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Subject: internet issue and update

Hi Jim, Gray, Gayle and William,

DOS is updating the security on internet access so I have no access to the NIAID emails in the office. I spent a day writing a summary of the flu meeting, which went very well, beyond my expectations. I wanted to share the highlights of the meeting with you. Although the OpenNet email system worked in the embassy, it seems only worked within its own network because I emailed the meeting summary to my NIAID account I did not receive it. Also other messages sent from my OpenNet account. This situation may continue for a few days, we were told. You will have to wait a few more days for the summary. Again, it has been difficult to access NIAID account through Citrix and the Cisco VPN provided in my NIAID laptop lately. Most time I rely on my personal VPN to access NIAID emails through web-based system. (William, I may need a new Blackberry. Recently I have to frequently power off the device in order to receive messages. I am not sure if this is a sign for possible break down in the near future. I depend on the BB when having internet problems).

I think the meeting has reached its goals for scientific knowledge exchange, for fostering collaborations, and for identifying future NSFC-NIH/NIAID activities. We had very good turn out on the first day, less on the second day. Very active discussions both during the sessions and after. I have been informed already that several collaborations are in discussion and planning right after the meeting. Good suggestions to our NSFC-NIH projects. A couple of big item projects came out of the discussion and they have the potential to influence public health policy and provide research resources to the Chinese research community. I don't want to re-write the meeting summary. You will have to wait a few days to read it. I received very positive feedback. Thank you for your help and support for making the meeting possible. Now the flu meeting is over, I am moving on to several projects.

1. attend China's Ebola meeting Mar 23-24 (Nancy Sullivan and Gene Olinger of NIAID will attend and present)
2. a WHO forum on antimicrobial resistance Mar. 25
3. April 6-10 in Fisher Ln with meeting NSFC on April 9. During the week, I plan to meet with CSR for their visit to China on April 15-17, Dennis Dixon for his visit in May, staff in research resources, project officer for hepatitis program.
4. in Shanghai for TB vaccine meeting. Will meet intramural TB scientists and introduce them to a (b) (5) While I am in Shanghai, I will visit PIs who collaborate with US PIs who receive NIAID funding.
5. First week of May, visit Wuhan Institute of Virology with Ken to see its BSL4 lab and talk about common interests. While in Wuhan, I will meet the Chinese PIs on NIAID grants.
6. Will meet Dennis Dixon in South Korea and attend the International Symposium for antimicrobial agents and resistance May 13-14. Return to Beijing with Dennis and host his visit in Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou till May 23.

So my next two months will be very busy.

Will talk to you at 9 tonight.

Thanks

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