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Message from the President

Dear Colleagues:

The SOT-SIG American Association of Chinese in Toxicology (AACT) 2009 annual meeting is approaching. As the president of AACT, I cordially invite you to attend this year's annual meeting and reception, on Monday, March 16th from 6:00 – 8:30 PM, in Hilton Hotel Key Ballroom 3 & 4.

There are many accomplishments and initiatives for AACT in 2008. AACT now has established its organizational structures. The implantation of its 5-year strategic plan has been taken place with excelled progress. I believe you will, perhaps already, see these changes in our organization.

Our first 5-year strategic plan was approved right after the 2008 annual meeting, followed by a vigorous action of implantation, including:

Standing committees have been established, including Membership Committee, Finance Committee, Program Committee, and Strategic Committee, in addition to the existing Nominating Committee and Awards Committee.

Extensive effort has been devoted to membership drive and AACT is now one of the largest organizations among all SOT-SIG groups, only second to the Women in Toxicology group.

Our fundraising has been extremely successful. We have received over $20,000 sponsorship support. Our annual meeting reception will be an excellent showcase.

An AACT-Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award Fund of $25,000 was established. Thanks to Dr. Frank Lu for his generous donation and the SOT endowment match fund.

The 2009 AACT Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lecture will be presented at a dedicated time that will be more convenient to a broader audience. It will be presented on Monday, March 16th, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM in Hilton Hotel Holiday Ballroom 4. This year's recipient of the award is Dr. Serrine S. Lau. I strongly encourage you to attend this lecture presentation and award ceremony.

These are only a few highlights for the achievement of AACT in 2008. There are many more that will be announced at the 2009 annual meeting. All of these accomplishments are the result of the collective effort of every AACT member. You all deserve a big compliment. I thus cordially invite you to attend this year's AACT annual meeting and reception. Let's celebrate together and this is a great opportunity for you to interact with your colleagues and Chinese delegates and to grasp more up-to-date activities of AACT.

Y. James Kang, Ph.D.

2009 Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award

When: Monday, March 16th, 2009, 12:00 Noon-1:00 PM

Where: Hilton Baltimore Hotel, Holiday Ballroom 4

Dr. Serrine S. Lau, professor and director at the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology and Southwest Environmental Health Sciences Center, University of Arizona, is the recipient of

AACT 2009 Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award. The title of Dr. Lau's lecture is: Proteomics in Biomarker Discovery: Diagnostics, Prevention, and Intervention.

2009 AACT Annual Meeting/Reception Agenda

When: Monday, March 16th, 2009, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Where: Hilton Baltimore Hotel, Key Ballroom 3 & 4,

Agenda for Business Meeting and Reception

Welcome and Opening Remarks: James Kang

- Introducing sponsor representatives
- Introducing current board members
- President Report

2009 Election Announcement: John Zhang

Secretary's Report: Jean Yang

Treasurer's Report: Yun Zhang

Membership Committee report: Ed Chow

Program Committee report: Hanna Ng

Best Abstract Award Presentation: Jia-Sheng Wang

Appreciation for outgoing board members: James Kang

Closing remarks: Jia-Sheng Wang

Presentation of Sponsors

Reception

2009 AACT-CRL Best Abstract Awards

Twenty abstracts were received by the Award Committee. After reviewed by seven independent reviewers, Dr. Yuehui Wang at the School of Medicine, University of Louisville is the recipient for the Best Abstract (First Place). The abstract title is "Activation of GSK-3β plays a critical role in diabetes-related changes in cardiac energy metabolism, lipid accumulation, inflammation, and remodeling: metallothionein prevention via Akt2 preservation".

Ms. Li Yang at the University of Nebraska Medical Center is the recipient for Best Abstract (Second Place). The abstract title is "Novel serum biomarkers for assessing breast cancer risk: results from a case-control study in USA".

2009 AACT Election Results

The Nomination Committee is pleased to inform you that 2009 AACT election has come to a conclusion.

The results are:

President-Elect:	Diana Auyeung-Kim
Board Members:	Peter Mu and John Zhuang
Postdoctoral Representative:	Janet Zang
Student Representative:	Li Xu

Congratulations to All!

AACT 2009 Nomination Committee

Call for Recognition of Member Recruiters

Dear AACT members,

Thank you for choosing American Association of Chinese Toxicologist (AACT) as your Special Interest Group in SOT. Since established in October 2007, we have seen a large membership increase as a result of your interest and support.

In order to appreciate those who helped in recruiting new members, the AACT membership committee has decided to give them a special recognition at the upcoming 48th SOT Annual Meeting in Baltimore. We need your help to identify the people who have made this contribution and give them the recognition they deserve.

If you have invited someone to join AACT and that person has actually joined subsequently, please self nominate and provide us the name of the person you recruited,

OR, if you have joined AACT because someone has told you about this group and encouraged you to become a member, please nominate that person.

Everyone who has contributed to the recruitment of one or more members will be given a small token of appreciation at our upcoming annual meeting. Please send the name of your nominee(s) to Dr. Edward Chow, the chair of AACT membership committee at chow_edward@allergan.com

with a copy to Dr. Jean Yang, the secretary of AACT at jeanzjyang@yahoo.com. Please note that the deadline for nomination is March 10, 2009.

Regards,
AACT 2009 Membership Committee

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Current AACT Committees and Committee Chairpersons

Award Committee: Jia-Sheng Wang

Finance Committee: Yun Zhang

Membership Committee: Edward Chow

Program Committee: Hanna Ng.

Nomination Committee: John (Zhihua) Zhang

Strategic Planning Committee: Y. James Kang

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AACT Website

AACT (SOT SIG) website is set up at http://www.toxicology.org/isot/sig/aact/index.asp. Please visit!

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