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A delegation from the China Arctic & Antarctic Administration (CAA), led by Acting Director of CAA, QIN Weijia, visited NSF on May 17, 2016. The group met with colleagues from the Division of Polar Programs, Office of International Science and Engineering, and the Office of the General Counsel to discuss areas of mutual scientific interest and polar-related legal issues. This meeting was built upon a general foundation of cooperation and good will that was established on earlier visits, including when a delegation from the NSF Division of Polar Programs traveled to China in 2014 to visit



several polar research institutes. The CAA delegation visited the Washington DC area in conjunction with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sino-U.S. Arctic Social Science Forum, co-sponsored by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). Following the meeting at NSF, representatives from both NSF and CAA attended the 39<sup>th</sup> Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting in Santiago, Chile where additional discussions ensued parallel to the meeting.

From left: Eric Saltzman Section Head, Section for Antarctic Sciences, Division of Polar Programs, NSF; Sue LaFratta Section Head, Section for Polar Environment, Safety and Health, Division of Polar Programs, NSF; QIN Weijia, Acting Director General, CAA; Kelly Falkner, Division Director, Division of Polar Programs, NSF; WANG Yong, Division Head of Science Programs, CAA; FANG Lijun, Project Officer, Division of International Cooperation, CAA; and LI Chunlei, Project Officer, Division of Operation and Finance, CAA.

Others who met with the group but are not pictured include Lawrence Rudolph, General Counsel; Bijan Gilanshah, Assistant General Counsel; Rebecca Keiser, Head, Office of International Science & Engineering; Karen Alroy, Science Associate, Division of Environmental Biology; Simon Stephenson, Section Head, Section for Arctic Sciences, Division of Polar Programs; and Jacqueline Grebmeier, Research Professor, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Studies.