

## American Association of Chinese in Toxicology

### ANNUAL REPORT: 2013-2014

May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014

#### I. Officers/Committees:

Officers	2013 - 2014	2014-2015
President:	Edward Chow	Yi Jin
President-Elect:	Yi Jin	Ching-Hung Hsu
Secretary:	Weimin Gao	Xiaoyong (Sherwin) Yan
Treasurer:	Gene Hsu	Ping Peng
Past President	Diana Auyeung-Kim	Edward Chow
Councilors:	Ping Peng	Victoria C Tu
	Sherwin Yan	Xuefeng Ren
PDA Representative:	Xianai Wu	Qiangen Wu
GSLC Representative:	Kathy Xue	Kathy Siyu Xue

#### 2013 – 2014 Committees:

Program Committee Chair: Jin Yi, Ph.D.

Election Committee Chair: Diana Auyeung-Kim, Ph.D., M.B.A.

Awards Committee Chair: Sherwin Yan, Ph.D.

Finance Committee Chair: Gene Hsu, Ph.D.

Membership Committee Chair: Weimin Gao, Ph.D.

SIG-Collaboration Group Representatives: Jin Yi, Ph.D. and Ping Peng, Ph.D.

#### II. Activities:

##### **2014 SOT Annual Meeting Reception:**

The reception was held in Phoenix, Arizona on March 24, 2014. Approximately 200 people were in attendance. Dr. Edward Chow called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Brief verbal reports were provided by various committee chairs or designees. The meeting ended with brief comments from the incoming President, Dr. Jin Yi, following by brief introductions of services available from two contract research organization sponsors (WuXi and Pharmaron).

##### **Awards:**

##### **2014 Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship**

Li-JieFu, M.P.H., PhD, ATS Fellow

SNBL, Senior Director of Business Development and Regulatory Advisor

Lecture Entitled “Career vs. business - personal experience in the US and China”

## **2014 Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award**

Chuanwen Lu (Graduate Student)

Texas Tech University, The Institute of Environ. and Human Health (TIEHH)

Mentor: Dr. Weimin Gao

## **2014 AACT—Charles River Best Abstracts Awardees**

1st Place: Wei Zhang (Graduate Student)

University of Kentucky, Graduate Center for Toxicology

“Mrp1 Protects Against Doxorubicin-induced Cardiotoxicity in vitro”

2nd Place: Yating Chen (Graduate Student)

Texas A&M University, Dept. of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology

“HOXA Transcript at the Distal Tip (HOTTIP) is a Pro-Oncogenic Long Non-Coding RNA in Pancreatic Cancer”

3rd Place: Dingsheng Li (Graduate Student)

University of Michigan, Department of Environmental Health Sciences

“Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Modeling of Cerium Oxide Nanoparticles by Pulmonary Exposure in Rats”

## **2014 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:**

Sponsored AACT/KTAA Career Development Workshop on March 25 - Panelists: Terry Leyden (Navigating the Toxicology Job Market), Victoria Tu (The Industrial Career for Toxicologists), Luoping Zhang (Career Path in Academic Settings). The workshop was organized by Yi Jin (Chair), Diana Auyeung-Kim, Ping Peng, Tao Wang, Wen Zhang, Chris Choi (KTAA).

**Endowment Fund Details:** One award presented in 2014

**Newsletters:** 2 issued (Fall 2013 and Spring 2014)

<http://www.toxicology.org/isot/sig/aact/newsletters.asp>

**Membership:** During the year, membership varied approximately from 230 to 250.

**Teleseminars:** None

**White Papers:** None

**Contributions to SOT website:** Updated AACT Website for 2013 - 2014

**Other Special Interest Group 2013-2014 Activities:**

(1) Worked with other SIG to set up a symposium on “Natural Medicinal Alternatives in Developing Countries”.

(2) Completed the formation of an International Collaboration Task Force (ICTF) which served to facilitate the sending of a delegation with 9 scientists from AACT to attend the 6th national congress of toxicology of Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT-VI) held on November 12-15 in Guangzhou, the third largest city in China with a population over 15 million. CSOT has nearly 9000 members now and this turned out to be their largest conference with about 1,500 people in attendance. Prior to CSOT-VI, the delegates toured the Pharmaceutical Sciences department at Sun Yat-Sen University (informally known as Zhongshan U) on Nov 11 and made a few presentations at the “International Drug Toxicology” symposium organized by that department for us. During CSOT-VI, a total of 8 oral presentations were then made by the delegates with 3 of them given at the “Drug Safety Evaluation” session which had a surprisingly large attendance of nearly 300. Furthermore, 4 AACT delegates visited the “South China Modern Chinese Medicine Park” in Zhongshan, a city with about 3 million people, and had dinner with the city mayor. The delegates felt great about making the scientific exchanges and the new contacts. Already, we have received invitations to participate in drug development symposium and contribute to scientific publications in China.