



NEWSLETTER

Letter from the president

Dear AACT Members,

I would like take this opportunity to update you recent AACT activities and various plans moving forward.

The last AACT annual reception held on 24 March 2014 at Phoenix, Arizona was the largest one ever for AACT in terms of attendance; approximately over 200 people attended the reception, reflecting a growth trend for the organization. It should be mentioned that the 2014 AACT-KTAA Career Workshop, despite held in early morning, was also very successful. The workshop attracted more than 80 eager participants on the topics of job and career growth at industry and academia. Three seasoned toxicologists shared their respective experience and knowledge, followed with a roundtable discussion. During the SOT meeting, both old and new board members gathered to discuss and handover the AACT board responsibilities so that AACT traditions can be carried over. Here I would like to thank the old AACT Board for planning and organizing the successful reception and the workshop. My thanks also extend to many volunteers who have provided big helps during the meetings.

After the annual gathering, newly elected board members have held monthly teleconferences to discuss the AACT activities and working plans for the new year. Thanks those who continue serving the board for their dedication and those who joined the board freshly for their energy and enthusiasm. The new Board has completed an update of the AACT website and Annual Report which is required by SOT for SIG (special interest group). The new board has also completed committee assignment and defined focuses of AACT activities in the new year.

In terms of collaborations with mainland toxicologists in China, AACT has encouraged its members attending the upcoming 4th Annual Meeting of Drug Toxicology (第四届药物毒理学年会) to be held at Kun Ming City on Oct 29-31, 2014. The ICTF, established in last year is currently in discussion for a strategy to coordinate AACT members' participation of CSOT's annual congress next year. CSOT has changed its national congress from once every four years to once every two years. Next year the CSOT congress will be held at Wuhan and details will be followed later.

The new board has started gearing up for a peak season of activities next few months including: preparation of two career workshops at annual gathering, a tradition of AACT; the annual fund-raising, a vital part of AACT operations; annual award nomination and selection; annual board member election; a preparation of annual reception which will be held at San Diego on 23 March 2015 during the SOT meeting.

Last and not least, I would like to thank all the sponsors for their support. AACT will continue rely on your support in coming years.

Sincerely,
Yi Jin, PhD, DABT
AACT President

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From left to right: Ching-Hung (Gene), Victoria, Yi, Edward, Xuefeng, Kathy, Qiangen. Not in picture: Sherwin, Ping

AACT Officers (2014-2015)

President: Yi Jin

President-Elect: Ching-Hung (Gene) Hsu

Secretary: Sherwin Yan

Treasurer: Ping Peng

Immediate Past President: Edward Chow

Councilor: Xuefeng Ren

Councilor: Victoria Tu

Postdoc Rep: Qiangen Wu

Student Rep: Kathy S. Xue

AACT Committee Chairs

- Finance Committee: Ping Peng
- Nomination/Election Committee: Ed Chow
- ICTF: Ed and Gene
- Program Committee: Gene and Victoria
- Membership Committee: Gene Hsu
- Award Committee: Sherwin Yan

AACT Treasurer's Report (by Ping)

We are glad to report to our members that AACT is doing very well financially in the past year. As of June 30st 2014, we had a balance of \$33,093 in our general fund and a balance of \$36,443 in the Jean Lu Endowment Fund. Comparing to the same time last year, we saw an increase of 15% and 11% respectively. Needless to say, we wanted to thank all of our members as well as our sponsors. Without you, we won't be able to achieve the financial growth and success as of today. Let's take this opportunity to thank our sponsors again, and they are: Charles River, Wuxi Apptec, Pharmaron, Covance, Wil Research, Shanghai InnoStar Bio-Tech Co, and Wiley.

As we are head to another exciting year for AACT, we wanted to ask our members' support to reach out to your networks and help us to raise additional funding which will provide more financial abilities to allow us to accomplish our goals as an organization. Thanks!

Election Committee (by Ed)

To support AACT's annual election process, a nominating/election committee will be formed over the next month or so to ensure the nominations of new officer candidates. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact the committee chair, Edward Chow, at chow_edward@allergan.com.

International Collaboration Task Force (by Ed)

The International Collaboration Task Force (ICTF) was established in April of 2013. The short-term goals of establishing formal contact with the Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT) and supporting a delegation to attend the CSOT Congress in late 2014 have been achieved. We welcome two new members, Gene Hsu (to replace Yi Jin) and Xuefen Ren, to join the others on this task force (Mingli Chen, Tao Chen, Edward Chow, Zhichao Dang, Karin Ke, Jianxiang Li, Yong Li, Zhengyu Yin). Based on recent discussion within the AACT Board, ICTF will focus on setting up meetings with CSOT representatives at the 2015 SOT conference and explore the possibility of having an AACT delegation to attend the CSOT Congress in 2015 and other collaboration opportunities.

