



President's Message

Dear colleagues:

As the president of AACT, I am very pleased to send this message to inform you the activities our board members have been engaged in and the progress we have made since May 2009.

The board as well as our six committees have been working very hard to achieve goals set up for 2009-2010, which include: to achieve a total number of the AACT-SOT-SIG membership more than 220, to reach our fundraising at the same or higher level than 2008-2009; to establish our own mentorship program; to sponsor or co-sponsor more than two scientific conference or training programs; and to publish 3 issues of Newsletter. Up to now, we have completed AACT website update with headquarter of Society of Toxicology (SOT); we have endorsed and sponsored three proposals for the upcoming 2010 SOT annual meeting; we have developed our mentorship programs; and moreover, each of our six committees has developed its own work plan for at least one year. I am very proud to inform you that our organization is able to provide high quality service to our members.

To improve outreach and cooperation with Chinese toxicologists, 7 current members of AACT-SIG attended the fifth National Congress of Chinese Society of Toxicology held in Guiyang City, Guizhou Province, China on August 10-13, 2009, and 3 members were invited to give plenary lectures.

In this newsletter, our committees will provide the update on their activities. As all of us know, it is the time for submitting abstracts for 2010 SOT annual meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah. I would like to strongly encourage our members to submit abstracts to the Program Committee of SOT and plan to attend the annual meeting. I would also like to strongly encourage our student and postdoctoral members to submit their abstracts to AACT Award Committee for competition of the AACT-Charles River Best Abstract Award and the Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award. In addition, I would like to encourage our members to submit nominations for competing 2010 AACT Distinguished Chinese Toxicology Lecturer.

I am looking forward to your support and working with you all.

Jia-Sheng Wang

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Call for Sponsorship

It is the time again that AACT seeks corporate and individual sponsorships for its upcoming annual meeting during the 49th SOT meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah in March 2010. AACT represents the largest organization of oversea Chinese toxicologists. Its members include senior toxicologist, professor, graduate student and postdoctor in every area of toxicology. The AACT annual meeting has been well attended by its members and others, as well as sponsors, and represents a single best opportunity for sponsors to meet talents and seek business. Representative of sponsor will have opportunities to chat with a large group of SOT/AACT members and to introduce sponsor's organization. Interested sponsors shall contact Dr. Yi Jin, Treasurer of AACT, at DrYi.Jin@Novartis.com or Dr. Peter Mu at stone_mu@hotmail.com.

Member Recruiter Awards

The AACT Membership Committee needs your help to continue to increase our membership and has added monetary awards of up to \$25 as token of appreciation. For each member candidate you nominate, your name will be entered once into a drawing to win one of the two \$25 gift cards. Furthermore, if your nominee actually becomes a member, your name will be entered into another drawing to win one of two other \$25 gift cards. The drawing will be conducted at the 2010 AACT Annual Meeting, but you don't need to be present to win. The more people you nominate, the greater chance you can win! Please submit your nomination to John Zhuang at: jzhuang1@its.jnj.com, by November 15, 2009.

AACT Awards

AACT is pleased to offer the following awards for 2010:

- AACT/Charles River Best Abstracts Award. Graduate students or postdoctoral fellows of Chinese descent who will be presenting a poster/platform presentation at the 2010 SOT annual meeting can compete for one of 3 awards (\$200, \$300, or \$500).
- Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award. One award (\$1,000) will be presented to a qualified graduate student of Chinese descent.
- Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award (\$1,000). Please nominate one of your peers who has contributed significantly to the science of toxicology and is exemplary in his/her professional life for this award. Awardee will present a 30 minute lecture at the 2010 SOT annual meeting.

Award Deadline is January 1, 2010. Please submit your info to Diana Auyeung-Kim (taedi0611@gmail.com or 775-232-7380). Additional award criteria & requirements can be found at www.toxicology.org/isot/sig/aact/criteria.asp



News from SOT Postdoctoral Assembly (PDA)

PDA is looking for volunteers to serve as postdoc reps on the following groups:

Regional Chapters: Northland & Southeastern

Specialty Sections: Biological Modeling, Comparative & Veterinary, Ethical, Legal & Social Issues, Food Safety, Regulatory and Safety Evaluation

Please e-mail Lauren Aleksunes (PDA Councilor) at lauren.aleksunes@gmail.com if you are interested in serving as a representative for one of these groups.

For news & opportunities for postdocs, please watch the PDA page at www.toxicology.org/ai/spd/PD.asp

National Congress of Chinese Society of Toxicology

The fifth National Congress of Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT) was held in August 10-13, 2009 at Guiyang City, Guizhou Province, China. Seven current AACT-SOT-SIG members attended the Congress: Mingli Chen, Lijie Fu, Charles Y. Wang, Jia-Sheng Wang, Brian J. Xu, Haizhou Zhang, and Jay Q. Zhao. Lijie Fu, Jia-Sheng Wang, and Jay Zhao were invited to give plenary lectures and Charles Wang gave a platform presentation. During the congress, Dr. Lijie Fu was elected as one of the vice presidents of CSOT and Drs. Wei Zheng and Mingli Chen were elected as the board member of CSOT. Let us congratulate them!