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Professor Huadong Guo Elected as One of the 51 New Academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)

On December 9th, 2011, Professor Huadong Guo, Director-General of the Center for Earth Observation and Digital Earth (CEODE, CAS) and Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) Ex-Officio, has been elected as one of the 51 new academicians by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). Earning the title of Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences is a lifelong honor, representing the highest level of science and technology in China awarded by the Chinese Government.

Academicians of CAS will actively promote science and technology research, development, and applications; strive for innovation; make significant achievements; abide by science ethics; maintain scientific spirit; advance scientific methods; engage in international cooperation; and popularize scientific knowledge. Academicians will have the right and obligation to give advice on science and technology issues of major national importance. They also will have the right to elect new academicians and foreign academicians of CAS.

To foster creative achievements and major contributions to scientific and technical fields, the Chinese Academy of Sciences holds an academician meeting every two years. No more than 60 candidates are considered, and a quota is assigned to each scientific or technical field by the Permanent Lead Agency of the Academician Congress on the basis of subject distribution and disciplinary development trends. There are six academic divisions corresponding to the Academic Divisions of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CASAD), which are the academic divisions of Technological Sciences, Information Technical Sciences, Earth Sciences, Life Sciences and Medicine, Chemistry, and Mathematics and Physics. To date, CAS has 727 academicians.