

**ASPAC 2016 Beijing  
Fellowship Report  
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Thanks to the support of the Fellowship, I was able to present two papers of my own, one paper on behalf of a colleague, a science show, and champion a session. I was also able to take part in the EC meeting, host the SHOC afternoon tea, and do some highly productive networking. All these activities were a great success and are expanded upon below:

- Extraordinary Science with Ordinary Stuff paper and science show – I presented a paper in B3 designed to show ASPAC members the amazing science that can be done with simple items, with a view to helping them develop these back in their centres. The paper was well received and many people took photos of the equipment to make themselves. I did a modified version of the show at the science show evening presentation and was the only performer from outside China.
- I also championed the B3 session and was happy with the range and quality of presenters. I reviewed 33 abstracts and edited about 12 full papers. I received positive feedback from participants and the CSTM organisers on my facilitation overall.
- Science Circus Africa paper – In A2 I presented a paper about my outreach work in Africa. As with the paper above, I crafted the talk to show how the model worked and how it could be adapted by other centres for capacity building. I also sought partners to bring the project to the ASPAC region, with positive indications from the Philippines and Thailand/Laos, as well as contacts in Vanuatu to follow up.
- Adult Visitors in Science Centres paper – in D2 I presented a paper on behalf of Susan Stocklmayer. The session champion was happy with the contribution, especially that it drew attention to an often forgotten segment of science centre visitors.
- EC meeting – I took part in a day long EC meeting making several contributions that will advance ASPAC and were welcomed by the Council, including an email list/platform, developments for the SHOC group, and putting capacity building on the agenda.
- SHOC afternoon tea – the SHOC group met and despite a huge language barrier, a number of great ideas came out of discussions. Two that will be implemented in the near future are an ASPAC Pocket Science Book (demos and activities that can be done with equipment that fits in a pocket or shoebox) and an ASPAC SHOC Clinic, where people can help each other with methods, science and safety of demos and activities. CK Yip played a critical role in organising and translating during the session.
- Networking – I had discussions with members of ASTC and SAASTEC re capacity building alliances that will further the work I do in Africa and plans to bring it to the ASPAC region. I had many other discussions that will further the wider ASPAC mission through my work at the ANU and independently.

All in all it was a very busy and very fruitful ASPAC conference. I would like to again thank the EC for the support that made my attendance and the above contributions possible.