Program Committee (by Gene and Victoria)

The AACT Program Committee has been preparing two exciting career workshops for the upcoming 2015 SOT conference. One will focus on the current US job market; the other will explore various career opportunities for toxicologists in China. The workshops will be comprised of presentations followed by panel discussions that encourage the audience to ask specific questions. The Committee has invited a group of highly successful toxicologists as speaker and discussion panelist. They will share their invaluable career experience in government institutes and a variety of industrial sectors.

AACT Award Announcement (by Sherwin)

It's the time again that the American Association of Chinese in Toxicology (AACT) is inviting members to join the Award Committees and encouraging all to apply for the annual awards. AACT is actively looking for people to join the Award Committees. These Committees will be responsible for the evaluation and selection of the best candidates for the Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award, Best Abstract Award, and Jean Lu Scholarship Award. If you are interested in becoming a member of the committees, please contact the award committee chairperson: Sherwin Yan at xyan1209@yahoo.com.

Also we encourage all members to nominate or apply for the 3 awards: the Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award, the Best Abstract Award, and the Jean Lu Scholarship Award. The award criteria and submission requirements can be found on the AACT website (<http://www.toxicology.org/isot/sig/aact/index.asp>). The deadline is November 15, 2014 for the submission for application for the Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award, and December 15, 2014 for the Best Abstract and Jean Lu Scholarship Awards. Thus please consider submitting your nomination/application at your earliest convenience to Sherwin Yan, at xyan1209@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to 2014 SOT Meeting Award Recipients

Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award



Dr. Li-Jie Fu (Right)
M.P.H., PhD, ATS Fellow
Shin Nippon Biomedical Laboratories, Ltd

Charles River Best Abstracts Award Winners

1st Place



Wei Zhang, Graduate Student
University of Kentucky

2nd Place



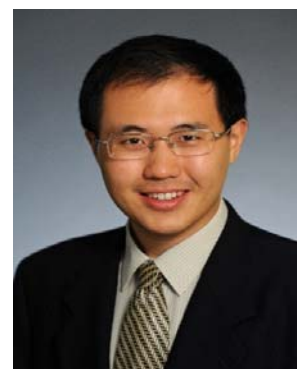
Yating Chen, Graduate Student
Texas A&M University

Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award



Chuanwen Lu, Graduate Student
Texas Tech University

3rd Place



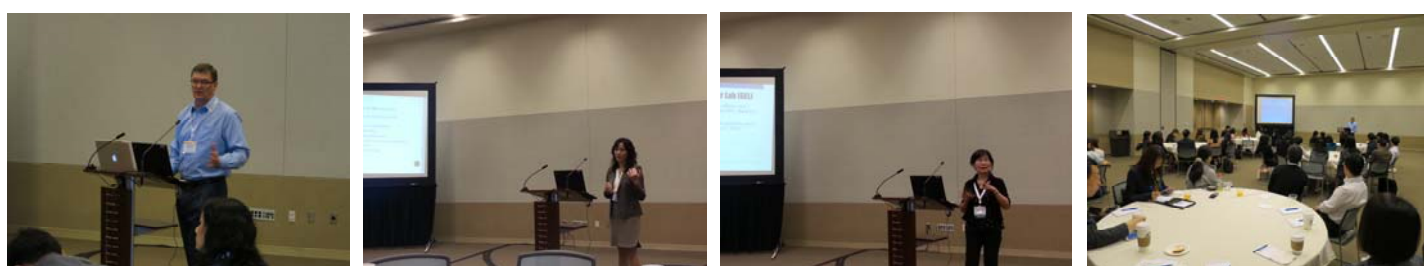
Dingsheng Li, Graduate Student
University of Michigan

2014 AACT Annual Reception



The successful AACT annual reception was held on March 24, 2014 at Phoenix, Arizona. More than 200 people attended the reception.

Career Development Workshop at SOT 2014



2014 AACT/KTAA Career Workshop held on March 25, 2014 with three speakers (from left to right): Terry Leyden, Victoria Tu, Luoping Zhang.

Many Thanks to Our AACT Sponsors



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How to join AACT

To join AACT and SOT, please go to: <http://www.toxicology.org/isot/sig/aact/join.asp>

See you in 2015 SOT Annual Meeting at San Diego, CA

- Distinguished Chinese Toxicology Lecture (Time and place, TBD)
- AACT Annual Business Meeting and Reception (Time and place, TBD)
- AACT/KTAA Career Development Workshop (Time and place, TBD)