The 2017 Vega Symposium will focus on Vega Medalist Prof. Tandong Yao’s research on the glaciers and the environment on the Tibetan Plateau. Professor Yao and colleagues have found that the Third Pole is experiencing the warmest climate since the last 2000 years, that under the impact of climate warming, the interaction between the Indian monsoon and westerlies makes the glacier status different in the Third Pole, with the most rapid retreating in the southeast and the least retreating or even advancing status in the northwest.

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*Abnormal warming over the Third Pole and its environment consequences*

Professor Deliang Chen, Gothenburg University, Sweden

*Recent changes in the water cycle over the Third Pole: the role of climate change*

Professor Lonnie Thompson, The Ohio State University, USA

*Environment change in the Third Pole and its global linkage*

Professor Jade d’Alpoim Guedes, Washington State University, USA

*Moving up: Using computational models to understand the spread of agriculture to the Tibetan Plateau*

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