm work; thus have brought in a change in human life. One of the consequential impacts to the agricultural engineering departments in the US land grant universities however, has been a rather urgent need in a modification on the agricultural engineering(AE) training program, so that AE graduates can have a better chance to get their jobs after graduation. One of the ways out has been to develop a modified training program along the line of bio-systems engineering.

My first personal contact to this trial was through the very helpful meeting with Professor Norman Scott, then a vice President of Cornell University. His concrete description on the method in his rather well known paper is very interesting, but not so practical. I have gained very much along this line also from Professor J.K.Wang at Hawaii University. Prof. J. K. Wang came to visit the International Cooperation Office, Eastern Campus, China Agricultural University(CAU) and Academician Wang Maohua. He was also one of the very first US AE professors with Taiwan origin, visiting the CAU Eastern Campus right after the Pingpeng diplomacy. Their rather impressively successful work along this line, especially on the medical biological side, required very close or intimate cooperation between the engineers and the bio-molecular scientists. This is not an easy problem to tackle with, in the case of CAU Eastern Campus, or even some other campuses in China as well.

So, I heartedly hail and cheer for this initiative in the cooperation between CSAE and the US-based AOCABFE, to publish this International Journal, an excellent and indispensable way to provide relevant information and personal contacts for the incubation of agricultural and biological system engineering in China.

I sincerely wish this joint journal IJABE a great success!



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