



**ANNUAL REPORT: 2021–2022**  
 May 1, 2021, to April 30, 2022

**I. Officers/Committees**

<u>Officer</u>	<u>2021–2022</u>	<u>2022–2023</u>
President:	Nan Mei	Xi Yang
President-Elect/Vice President:	Xi Yang	Kan Shao
Secretary:	Xiaoqing Guo	Dongying Li
Treasurer:	Quanshun Zhang	Xiefan Fang
Past President:	Yongbin Zhang	Nan Mei
Councilors:	Xiefan Fang	Xiaoling (Sharlene) Dai
	Dongying Li	Zhenquan Jia
Postdoctoral Representative:	Hao Chen	Jie (Daniel) Luo
Graduate Student Representative:	Shengjie Xu	Yunqi An

SIG-Collaboration Group:	Nan Mei and Xi Yang
Nomination/SOT Award Committee:	Xi Yang, Nan Mei, and Yongbin Zhang
AACT Award Committee:	Xiaoqing Guo, Dongying Li, Yongbin Zhang, Yi Tan, Xiaoqing Chang, and Xiaoling Dai
Finance Committee:	Quanshun Zhang and Xiefan Fang
Nomination/Election Committee:	Yongbin Zhang, Nan Mei, Xiaoqing Guo, and Shengjie Xu
Newsletter/Website Committee:	Hao Chen and Shengjie Xu
Program Committee:	Xiaoqing Guo and Xi Yang

**II. 2021 Membership total:**  
240

**III. Key Outcomes in 2021–2022:**

- A. Virtually organized a AACT session for the 9<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Asia Toxicology (ASIATOX-IX) held in Hangzhou, China on October 20-23, 2021.
- B. One of AACT nominations (Dr. Yue Cui from University of Washington) received 2022 SOT Achievement Award. AACT Board encourages all toxicologists in Chinese origin to be forthright and proactive in recognizing yourself or your colleagues' accomplishment.
- C. Held 2022 AACT Annual Virtual Meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- D. Drafted an SOT blog for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (the month of May) [SOT Special Interest Group Spotlight: American Association of Chinese in Toxicology](#).

#### IV. Activities

##### A. SOT Annual Meeting Activities (e.g., courses, scientific sessions, receptions):

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, AACT members did not meet in person in 2020 and 2021. Since May of 2021, the AACT Board Members had planned an AACT Reception for the 2022 SOT Annual Meeting (Location: Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina, Pacific Ballroom). Because of the highly transmissible Omicron variant in January of 2022, we conducted a survey on AACT members' interests and preferences for reception attendance. With a small number of responses with interests in attending the in-person reception, AACT Board Members decided to cancel the reception and therefore, to organize a virtual business meeting. AACT held a virtual annual business meeting at 8:00-9:30 pm (Eastern Time) on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The AACT Executive Board reported a series of activities and initiatives from 2021-2022, 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 updated the financial status and fund raise activities, announced AACT Awardees, introduced current and new board officers, and acknowledged the AACT sponsors during the meeting.

##### B. 2022 Awards Information:

###### **WestChina-Frontier PhamaTech Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Award of AACT**

Menghang Xia, PhD

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NIH/NCATS)

###### **Joinn Biomere Outstanding Young Toxicologist Award of AACT** (first awarded in 2022)

Zhoumeng Lin, PhD

University of Florida

Kan Shao, PhD

Indiana University

###### **Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award of AACT** (first time for having two winners in 2022)

Karen Chiu

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Hannah S. Xu

University of Georgia

###### **InnoStar Best Abstract Award of AACT**

1<sup>st</sup> place award – Zimu Wei, Michigan State University

2<sup>nd</sup> place award – Li Xia, Purdue University

3<sup>rd</sup> place award – Chao Ji, Indiana University

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

AACT hosted an SOT-wide webinar (co-sponsored by ATA) on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The title of the webinar was “Overview of non-clinical safety assessment for antiviral drugs and vaccines development.” Dr. Hanan Ghantous from FDA/CDER and Dr. Nabil Al-Humadi from FDA/CBER were invited to present a Covid-19 related topic from toxicology perspectives. (151 attendees).

AACT also tried to organize another webinar on “Researching liver and cardiac cellular systems for drug development applications.” To accommodate SOT's requests for speaker justification,

balanced approach, and co-sponsorship from other special interest groups, it is now planned to be held during the summertime of 2022.

D. Communication Activities:

1. Newsletter publication frequency: Winter 2021 and Spring 2022
2. New or significant announcements/blogs: Announcements of the key activities including the annual meeting, scientific webinars, AACT or SOT awards through the year. In addition, AACT Board encourage all AACT members and non-AACT members to utilize a social networking App “WeChat” for enhancing career development opportunities. Currently, AACT WeChat group has 357 members (vs. about 230 AACT-SOT members).
3. Highlights of website enhancements: Updated the AACT website through the year. With a new sponsor, renamed AACT Distinguished Toxicologist Award to “WestChina-Frontier PharmaTech Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Award” of AACT. Updated to two awardees for Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award on the website.

E. Mentoring Activities: AACT has Mentor-Mentee match program and organizes regional membership forum. AACT originally planned to organize a career workshop during the SOT Annual Meeting and finally, it was held in a hybrid format on June 11, 2022.

V. **Feedback and Ideas:**

A. In what ways is your group fostering and maintaining an inclusive environment? Please give examples of any current practices used to support inclusion in processes such as 1) leadership selection and promotion, 2) award descriptions and selection, and 3) endorsement of proposals for the annual meetings.

AACT Board had its regular monthly meetings with all discussion about AACT activities. Using the AACT/SIG email list and the social networking App “WeChat”, AACT Board efficiently communicated with all AACT members, and encouraged the AACT members to engage all AACT activities such as SOT or AACT award nominations, outreach activities, mentor-mentee program, and board election.

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?):

*Note: If funding is listed, please provide detail on the membership need that the funding would support.*

SOT did a great job to support AACT’s activities.

Only one thing we want to mention again is the registration issue for the AACT webinar hosted by SOT. Because some AACT members are not SOT members, these members are not able to register the AACT webinar.

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.