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Greetings,

Happy new year! The (hopefully) final version of the Harbin meeting agenda (2019-1-03) is attached for your information, sorry for the delay. The agenda includes a visit to the 731 museum and a group tour of the Harbin International Ice and Snow Sculpture Festival on the last day of the meeting.

Due to the ongoing U.S. Government shutdown it is unlikely that Doug Gladue and David Swayne will be able to travel to the meeting. This is unfortunate and we will miss them. However they have provided their slides and other members of the delegation have volunteered to give their presentations on their behalf.

I have attached the latest version of the travel memo for your information. When you arrive in Harbin you will be met at the airport and driven to the Aoluguya Hotel (I do not have hotel room confirmation numbers yet, if I get those before Saturday I will send them in a second email.) **Please print out the memo and bring it with you.** It includes additional information that you may need before you leave.

FYI All travelers funded by NAS have been placed in the International SOS Global Assistance Program <http://www.internationalsos.com/en/>, (member number 11BMMS000238) while in Harbin (see attached card). Please also enroll in the U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) <https://step.state.gov/step/> before you travel.

I will be in the office all day tomorrow if you have any final questions. Thanks again for agreeing to participate and I look forward to seeing you in China!

PS Some early photos of the festival:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/gallery/2019/jan/01/preparations-for-the-harbin-ice-and-snow-festival-in-pictures>

<https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/harbin-ice-and-snow-festival-2019-china/index.html>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/kidspost/ice-becomes-works-of-art-at-annual-festival-in-harbin-china/2018/12/31/d53b2c18-0326-11e9-9122-82e98f91ee6f_story.html?utm_term=.f5f170cf1c21

Kind regards,

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Subject: NASEM bio meetings in Harbin, China in Jan 2019 - update and conference call
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Greetings,

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) and the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) U.S. *China Dialogue and Workshop on the Challenges of Emerging Infections, Laboratory Safety, Global Health Security and Responsible Conduct in the Use of Gene Editing in Viral Infectious Disease Research*.

As you know the meetings will take place on January 8-9-10, 2019 on the campus of CAAS's Harbin Veterinary Research Institute in Harbin, China. The U.S. group will stay at the **Aoluguya Hotel** (No. 800, the 3rd Road of Chuangxin, Harbin) during the meeting.

I have attached the latest DRAFT of the agenda for your review and information. It includes the names of confirmed Chinese speakers and possible session goals and discussion questions. Please review (and propose modifications to) the talk titles we proposed.

We would like to hold a conference call next week to discuss the agenda and other issues associated with the meeting. **Please send Nicole Cervenka (cced) your availability to participate in a one hour call from 9 AM to 6 PM ET, Monday Dec 17 to Thursday December 20th.** We will provide conference call information when we send you the time for the call.

Thank you for working with Hope Hare (also cced) to make your flight arrangements and submit your visa application. We are working on the applications and will get passports back to you as soon as possible. We will also send you a travel memo with full logistical details before the conference call.

Kind regards,

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