

## **American Association of Chinese in Toxicology (AACT)**

Meeting Minutes: Monday, March 26, 2007, 5:00 pm ET

Westin Hotel, Charlotte, North Carolina

Estimated meeting attendance was approximately 175+.

- 1) **Call to Order:** John Zhang
  
- 2) **Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship and Award Presentation:** James Kang  
“Computational Toxicology and Chinese Mixtures”  
Dr. Raymond S.H. Yang, PhD  
Colorado State University, Center for Environmental Toxicology and Technology
  
- 3) **Welcome and Opening Remarks:** John Zhang

John welcomed all to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual AACT meeting and introduced the following Chinese National Scholars:

1. Dr. Kewen Jin, CEO, Shanghai Bioexplor.
2. Mr. Sean Yu, President, National Shanghai Center for New Drug Safety Evaluation and Research
3. Dr. Zhouhan Hu, Deputy Director, National Shanghai Center for New Drug Safety Evaluation and Research
4. Mr. Kang, Director, Shenyang Chemical Research Institute
5. Mr. Jie Wang, Director, New Drug Safety Evaluation Center, Shenyang Chemical Research Institute.

- 4) **2005-2007 Treasurer’s Report:** Charles Wang

Income: \$9221.21

Expenses: \$2381.99

Balance: \$6839.22

<b>Income (\$)</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Responsible Personnel</b>
440.00	Transferred from ACSOT account	08-Mar-05	Baohong Tian/Charles Wang
3936.21	Transferred from ACTS account	07-Apr-05	Po Chan/Charles Wang
1055.00	Membership due	17-Apr-06	Charles Wang
750.00	Donation from Bridge Pharma	19-May-06	Charles Wang
40.00	Membership due	17-Jan-07	Charles Wang
3000.00	Sponsorship from Novartis	Feb. 2007	Ji Jin/John Zhang

Expense (\$)	Date	Purpose	Requested by	Approved by	Approval Date
83.69	3/15/2005	Making ACTS service award plaque for Po Chan	James Kang	John Zhang	26-Mar-05
1255.44	3/8/05	AACT reception at SOT (total \$3,255.44, SOT paid \$2000)	Charles Wang	John Zhang	19-Aug-05
52.65	9/29/2005	Business name certificate application	Charles Wang	John Zhang	06-Oct-05
93.99	4/14/2006	Making award plaques for AACT best abstract award	John Zhang	Charles Wang	14-Apr-06
100.00	4/14/2006	AACT best abstract award, second place	John Zhang	Charles Wang	14-Apr-06
150.00	4/14/2006	AACT best abstract award, first place	John Zhang	Charles Wang	14-Apr-06
500.00	4/14/2006	2006 Distinguish AACT Scholar Award	John Zhang	Charles Wang	14-Apr-06
146.22	3/6/2006	AACT reception at SOT (total \$2146.22, SOT paid \$2000)	Charles Wang	John Zhang	20-Mar-06

**5) Membership Update: Jiasheng Wang**

2004: 121 Full Members, 26 Postdocs, 40 Students

2006: 56 Full Members

2007: Approximately 80 Members paid to date through SOT

**6) Best Abstracts Awards: James Kang**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Fujun Liu, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Rhode Island

Mentor: Dr. Bingfang Yan

“A Far Enhancer in the Cytochrome P450 3A4 Gene Functions as a High Density-Regulatory Module in Response to the Pregnane X Receptor and Functionally Related Proteins”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Xueqian Wang, Graduate Student, Purdue University

Mentor: Dr. Wei Zheng

“Iron (Fe) Transport Across the Blood-CSF Barrier *In Vitro* as Affected by Manganese (Mn) Exposure”

Awards Committee: Qiyu (Jay) Zhao, Jie Liu, Haizhou (Joe) Zhang

**7) Election Results: James Kang and Ballot Counting Committee**

President Elect: Jia-sheng Wang

Board Members, 1 year term: Charles Wang (appointed Treasurer), Diana Auyeung-Kim (appointed Secretary), Li-jie Fu, Li You

Board Members, 2 year term: Yun Zhang, Zhijie (Jean) Yang

Ballot Counting Committee: Charles Tong, Hanna Ng, and Hong Liang

Remaining Board:

President: James Kang

Past President: John Zhang

To allow for board transition and avoid complete bi-yearly board turnover, board elections will take place yearly and President-Elect bi-yearly. The 2005-2006 Board members that were re-elected will serve one year terms. The 2008 election will consist of

board elections for 3- 2 year term and 1- 1 year term. Additionally, the Board members must be SOT members.

A plaque was presented to John Zhang, Past-President for his contributions to the AACT as President for the past 2 years.

Hanna Ng congratulated the new board members and encouraged AACT members to help the new board with constructive suggestions. Additionally, Hanna suggested that the AACT recruit young members and assist them with their transition to industry.

**8) AACT Society of Toxicology (SOT) Special Interest Group (SIG) Update:** James Kang

Our by-laws have yet to be approved by both the AACT members and SOT; therefore, we are not officially affiliated with SOT. Due to issues raised during the elections, a by-laws committee will be established to further revise the by-laws by July 1<sup>st</sup> at which time we should officially be affiliated with SOT.

**9) Future Plans and New Business:** James Kang

James Kang thanked the members for the high level of interest in AACT. After corresponding with several members, he detailed the plans he would like to accomplish/lay the groundwork for during his tenure as president from 2007-2008.

Establish the following Committees:

- By-Laws Task Force, revise By-Laws by July 1st
- Nominating Committee, Members can not be on the final ballot
- Election Committee, Members can not be on the final ballot
- Membership Committee
- Finance Committee
- Strategic Plan Committee, Members to be Senior Members

Initiatives:

- Drug development outsourcing bridging program
- Establish an International Scholars exchange program
- Endorse SOT Annual Meeting Programs (CE courses, Symposium, Workshops, Sessions)
- Co-Sponsor Worldwide Toxicology Meeting

**10) Open Forum/Member Comments**

A member expressed that the board should also lay out plans to better serve the members, such as notifying members of job opportunities, etc.

A member asked if there was a location to get AACT information.

AACT Website: Current website is located at [www.geocities.com/chinesetoxicologist](http://www.geocities.com/chinesetoxicologist).  
Current AACT E-mail: [chinesetoxicologist@yahoo.com](mailto:chinesetoxicologist@yahoo.com). After formal affiliation with SOT, the AACT website and Email distribution list will be maintained by SOT.

**11) Sponsor Presentation: Novartis**

“Introduction of Novartis China and Opportunities for Chinese Toxicologists”  
Jeff Hazelette, Executive Director