

American Association of Chinese in Toxicology (AACT)

ANNUAL REPORT: 2015-2016

May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016

I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
President:	Yi Jin	Ching-Hung Hsu
President-Elect:	Ching-Hung Hsu	Hanna Ng
Secretary:	Xiaoyong (Sherwin) Yan	Xuefeng Ren
Treasurer:	Ping Peng	Victoria Tu
Past President	Edward Chow	Yi Jin
Councilors:	Victoria Tu Xuefeng Ren	Zemin Wang Robert Li
PDA Representative:	Qiagen Wu	Qiagen Wu
GSLC Representative:	Kathy Siyu Xue	Jinpeng Li

2015-2016 Committees and Chairs:

Award Committee: Xuefeng Ren
Finance Committee: Victoria Tu
Membership Committee: Hanna Ng
Nomination/Election Committee: Yi Jin
Program Committee: Hanna Ng and Robert Li
International Collaboration Task Force (ICTF): Gene Hsu, Jin Yi and Hanna Ng
SIG-Collaboration Group Representatives: Hanna Ng and Zemin Wang

II. Activities:

2016 SOT Annual Meeting Reception

The 2016 AACT annual business meeting and reception was held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Grand Ballroom D, New Orleans, LA. 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 Gene Hsu
- President's report Gene Hsu
- Finance report Gene Hsu
- Membership report Hanna Ng
- Election report Jin Yi

- Award presentation
 - Appreciation for outgoing board members
 - New president speech
- Xuefeng Ren
Gene Hsu/Hanna Ng
Hanna Ng

7:00- 7:10 pm: Sponsor Presentation (5 min each)

- Pharmaron

7:10- 8:00 pm: Reception

2016 AACT Awards

- **2016 Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship**
 - **Dr. Luoping Zhang, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor, Environmental Health Sciences, University of California at Berkeley, *“Using New Approaches to Study Exposures to Toxic Chemicals”*
- **2016 Charles River Best Abstracts Awards**
 - The First Place: **Jinqiu Zhu**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Epidemiology and Environmental Health, University at Buffalo, *“Characterization of Histone Modification and Transcriptional Complexity during MMAsIII-induced UROtsa cell Malignant Transformation”*
 - The Second Place: **Jinpeng Li**, Graduate Student, Genetics and EITS program, Michigan State University, *“2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD)-mediated Alterations of EBF1 in Impaired Early Human B Cell Development”*
 - The Third Place: **Zheng Xu**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Pediatrics, University of Louisville, *“Preventive Effects of Broccoli Sprout Extracts on the Development of Diabetic Cardiomyopathy in db/db T2DM Mice Is Associated with the Up-regulation of Nrf2 Expression and Function”*
- **2016 Jean Lu Student Scholarship**
 - **Xiao Xiao**, Graduate Student, Department of Food Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

2016 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions

AACT sponsored and organized a career workshop:

- **2016 AACT Career Workshop**
- Title: **“Taking Charge of Your Career - Pathways to be a Successful Toxicologist”**
- Chair: Dr. Hanna Ng (SRI International)
 - Speakers: Dr. Tao Wang (Novartis)
 - Dr. Qingdong Karin Ke (Keller and Heckman LLP)
 - Discussion Panelists:

- Dr. Yi Jin, (WuXi AppTec)
- Dr. Gene Hsu (Xgene Pharmaceutical Inc.)
- Dr. Alex Xu (FDA/CDER)
- Date/Time: Tuesday, March 15, 12:15 PM–1:45 PM
- Location: Convention Center, Room: R01
- Boxed lunch was provided.

Endowment Fund Details: One award presented in 2016

Newsletters: Two issues of the AACT Newsletter (Fall 2015 and Spring 2016) were published during the period:

Membership: Total members are 248 as of March 10, 2016, including 171 full/associate/retired, 32 postdoctoral, and 45 graduate students.

Teleseminars:

None

White Papers:

None

Contributions to SOT website: AACT Website for 2015 -2016 was updated

Other Special Interest Group 2015-2016 Activities:

A delegation group of AACT attended the 7th National Congress of Toxicology of the Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT-VII) held on October 25-28 in WuHan, China. During the CSOT-VII, a total of 12 oral presentations were then made by the AACT delegation. Six delegates presented at the “Drug Toxicology-II” session, co-chaired by Yi Jin (AACT past president), which had a large attendance of over 400. Five delegates presented at the “Applications of In Vivo and In Vitro Toxicity Models” session, co-chaired by Gene Hsu (AACT immediate past president) while one delegate presented at the “Food Toxicology & Risk Assessment” session. Three delegates were given travel awards by SOT and AACT (recipients: Zemin Wang, Xiaozhong Yu and Karin Ke).