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Invitation letter for a secondment as a visiting scientist to the MARA CHINA-CABI European Laboratory in Delémont, Switzerland (1 September – 31 December 2019)

Dear Dr. Jingfei Guo,

In my role as Executive Director, Global Operations, and Co-Director of the MARA-CABI Joint Laboratory for Bio-safety, I am pleased to invite you, Jingfei Guo (Date of birth: 26 January 1989), for a maximum secondment period of four months as a visiting scientist in the newly established MARA CHINA-CABI European Laboratory in Delémont, Switzerland. During your secondment you will study the potential of biological control management options for fall armyworm.

The MARA CHINA-CABI European Laboratory, established in March 2019, is the first overseas joint laboratory cooperatively established by MARA China and CABI, an international not-for-profit science-based development organisation. The overall objective of the MARA CHINA-CABI European Laboratory is to support the MARA-CABI Joint Laboratory for Bio-safety (Beijing) achieve greater global reach and innovative development by gaining better access to resources in the international agricultural sector, engaging in the research and development of agricultural science and technology that bears global influence, and facilitating capacity building and exchange of experts. The laboratory is located at CABI in Delémont.

During your visit, the MARA China-CABI European Laboratory (CABI side) will provide financial support to cover the flat rental fees. I understand that other costs related to the visit including your international flights, daily meals and allowance will be funded by IPP-CAAS.

I am looking forward to welcoming you at the MARA CHINA-CABI European Laboratory.

Yours sincerely,



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