

NAME OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP:
American Association of Chinese in Toxicology (AACT)

ANNUAL REPORT: 2011-2012

May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012

I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
President:	Jia-Sheng Wang	Diana Auyeung-Kim
President-Elect:	Diana Auyeung-Kim	Edward Chow
Secretary:	John Zhuang	Yi Yang
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	Yi Yang	Lu Cai
	Jiaqin (Jack) Yao	Tim Lam
SAC Representative:	Yu (Janet) Zhang	Weimin Chen
PDA Representative:	Li (Susan) Xu	Xun Zhang
Past-President	James Kang	Jia-Sheng Wang

Committees:

Election Committee Chair: Jia-Sheng Wang

Awards Committee Chair: Edward Chow

Finance Committee Chair: Lu Cai

Membership Committee Chair: Tim Lam

Global Strategy Task Force Representative: Tao Wang

SIG-Collaboration Group Representatives: Diana Auyeung-Kim (Co-Chair) and Tao Wang

II. Activities:

2012 AACT Annual Meeting Reception

Held in San Francisco, CA on March 12, 2012.

Approximately 260 people were in attendance.

Dr. Diana Auyeung-Kim called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm (PST) on March 12, 2012.

Business Meeting Speakers: Diana Auyeung-Kim, Jia-Sheng Wang, Jiaqin (Jack) Yao, Edward Chow

Awards:Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship

James Kang, DVM, PhD, FATS

University Of Louisville

Professor and Distinguished University Scholar, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, School Of Medicine

Lecture Entitled “Strategies for the Selection of Biomarks for Cardiotoxicity in Drug Development”

2012 Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award

Tongde Wu

Graduate Student

University of Arizona

Pharmacology and Toxicology

Mentor: Donna Zhang, PhD

2012 AACT—Charles River Best Abstracts Awardees

1st Place: Tongde Wu, Graduate Student

University of Arizona, Pharmacology and Toxicology

“XBP1 and Nrf2, at the Crossroads of Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress and Oxidative Stress”

2nd Place: Weimin Chen, Graduate Student

Michigan State University, Environmental Toxicology

“Magnitude of Stimulation Dictates the Cannabinoid-Mediated Differential T-Cell Response to HIVgp120”

3rd Place: Bin Sun, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow

Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences, Chemical Safety Science

“Differential p53 DNA damage dose response in human fibrosarcoma HT1080 and lymphoblast AHH-1 cells”

2012 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:

- Sponsored Information Session: Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) in China. J Yao, C Cao, G Hsu, J Gong, J Yan, Z Chen
- Endorsed Workshop: Chemical Standardization of Botanical Medicines for Safe and Effective Use as Therapeutic Agents. M Soni, B Mahadevan
- Endorsed Roundtable: Improving Chemical Safety Assessment through Harmonization: Why, How, and When? H.Lu, MP Holsapple, A Kaplan, MK Manibusan, A Boobis, Y Gao, A Vekic
- Sponsored AACT/KTAA Career Development Workshop: “How to Prepare for a Successful Career”

Endowment Fund Details: One award presented in 2012. No additional contributions were made in 2011-2012.

Newsletters: 2 issued (September 2011 and February 2012)
<http://www.toxicology.org/isot/sig/aact/newsletters.asp>

Teleseminars: None

White Papers: None

Contributions to SOT Web site: Updated AACT Website for 2011-2012.

Other Special Interest Group 2011-2012 Activities:

By-laws revision approved by SOT Council January 2012. Revisions include:

- President-elect, President, and Immediate Past President to be 1 year term (formerly 2 year terms)
- Elimination of 1 Councilor position
- Consistency among SIG-Collaboration Group (non SOT members can be members of SIG and voting rights given to student and postdoctoral representatives and immediate past president).
- Update with current SOT preferred verbiage

Active involvement in achieving SIG tactics set forth by the Special Interest Group-Collaboration Group (SIG-CG) as detailed below

SOT Strategic Map Priority Number 3: Build for the Future of Toxicology

- Map Objective: Strengthen Global Participation and Outreach
 - Tactic: Updated AACT By-Laws to allow for non-SOT members to join SOT SIGs. This will allow for recruitment of non-SOT members into SIGs (targeting non-U.S.-based toxicologists).

SOT Strategic Map Priority Number 4: Enhance Member Engagement

- Promote Mechanisms for Small Group Collaboration and Cooperation
- Tactic: Career Guidance Counseling for Students and Postdocs. AACT and KTAA co-hosted a Career Development Workshop for its members
- Map Objective: Celebrate Member Accomplishments
 - Tactic: Establish a recognition award based on service and achievements in the field of toxicology within each SIG. AACT awarded Dr. James Kang the AACT Distinguished Toxicologist Lecturer Award

SOT Strategic Map Priority Number 5: Strengthen Organizational Effectiveness

- Map Objective: Enhance Communications with and Among Members and Groups
 - Tactic: Distribute newsletter for each SIG by 2012. AACT distributed 2 newsletters in 2011-2012

AACT members have been invited to speak at Chinese Society of Toxicology Section Meetings.