

American Association of Chinese in Toxicology (AACT)

ANNUAL REPORT: 2014-2015

May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015

I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
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 Tu
	Sherwin Yan	Xuefeng Ren
PDA Representative:	Xianai Wu	Qiabgen Wu
GSLC Representative:	Kathy S. Xue	Kathy Siyu Xue

2014-2015 Committees and Chairs:

Award Committee: Sherwin Yan
Finance Committee: Ping Peng
Membership Committee: Gene Hsu
Nomination/Election Committee: Ed Chow
Program Committee: Gene Hsu and Victoria Tu
International Collaboration Task Force (ICTF): Ed Chow and Gene Hsu
SIG-Collaboration Group Representatives: Ping Peng

II. Activities:

2015 SOT Annual Meeting Reception

The 2015 AACT annual business meeting and reception was held on Monday, March 23, 2015 at Marriott Marquis, San Diego Ballroom B and C, San Diego, CA. Approximately 200 people attended the event. The meeting agenda was as follows:

6:00-6:15 pm: Greeting AACT members
6:15-7:00 pm: Business meeting

- Welcome and opening remarks Yi Jin
- President's report Yi Jin
- Finance report Ping Peng
- Membership report Gene Hsu
- Election report Ed Chow

- Award presentation
 - Appreciation for outgoing board members
 - New president speech
- Sherwin Yan
Yi Jin/Gene Hsu
Gene/Hsu

7:00- 7:15 pm: Sponsor Presentation (5 min each)

- Pharmaron
- WuXi AppTec

7:15- 8:00 pm: Reception

2015 AACT Awards

- **2015 Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship**
 - **Dr. Qin M. Chen, Ph.D.**, Professor of Pharmacology College of Medicine, University of Arizona, “*Translational Control of Oxidative Stress*”
- **2015 Charles River Best Abstracts Awards**
 - The First Place: **Heidi Hsieh**, Graduate Student, Department of Environmental Health, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, “*Zinc Toxicity in Olfactory Neurons: in silico, in vitro, and in vivo studies*”
 - The Second Place: **Zhoumeng Lin**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Computational Comparative Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University, “*Prediction and Comparison of Size-Dependent Biodistribution of Polyethylene Glycol-Coated Gold Nanoparticles in Adult Mice: A Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Model*”
 - The Third Place: **Rui Yu**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Environmental Sciences and Engineering, University of North Carolina, “*Endogenous Aldehydes Are Ubiquitous Sources of Widespread DNA Damage in Mice with DNA Repair Deficiencies*”
- **2015 Jean Lu Student Scholarship**
 - **Marlene T. Kim**, Graduate Student, Center for Computational and Integrative Biology, Rutgers University

2015 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions

AACT sponsored and organized two career workshops:

- **2015 AACT/KTAA Career Workshop 1**
 - Title: “**Current US Job Market for Toxicologists**”
 - Chair: Victoria Tu (Revlon, Inc)
 - Speakers:
 - Jack Yao (US FDA)
 - Matt Liu (Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc)

- Sophie Jia (Chevron Phillips Chemical Company)
 - Time: Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 7:30-9:00AM
 - Location: Convention Center, Room 3
 - Breakfast was served.

- **2015 AACT Career Workshop 2**
 - Title: “**Opportunities for Toxicologists in China**”
 - Chair: Gene Hsu (HEC Pharma Group, China)
 - Speakers:
 - James Yan (Covance China)
 - Yi Yang (Sanofi China)
 - YZ Zhang (GSK China)
 - Yi Jin (Wuxi AppTec)
 - Time: Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 12:00 -1:30PM
 - Location: Convention Center, Room 3
 - A box of lunch was provided.

Endowment Fund Details: One award presented in 2015

Newsletters: Two issues of the AACT Newsletter (Fall 2014 and Spring 2015) were published during the period:

Membership: Total members are 227 as of March 23, 2015, including 124 full/associate/retired, 27 postdoctoral, and 76 students.

Teleseminars:

None

White Papers:

None

Contributions to SOT website: AACT Website for 2014 -2015 was updated

Other Special Interest Group 2014-2015 Activities:

A group of the AACT members attended the 4th Annual Meeting of Drug Toxicology (China) held on Oct 29-31, 2014, at Kunming, China. They included Yi Jin, Gene Hsu, Charles Wang, James Yan, Jack Xie, Joe Zhang, Zhengyu Yin, et al. Yi, Joe and Zhengyu gave oral presentations at the meeting. Yi gave a plenary speech on “Application of transgenic animals in carcinogenicity studies”.