

# American Association of Chinese in Toxicology

## ANNUAL REPORT: 2018-2019

May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019

### I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
President:	Zengjun Alex Xu	X. Sherwin Yan
President-Elect:	X. Sherwin Yan	Tao Wang
Secretary:	Karin Ke	Xi Yang
Treasurer:	Matt Liu	Qihong Huang
Past President	Hanna Ng	Zengjun Alex Xu
Councilors:	Qihong Huang	Sophie Jia
	Xi Yang	Li Zhan
PDA Representative:	Shuaizhang Li	Zhen Ren
GSLC Representative:	Jun Zhou	Jun Zhou

<b>Award Committee:</b>	Xi Yang and Li Zhan
<b>Finance Committee:</b>	Qihong Huang and Sophie Jia
<b>SIG-Collaboration Group:</b>	Tao Wang, Xi Yang
<b>Membership Committee:</b>	Tao Wang, Li Zhan, and Sophie Jia
<b>Program Committee:</b>	Sherwin Yan and Xi Yang
<b>Nomination/Election Committee:</b>	Alex Xu, Tao Wang, Sherwin Yan, and Li Zhan

### II. 2019 SOT Annual Meeting was held in Baltimore, MD on March 11.

Approximately 250 people were in attendance.

Dr. Yan called the meeting to order at 6:00 – 9:00 PM at Hilton Regency.

#### *Annual Meeting and Reception Agenda:*

5:45 to 6:00: Greeting and gathering

6:00 to 6:40: Business meeting

1. Welcome and opening remarks: Sherwin Yan
2. President's report: Sherwin Yan
3. Finance report: Qihong Huang
4. Election report: Sherwin Yan
5. Award presentation: Xi Yang
6. Appreciation for outgoing board members: Sherwin Yan
7. New President Speech: Tao Wang

6:40 to 7:00: Sponsor Presentation (5 min each)

1. Pharmaron
2. Regeneron

3. L'Oreal
  4. Innostar
- 7:00 to 9:00: Reception

### III. Awards:

Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship - Dr. John (Zhihua) Zhang, Vice President, Research and Development, Immune Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Jean Lu Student Scholarship – Jun Zhou, University of Georgia

InnoStar Best Abstracts Award

*1st place presentation* – Miao Li, Kansas State University

*2nd place presentation* – Yining Jin, Michigan State University

*3rd place presentation* – Yizhong Liu, Texas A&M University

**Endowment Fund Details:** One award (\$1000) presented at the 2019 AACT annual meeting

- IV. **2019 AACT Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lecture.** The event was held before the annual business meeting at 5:00 pm at the Hilton Regency, Baltimore. Dr. John (Zhihua) Zhang, VP of Research and Development at Immune Pharmaceuticals, Inc. presented his work titled “Development of Bertilimumab, an Anti-Eotaxin-1 Human Monoclonal Antibody, for the Treatment of Autoimmune Disease”

V. **2019 SOT Annual Career Workshop:**

AACT hosted a career development workshop at the Hilton Baltimore on March 12, 12:15 PM–2:00 PM.

**Speakers:**

James Bus, PhD, DABT, Fellow ATS

- *Senior Managing Scientist, Exponent*

Ofelia Olivero, PhD, Fellow ATS

- *Chief Intramural Diversity Workforce Branch, NCI*

Judith Zelikoff, PhD

- *Professor, New York University School of Medicine*

- VI. **Newsletters:** Two AACT newsletters (Fall of 2018 and Spring of 2019) were published.

- VII. **Webinars:** AACT hosted a SOT-wide webinar on November 26, 2018. Dr. Ming-Wei Chao, from Taiwan Chung Yuan Christian University, was invited to give a SOT-wide webinar on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The topic title was: PM2.5-Induced Imbalance of Intracellular Reactive Oxygen Species Cause Vascular Dysfunction & Develop Disorder.

- VIII. **Contributions to SOT website:** AACT Website was updated. A detailed list of criteria for AACT Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist with various background (from the Industry, Academia, or Government) was developed and updated in the website.
- IX. **Other Special Interest Group Activities 2018-2019:** Participation in the SIG-Collaboration Group Meetings.