Preface

The Proceedings of the 7th International Working Conference on Stored-Product Protection (IWCSPP) are now published. They are the product of the wisdom and diligent study of worldwide experts and scientists in the same domain. With a feeling of unmeasurable joy, I congratulate on its publication.

As everybody knows well, the IWCSPP, which is held every four years, is a large-scale international scientific conference. It offers an international forum for worldwide experts and scholars to report research advances and exchange academic viewpoints on preservation technology, pests and mould control, storage facilities and equipment, various inspection and detecting technology, grain management and information decision support system etc. of stored durable commodities, including cereal grains, oils, legumes, root crops and feed.

With the support of Dr. J. L. Zettler-Chairman of the Permanent Committee, and under the auspices of the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China, the China Association for Science and Technology, the State Bureau of Expert, the State Administration of Grain Reserves, the Chinese Cereals and Oils Association, the Administration of Animals and Plants Quarantine, and the China Zhonggu Cereals & Oils Group Co., the 7th IWCSPP has come to a successful end. The joint efforts of all the members of the organizing committee and the executive committee of the conference, as well as the close coordination and cooperation of 511 participants from 48 countries have also contributed to the success of the conference.

The proceedings comprise two volumes, which include 335 papers written by worldwide scholars and experts, among them XXX are from China. These proceedings contain most of the papers presented in all the sessions during the conference. Reports from the 12 sessions and 5 workshops written by conveners during the conference as well as the conference summary finished at the end of the conference are also included in the proceedings.

Quite a few papers are on the research of grain storage pests and applied technology of grain quality control. Due to the occurrence of the resistance and residues caused by the application of chemical control technology, using non-chemical method to conduct research is drawing more attention from people. With the development of modern technology, including microelectronics technology and biological technology, the application of computer to information transfer and adoption, and the genetic engineering to grain storage pests control has made considerable headway.

A trade exhibition held in association with the conference provoked strong interest of scholars and experts participating in the conference. Some research achievements in the field of stored-product protection were exhibited.

The conference has achieved a great success. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Dr. J. L. Zettler, Chairman of the Permanent Committee of IWCSPP and all the other members of the Permanent Committee for their kindly support, also my appreciation to all the members of the organizing committee and the executive committee of the conference for their harmonious coordination and conscientious work, to Chengdu Grain Storage Scientific Research Institute under the State Administration of Grain Reserves of P.R.C. for their support, to all the members of the Secretariat for their unremitting efforts, and to all the experts who have submitted their papers and all the attendants. I would like to point out emphatically that some senior Chinese experts Mr. Liang Quan, Mr. Li Lungshu, Mr. Guan Lunghua, Mr. Tan Xianchung etc. and some foreign experts Dr. J. L. Zettler from USA, Dr. B. R. Champ from Australia etc. have provided their sincere support to the preparations of the conference and have put forward many guiding proposals. We’re deeply grateful to these senior experts for their spirit of working selflessly, and will never forget it.

The publication of the 7th IWCSPP Proceedings has also got support from some Chinese and foreign experts of all the sessions, and they have made great effort in examining and finalizing papers of their sessions. On behalf of the organizing committee and the editorial board of these proceedings, I’d like to express our heartfelt gratitude to them.

Since China is a non-English-speaking country, many scholars encountered certain difficulty in writing papers in English. Although the authors and the examiners have made great efforts, some papers are not without problems. But limited by time, it is difficult for the editorial board to make much more amendment in language. Please accept my apology.

I wish to thank Sichuan Science and Technology Publishing House in China for their all-out efforts to ensure the early publication of the proceedings.
I would like to take this opportunity to give my regards to Dr. Zettler, the Chairman of the Permanent Committee and Ms. Z. Kozakiewicz-Lawrence in U.K., wishing a greater success to the 8th IWCSPP that will be held in U.K.

Thank you!

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