

Dear colleagues and Friends, Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning!

It is a great honor for my Chinese colleagues and I to attend the 2nd International Conference on Sino-Swiss Evidence Science in the beautiful City and beautiful campus University of Lausanne, making in-depth discussions on “Scientific Evidence and Judicial Proof” with Swiss, American and Australian fellows. The Chinese delegation for this conference includes 14 representatives from CUPL, SUPL, the Institutes of Forensic Science (Ministry of Public Security, Liaoning Province, and Jiangsu Police Institute. I hope this biennial event will continuously strengthen the academic collaborations between the Institute of Evidence Law and Forensic Science, CUPL and the School of Criminal Justice, University of Lausanne.

Since the establishment of the Sino-Swiss Evidence Science Research Center in 2013, it has been continuously doing excellent work in promoting academic exchanges between the two sides: 31 Chinese scholars have visited Switzerland, including 12 scholars each engaging one-month academic visit at UNIL. They worked closely with the Swiss fellows every day at forensic Laboratory during their stays. We also have three Chinese students who visited UNIL for exchanges. In addition, so far 20 Swiss scholars have visited China giving 32 lectures, and four professors of UNIL did three 36-hour courses on topic of forensic science for CUPL students. Two Ph.D. students of UNIL also visited China for academic exchanges.

The Institute of Evidence Law and Forensic Science, CUPL, is a Key Laboratory of Ministry of Education of China and one of the ten national-level forensic science Institutes. In 2007, the Institute began admitting doctoral and master students in majors of evidence law and forensic science. Currently, the Institute has 78 Ph.D. students and 128 master students (and in the past, 24 have received PhD degrees as well as 187 have received master degrees); the Institute offers 28 courses on topics of evidence law and forensic science, including 10 courses taught in English by distinguished professors from overseas. In addition, the Institute handles over 3,000 forensic cases per year.

The Sino-Swiss Evidence Science Research Center is sponsored by the 2011 Plan of Ministry of Education – China Collaborative Innovation Center of Judicial Civilization. As you can tell, the sponsored participants of the first and second International conference include not only faculty members of CUPL, but also representatives from other top scientific research institutes and universities in China and abroad, which exactly met the requirement of the “2011 Plan” for collaborative innovations between and among universities as well as research institutions in China and abroad.

In January 2015, the 1st International Conference on Sino-Swiss Evidence

Science was successfully held in Haikou, China. Today, I look forward the 2nd International conference reaching fruitful achievements.

Thanks to University of Lausanne to host the International Conference!

Thank you!