

In Memory of Professor Ying-Xiang WANG

It is with deep regret and sorrow that *Zoological Research (ZR)* notes the passing away of Professor Ying-Xiang WANG on the 10th February 2016.

Prof. WANG, a former Associate Editor-in-chief of *ZR* had made a distinguished contribution to the journal. His passing is a great loss for the journal, but all the editorial board and editors of *ZR* will cherish his contribution.

Prof. WANG was probably one the most internationally renowned Chinese mammalogists of our time. He had made a tremendous contribution to the work of taxonomy and resource conservation of the mammals in China. His pioneer studies paved the way for many younger scholars to carry on their research on wild animals, especially on large beasts and primates. Prof. Wang had a great personality, and it will

be hard to find someone to fill the gap his passing has left in both academic research work and talented thought on the critical ground studies of wild animal resources and their protections.

As a prestigious scientist, Prof. WANG also played active roles in promoting the development of *ZR*. He joined the editorial board of *ZR* since 1989 and fulfilled his duty faithfully and diligently. Even during the last few weeks before his death, he was still reviewing the manuscripts and always gave constructive suggestions. His reputation attracted many important national and international submissions, which significantly increased the impact of *ZR*.

We are greatly saddened by Prof. WANG' s passing but his spirit will live on us as a source of inspiration for us.