

2008 AACT Annual Meeting

When: Monday, March 17th, 2008 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Where: Sheraton Grand Ballroom D, Seattle Washington

Tentative Agenda: 5:00 pm Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship

5:30 pm AACT Business Meeting

6:30 pm Meeting Sponsor Presentations

7:00 pm Reception

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* Term ends in March 2008

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Message from the President

Dear Colleagues:

I have been honored and privileged to serve as the president of the American Association of Chinese in Toxicology (AACT) since March 2007. I cordially invite you to attend the 2008 AACT annual meeting, which will be held in conjunction with SOT, on Monday, March 17th, 2008 from 5 to 8 pm at the Sheraton Grand Ballroom D to celebrate our accomplishments in 2007.

At the 2007 annual meeting, a by-laws task force was appointed. The task force worked extremely hard to take into consideration the interests of all members and the future of AACT to draft the by-laws. The final version of the by-laws, after several revisions between the by-laws task force and the AACT board, was approved by AACT members in August 2007, and adopted by SOT on October 29, 2007, thus overcoming the final hurdle of becoming a SOT-SIG group. As such, AACT has become an official SOT-SIG group and now has the privilege to sponsor proposals for symposia, workshops and continuing education courses for SOT annual meetings and receive tax-exempted donations as a non-profit organization. I strongly encourage all of you to consider for submission of proposals for the 2009 SOT annual meeting and participate fund raising for AACT. Please contact any of the AACT board members if you have any questions.

For the first time, AACT will implement a long-term strategic plan for future function. An AACT strategic plan committee has been working on a draft of 5-years plan for AACT. This draft is now under the discussion by the AACT board. The board will present a final version of the 5-years strategic plan to you during the 2008 AACT annual meeting. A detailed plan for year 2008 will also be presented to you.

We have taken big steps in our outreaching and collaboration efforts with toxicologists in China. Along with scientists in China, the AACT board has been vigorously involved in planning and cosponsoring conferences and training courses in the near future. Some of the conference programs have been finalized and our members have been actively involving in these conferences. Some of these scientists will be attending the AACT annual meeting.

At this year's annual meeting, a Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist lecture will be presented. This is the third year for this lectureship and has highlighted the most notable accomplishment of one of our members each year. As usual, we will also present two awards to the best abstracts selected from graduate student and postdoctoral fellow contestants.

This year's annual meeting will be sponsored by some contract research organizations (CROs) in US and China, which allow us to provide better food selection than cheese and crackers. These CROs will give a short presentation at our meeting so that our members can explore future subcontractors or job opportunities with them.

All of these accomplishments are the result of the collective effort of every AACT member and support from SOT and our sponsors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you and the sponsors and SOT for your sincere support to AACT during the past years. Without your support, AACT is unable to achieve our today's success and our goals tomorrow. You all deserve a big compliment. I thus cordially invite you to attend this year's AACT annual meeting. You will have more chance to interact with colleagues and Chinese delegates and grasp more up-to-date activities of AACT.

I look forward to seeing you in Seattle at an exciting annual meeting of the AACT.

Y. James Kang, Ph.D.

AACT Website

The AACT Website is currently located at: <http://www.geocities.com/chinesetoxicologist>. The website lists the current activities for AACT, By-laws, and Annual and Board Meeting Minutes.

During 2008, the website will be transferred to <http://www.toxicology.org/isot/sig.asp>

Call for Proposals for 2009 SOT Meeting

Dear AACT Members:

While busily preparing for the 2008 SOT annual meeting at Seattle, we remind members of AACT to think, plan, and organize proposals for symposia or workshops for the upcoming 2009 SOT meeting in Baltimore. We would like to receive any suggestions for a symposium or a workshop preferably with titles or suggested speakers before the Seattle meeting. We can discuss and finalize proposals before sending to the SOT program committee, which will usually be due at a month or so after the annual meeting. Please send any suggestions for symposia or workshops to Jia-Sheng Wang (js.wang@tuu.edu) or James Kang (yjkang01@louisville.edu). If you are unable to complete an outline to a symposium but have a suggestion for a topic and/or speakers, these can be forwarded to the above officers, or brought to the AACT business meeting/reception on March 17, 2008 at 5:00-7:30PM for further discussion. Please be aware that SOT will support the travel of one nonmember speaker at a symposium to the meeting

Look forward to seeing you at the business meeting and reception on Monday night.

AACT Board

Announcement for 2008 AACT Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award

Dr. Xinxin Ding has been selected by the AACT Award Committee as the recipient for 2008 AACT Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award. Dr. Xinxin Ding is currently the chief of the Laboratory of Human Toxicology and Molecular Epidemiology at the Wadsworth Center of New York State Department of Health. Dr. Ding also directs the Toxicology graduate program at the School of Public Health, State University of New York at Albany. With background in P450 biochemistry and molecular toxicology, Dr. Ding is interested in applying molecular genetics tools to the studies of human drug metabolism and toxicology. Dr. Ding has been funded by NIH and other agencies to study mechanisms of tissue-specific xenobiotic toxicity, and to identify the genetic variations that predispose human subpopulations to chemical toxicity. His ultimate research goal is to develop better approaches to environmental disease prevention. Dr. Ding will present a lecture to AACT members on Monday afternoon at Seattle SOT meeting.

AACT Award Committee

Election Announcement

We are pleased to announce that Drs. Hanna Ng, Edward Chow, and Yi Jin are elected as AACT councilors for the term of 2008-2010. Let us congratulate them on becoming the new AACT board members. We sincerely thank all candidates, nominees, and AACT members for the participation and support in this year's election.

AACT Election Committee

News

The representatives of Charles River -China, Shanghai BioCorp/National Shanghai Center for Drug Safety Evaluation and Research, and other China CROs will attend and sponsor this year AACT annual meeting and reception. The representatives from those CROs will give a presentation on our annual meeting to introduce the current status of CRO services in China, and job opportunity in those companies.