

President's Message

We were late for the fall newsletter, so we want to make sure we can publish the spring newsletter on time. The committee started to work on it way before I wrote this message. The SOT Annual Meeting is just days away, and the board has been extremely busy during the past few months to ensure we get everything ready.

We elected our new board officers for the next year thanks to Hanna and the Election Committee's excellent work. I have to say that this was one of the most exciting AACT board officer election campaigns I have seen in AACT history. We had 2 young toxicologists run for one Postdoctoral Representative, five experienced toxicologists from industry, academia, and the government run for the two Councilor positions, and two excellent candidates for the President-Elect position. I was so excited to see more and more AACT members express interest in serving for this community, and they have committed to serve no matter if they win or lose. When some of them talked to me about their intentions for running for board officers before the election, I asked them a question: "if you lose, would you still want to run next year?" I got a "yes" from everyone. I believe with the addition of the new officers, we will continue our success in the next year.

Karin put in a lot of effort in organizing the Awards Committee this year. There were 14 AACT members who volunteered to serve on the Awards Committee. We got quite a good number of well-qualified applicants for the Best Abstracts and Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award. The committee spent a lot of time in judging; it was a really difficult decision, but the decision of the Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award was even more difficult. I would like to thank everybody who contributed their time and effort to complete our awardee selection, although this process also reminded us that more work is needed to improve our annual awards management system.

With the SOT Annual Meeting approaching, the board is examining all details to make sure we have a good AACT reception. Hanna, again, will take care of the food ordering, which is not an easy job. When she asked me to take a look at the menus, I had no idea what anything was; I could not even make a choice. Sherwin and Xi are working on the preparation for the Career Development Workshop, which I hear is going really well. Xi was everywhere



Event Board

2018 AACT Annual Business Meeting and Reception

March 12, 6:00 PM–9:00 PM
Grand Hyatt
Texas Ballroom D-E

2018 AACT-SIG Career Development Workshop

March 13, 12:00 PM–1:45 PM
Convention Center
Room 213



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Dr. Z. Alex Xu, PhD, DABT

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during the past year. While I was writing this message, she was working with Shuai and Jun on the newsletter and AACT poster. You won't see her this March because she is expecting a new baby this April, but you will definitely see her next year in at SOT as our Secretary. We hope she can bring her baby when we see her in Baltimore.

We have to mention the fundraising at the end of this message. It is not easy to fundraise nowadays, but our fundraising is even better than last year. Both Matt and Qihong deserve a loud applause. On behalf of AACT, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the sponsors.

I cannot wait to meet you guys at SOT. I know some of you may not be able to come to San Antonio. But if you come, you are sincerely invited to join us at the AACT Reception on Monday, March 12th. After SOT, I will hand the president position to Sherwin and become the immediate past president. Sherwin will lead the board to achieve our new goals. Sadly, Hanna, Matt, Karin, and Shuai will retire from the board; however, I know they will stay with the AACT and help the AACT from different sides.

By leading and working with the AACT board during the past year, I have learned a lot and put in a lot of thoughts during all these events. This experience is a treasure to me and will help me in all aspects in the future. I encourage everybody who is interested or curious about this experience to consider running for an AACT position next year.

While I was finishing this message, my colleagues came in to tell me that they have posted spring festival couplets on my office door. The Spring festival is coming, the board and I wish you and your family Happy Chinese New Year (新春快乐).

Z. Alex Xu

Current AACT President



2018 AACT-SIG

Career Development Workshop

Chair: Dr. Sherwin Yan
(Honeywell)

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**
(Boxed lunch provided)

AACT Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Presentation

Title: **Disruption of Circadian
Rhythm and Breast Cancer
Development and
Progression**

Dr. Mingzhu Fang, Recipient
of AACT Distinguished
Chinese Toxicologist

March 12, 5:00 PM–6:00 PM
Location: Grand Hyatt Texas
Ballroom D-E

2018 AACT New Officers



President-Elect: Tao Wang, MD, PhD, DABT
Director of Toxicology
Achaogen, Inc.



Councilor: Li Zhan, MD, PhD, DABT
Study Director
SNBL (Drug Safety Research Laboratories)

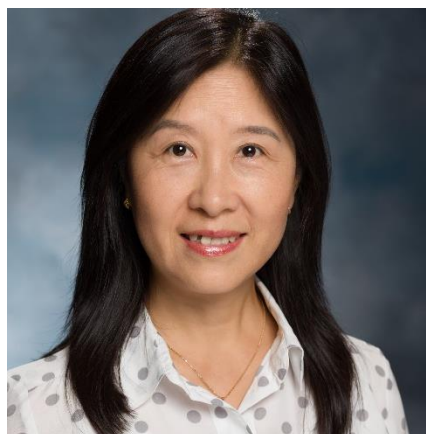


Councilor: Sophie Jia, MD, PhD, DABT
Senior Toxicologist, Product Safety
Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, LP



Postdoc Representative: Zhen Ren, PhD
ORISE Fellow at FDA

2018 AACT Awardees



**Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist
Dr. Mingzhu Fang, MD, PhD, DABT
Assistant Professor
Rutgers -School of Public Health
EOHSI – Toxicology**



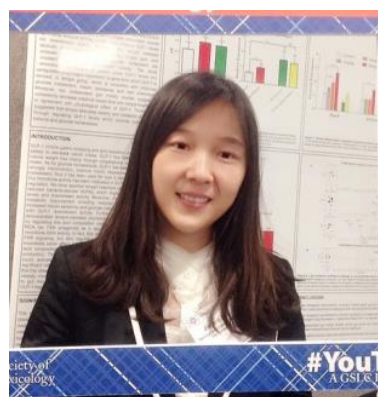
**Jean Lu Award: Danqi Chen
Environmental Medicine
Department, New York University**



**Best Abstract Award 1st Place
Jie Ji
Karolinska Institutet, Sweden**



**Best Abstract Award 2nd Place
Yu-Syuan Luo
Veterinary Integrative Biosciences
Department, Texas A&M University**



**Best Abstract Award 3rd Place
Jingwei Cai
Department of Veterinary and Biomedical
Sciences, Penn State University**

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Past President: Hanna Ng

Treasurer: Matt Y. Liu

Secretary: Karin Ke

Postdoc representative: Shuaizhang Li

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