

American Association of Chinese in Toxicology

ANNUAL REPORT: 2020-2021

May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
President:	Yongbin Zhang	Nan Mei
President-Elect:	Nan Mei	Xi Yang
Secretary:	Weimin Chen	Xiaoqing Guo
Treasurer:	Suk (Cleo) K Leung	Quanshun Zhang
Past President	Tao Wang	Yongbin Zhang
Councilors:	Quanshun Zhang Xiaoqing Guo	Dongying Li Xiefan Fang
PDA Representative:	Hao Chen	Hao Chen
Grad Student Representative:	Zunwei Chen	Shengjie Xu

AACT Award Committee:	Weimin Chen and Yongbin Zhang
SOT Award Committee:	Tao Wang, Nan Mei and Yongbin Zhang
Finance Committee:	Cleo Leung and Quanshun Zhang
SIG-Collaboration Group:	Yongbin Zhang and Xi Yang
Membership Committee:	Xiaoqing Guo and Quanshun Zhang
Program Committee:	Yongbin Zhang and Weimin Chen
Nomination/Election Committee:	Tao Wang, Nan Mei, Cleo Leung and Zunwei Chen
Newsletter/Website Committee:	Hao Chen and Zunwei Chen

II. 2020 Membership total: 239

III. Key Outcomes in 2020-2021:

- A. Held 2020 SOT-AACT Annual Meeting (Virtual) on March 24th, 2021
- B. Organized a SOT-wide AACT/ATA Spring Webinar (COVID-19 related drug/vaccine)
- C. Established a new AACT Award: JOINN Biomere Outstanding Young Toxicologist Award of AACT

IV. Activities:

- A. 2021 SOT Virtual Annual Meeting Activities

2021 AACT Annual Meeting

American Association of Chinese in Toxicology Special Interest Group (AACT) held a virtual annual business meeting at 6:00-7:30 pm (Eastern Time) on March 24th, 2021. The AACT Executive Board reported a series of activities and initiatives from 2019-2021, including nomination for accomplished toxicologists of Chinese origin for SOT awards, AACT Mentor-Mentee match program, regional membership forum, and Outreach activities. The AACT Board also provided updates on the financial status and fund-raising activities, announced AACT

Awardees, introduced current and new board officers, and acknowledged the AACT sponsors during the meeting.

Annual Meeting and Reception Agenda:

6:00-6:15 Welcome & Greetings: Weimin Chen, Yongbin Zhang

6:15-7:15 Business meeting

1. President's report: Yongbin Zhang
2. Finance report: Cleo Leung
3. Election report: Tao Wang
4. Award presentation: Weimin Chen
5. Appreciation for outgoing board members: Yongbin Zhang
6. Incoming President Speech: Nan Mei
7. Sponsor Presentations: JOINN Biomere, Ted Ira

7:15-7:30 Virtual Reception & Closing Remarks: Yongbin Zhang

B. 2021 Awards Information:

Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Award

Ke-Jian Liu, PhD

University Distinguished Professor and Associate Dean for Research
College of Pharmacy, University of New Mexico, New Mexico, USA

Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award

Shengjie Xu

Rutgers University – Piscataway, NJ
Mentor: Joseph Antony Jude, PhD

AACT and InnoStar Best Abstract Award

1st place award - Qian Lin, University of Louisville School of Medicine

2nd place award - Gabriel Tao, University of Houston

3rd place award - Wei-Chun Chou, Kansas State University

C. Other Educational Activities Conducted (e.g., webinars, in person meetings, etc.):

AACT hosted a SOT-wide webinar (co-sponsored by ATA) on May 26th, 2021. Dr. Hanan Ghantous from USFDA/CDER and Dr. Nabil Al-Humadi from USFDA/CBER were invited to present a Covid-19 related topic from toxicology perspectives. The title of the webinar was Overview of Non-Clinical Safety Assessment for Antiviral Drugs and Vaccines Development. The 1.5 hours webinar was well attended (151 attendees).

D. Communication Activities:

1. Newsletter publication frequency: Spring 2020, Winter 2020/Spring 2021
2. New or Significant Announcements/blogs: Announcements of the key activities including the annual meeting, scientific webinars, AACT or SOT awards through the year
3. Highlight of Website enhancements: updated the AACT website through the year. A detailed list of criteria for the new established AACT award “JOINN Biomere Outstanding Young Toxicologist Award of AACT” was updated on the website. Updated two awardees for Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award on the website.

E. Mentoring activities: AACT Mentor-Mentee match program, regional membership forum.

V. **Feedback and Ideas:**

- A. In what ways is your group fostering and maintaining an inclusive environment?

Encourage the AACT members to engage in many activities such as award nominations, outreach activities, mentor-mentee program, and member needs survey. The executive board efficiently communicated with the AACT members by multiple approaches and received the feedback in the groups.

- B. How might SOT better support your group’s activities (perhaps something the Society should be doing that we currently do not do, or do not do effectively, that would be of importance/benefit to the members of your component group?)

SOT did a good job to support AACT’s activities. We had a registration issue for the AACT webinar hosted by SOT. Some AACT members are not SOT members, and these members were not able to register for the AACT webinar. It would be helpful if SOT could change the registration requirements and support all AACT members to participate in this activity.

- C. What is one thing that the Society is currently doing that impacts your component group that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?

None.

- D. What changes do your component group anticipate making in the way in which it operates in the coming year?

None.