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## Soil Science Society of China

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**Professor Dr. Rainer Horn,**  
**Chair, IUSS Presidential Election Standing Committee**

*Subject: Nomination of Prof. Renfang Shen for the position of President-elect (2025/26) of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS)*

**Dear Prof. Dr. Horn,**

On behalf of the Soil Science Society of China (SSSC), I am writing to formally nominate Prof. Dr. Renfang Shen as a candidate for IUSS Presidency Election (2025/26). Prof. Shen, the Director General of the Institute of Soil Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences (ISSCAS) and Honorary President of SSSC, is an exceptional soil scientist whose remarkable contributions to the field, leadership capabilities, and dedication to advancing soil science make him an ideal candidate for this prestigious role.

Prof. Shen has demonstrated outstanding achievements in soil science through his innovative research, impactful publications, and extensive fieldwork. With over 40 years of experience, Prof. Shen has authored numerous influential papers in top-tier journals and has been a key speaker at major international conferences. His research on soil acidification prevention and productivity improvement has not only advanced our understanding of soil processes but has also provided practical solutions to critical agricultural challenges. Prof. Shen has successfully led initiatives to enhance research collaboration, promote sustainable soil management practices, and mentor the next generation of soil scientists. His visionary approach and ability to inspire colleagues and students have earned him immense respect and admiration within the scientific community.



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As an active member of the union for years, Prof. Shen is deeply committed to the mission and goals of the IUSS. In 2012, Prof. Shen took the position of SSSC President. During the 8-year tenure, he has successfully organized the 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of East and Southeast Asia Federation of Soil Science Societies (ESAFS) in 2015 in Nanjing. Leading the largest delegation from SSSC during the 21<sup>st</sup> World Congress of Soil Science (WCSS), he and his team won the successful bid to host the 23<sup>rd</sup> WCSS, a historical moment that WCSS will come to China for the first time. If elected as the President-elect, Prof. Shen would bring a wealth of expertise, a global perspective, and a passion for promoting soil science worldwide. His strategic vision aligns perfectly with the union's objectives of fostering scientific research, education, and public awareness about the importance of soil.

I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Prof. Shen for President of the IUSS. His exemplary contributions to soil science, proven leadership abilities, and unwavering commitment to the advancement of our field make him the ideal candidate to lead the IUSS into the future. I am confident that under his leadership, the IUSS will continue to thrive and make significant strides in addressing global soil-related challenges.

Thank you for considering this nomination. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Prof. Jiabao Zhang

President of Soil Science Society of China