

American Association of Chinese in Toxicology

ANNUAL REPORT: 2017-2018

May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018

I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
President:	Hanna Ng	Zengjun Alex Xu
President-Elect:	Zengjun Alex Xu	X. Sherwin Yan
Secretary:	Xuefeng Ren	Karin Ke
Treasurer:	Victoria Tu	Matt Liu
Past President	Ching-Hung Gene Hsu	Hanna Ng
Councilors:	Karin Ke	Qihong Huang
	Matt Liu	Xi Yang
PDA Representative:	Shuaizhang Li	Shuaizhang Li
GSLC Representative:	Jinpeng Li	Jun Zhou

Award Committee: Karin Ke

Finance Committee: Matt Liu

SIG-Collaboration Group: Alex Xu, Sherwin Yan and Karin Ke

Membership Committee: Sherwin Yan

Nomination/Election Committee: Hanna Ng

Program Committee: Alex Xu

II. Activities:

2018 SOT Annual Meeting Reception was held in San Antonio, TX on March 12, 2018. Approximately 200 people were in attendance.

Dr. Xu called the meeting to order at 6:00–9:00 PM at Grand Hyatt

Annual Meeting and Reception Agenda:

6:00 to 6:15: Greeting and gathering

6:15 to 6:50: Business meeting

Welcome and opening remarks: Alex Xu

President's report: Alex Xu

Finance report: Matt Liu

Election report: Hanna Ng

Award presentation: Karin Ke

Appreciation for outgoing board members: Alex Xu

New President Speech: Sherwin Yan

6:50 to 7:00: Sponsor Presentation (5 min each) 1. Pharmaron 2. Innostar
7:00 to 8:00: Reception

Awards:

Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship - Dr. Mingzhu Fang, Rutgers-Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences Institute

Jean Lu Student Scholarship – Danqi Chen, New York University

Best Abstracts Award

1st place presentation – Jie Ji, Institute of Environmental Medicine Karolinska Institutet

2nd place presentation – Yu-Syuan Luo, Texas A&M University

3rd place presentation – Jingwei Cai, Penn State University

2018 AACT Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lecture. The event was held before the annual business meeting at 5:00 pm at the Hyatt Regency, San Antonio. Dr. Mingzhu Fang presented her work titled “Disruption of Circadian Rhythm and Breast Cancer Development and Progression”

2018 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions: AACT hosted a career development workshop at the Convention Center on March 13, 12:00 PM–1:45 PM.

Speakers:

Dr. Quanshun Zhang (IIVS): Hermeneutic Circle of Biology and Career Development

Dr. Jian Song (L Brands): From Academia to Industry: My Career Path

Dr. George Chang (FDA): Professional Networking & Leadership Skills

Endowment Fund Details: One award (\$1000) presented at the 2018 AACT annual meeting

Newsletters: Two AACT newsletters (Fall of 2017 and Spring of 2018) were published

Teleseminars: AACT hosted its first SOT-wide webinar in November 2017. The webinar was about the Development and Safety Evaluation of Gene Therapy Products, a very hot topic currently in drug safety evaluation. AACT invited Dr. Ying Huang from US FDA/CBER to give a presentation titled “Preclinical Considerations for Gene Therapy Products: An FDA Perspective”.

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Contributions to SOT website:

The AACT website was updated. AACT contributed articles to SOT website. One article reported AACT’s delegation visit to China SOT conference and China FDA, and another article reporting the AACT Career Development Workshop was shared at the Communiqué blog.

Other Special Interest Group 2016-2017 Activities: Participation in the SIG-Collaboration Group Meetings.

AACT organized a delegation group to participate the 8th Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT) in August, 2017. AACT organized a special session on safety evaluation of advanced therapies.

AACT members also had presentations in other scientific sessions in CSOT.

Delegation members: Alex Xu, Sherwin Yan, Matt Liu, Qihong Huang, Robert Li, Ting Su, Yi Jin

This trip was supported by SOT GIF funding.

AACT helped to translate materials for the SOT journal, *Toxicological Sciences*. Upon the request from Dr. Gary Miller, Editor-in-Chief of Toxicological Sciences, and Dr. Wei Zheng, Chair of the SOT Board of Publications, AACT organized a volunteer group including Dr. Xi Yang, Shuangwei Li, and Jian Zhang to translate some of the journal material into Chinese, which was distributed widely in the CSOT meeting.

AACT delegation group visited the Center of Drug Evaluation (CDE), China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) after CSOT meeting. AACT member Alex Xu, Matt Liu, Qihong Huang, Robert Li, and Ting Su gave presentations in a workshop organized by CDE. The delegation group met with the director and deputy directors of the Pharmacology and Toxicology Division and had an after-meeting discussion with CDE reviewers.

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