



NEWSLETTER

Spring 2015

Letter from the president

Dear AACT Members,

We are quickly approaching the time of the year for AACT members to gather at the annual SOT conference. Sunshine in San Diego could not be a better excuse for each of us to take a break.

In the last couple months, AACT board members have been actively working on several agendas. The Award committee led by Sherwin Yan has completed the process of nomination, evaluation and finalization on various AACT awards, including Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award, Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award, and Best Abstract awards. Each of these awards represents the AACT objectives for recognizing outstanding Chinese toxicologists from all the toxicology fields. I invite you to attend the lectureship presentation to be held on Monday, March 23th, at 5:00 pm at the Marriott Hotel, which will then be followed by the annual AACT business meeting and reception

This year for the first time, we have planned two career workshops for our members: one focused on the US job market for toxicologists and the second on opportunities in China for toxicologists. Victoria Tu and Gene Hsu have led the effort. Career workshops have become a main attraction for our members in recent years. In the last three years, attendees for each of the three annual career workshops exceeded our expectations. Last year, we had more than 80 people attend the workshop, one of the most successful events for AACT. Attendees included not only graduates and young toxicologists but also many seasoned toxicologists. The workshop provided an ideal platform for exchanging job information and work experiences at different industries or different job levels. China has become a new emerging place attracting many returnees. I am included in this category, having returned to China last year. Many people eagerly want to know what is going on in China for toxicologists. This time, we are specifically holding a workshop focused on the China market. We have invited a few returnees who have been working at Chinese CROs or multinational pharmaceutical companies to share their experiences with us.

We have just completed this annual AACT board election with newly elected President-elect, two new councilors, and one new student representative. AACT board members have been rotating yearly, which provides wonderful opportunities for our members to be involved with the organization and to serve members.

The finance committee led by Ping Peng has been working very hard to seek sponsorships from various organizations. Last year, we made a record in fund-raising, making it challenging this year to match last year's amount. I encourage each of our members to promote AACT through your personal network and seek sponsorships from your company. It is crucial for AACT to obtain adequate funding in order to uphold its missions and objectives.

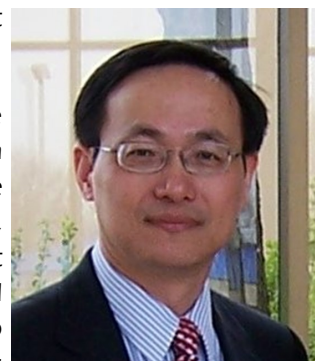
Finally, I hope to see you all at our annual meeting and reception on Monday evening at 6:00-8:00PM. Let's have good time for fun and our friendship. This is a once a year gathering and celebration, don't miss it!

Sincerely,

Yi Jin, PhD, DABT
AACT President

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



2015 AACT Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Presentation

Dr. Qin M. Chen
Professor of Pharmacology
University of Arizona College of Medicine
Lecture title: Translational Control of Oxidative Stress
Time: Monday, March 23, 2015, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Location: Marriott Marquis, San Diego Ballroom B and C

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2015 AACT/KTAA Career Workshop 1

Title "Current US Job Market for Toxicologists"

Chair: Victoria Tu (Revlon, Inc)
Speakers: Jack Yao (US FDA)
Matt Liu (Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc)
Sophie Jia (Chevron Philips Chemical Company)
Time: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 7:30-9:00AM
Location: Convention Center, Room 3
Breakfast will be served.

2015 AACT Career Workshop 2

Title "Opportunities for Toxicologists in China"

Chair: Gene Hsu (HEC Pharma Group, China)
Speakers: James Yan (Covance China)
Yi Yang (Sanofi China)
YZ Zhang (GSK China)
Yi Jin (Wuxi AppTec)
Time: Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 12:00 -1:30PM
Location: Convention Center, Room 3
A box of lunch will be provided.

Congratulations to the 2015 AACT Award Recipients!

Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award



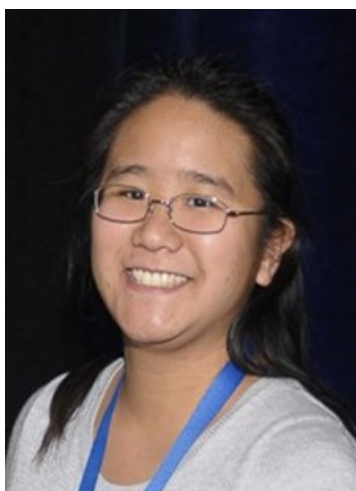
Dr. Qin M. Chen
Professor of Pharmacology
College of Medicine
University of Arizona

Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award

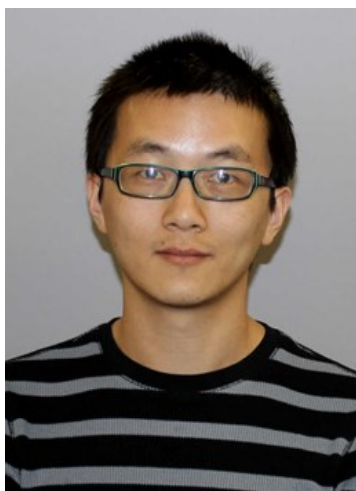


Marlene T. Kim
Department of Chemistry
Rutgers University

Charles River Best Abstracts Award Winners



1st Place
Heidi Hsieh
University of Cincinnati

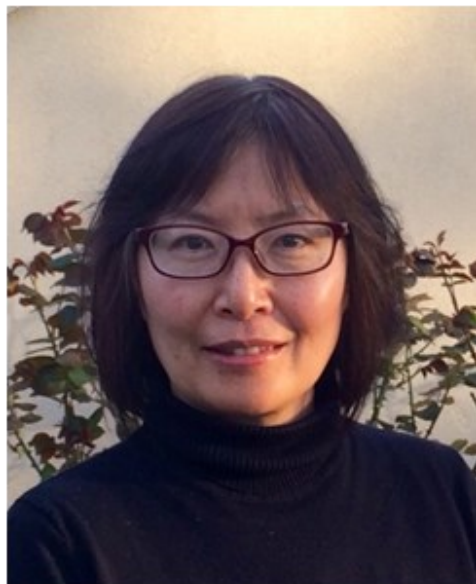


2nd Place
Zhoumeng Lin
Kansas State University

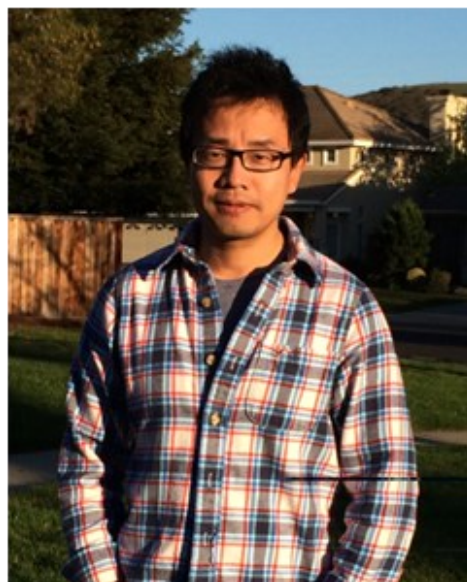


3rd Place
Rui Yu
University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill

Congratulations to the Newly Elected AACT Officers!



President-Elect
Hannah Ng
SRI Biosciences



Councilor
Robert Li
Genentech



Councilor
Zemin Wang
Indiana University



Student Representative
Jinpeng Li
Michigan State University

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 (Newsletter editor)

Student Rep: Kathy S. Xue (Newsletter editor)

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AACT Committees (2014-2015)

- 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

The 4th Annual Meeting of Drug Toxicology, China

The 4th Annual Meeting of Drug Toxicology was held last October at Kunming, China. Around 600 representatives came from a total of 51 various research institutions, companies and universities, with a total of 378 presentations and abstracts. During the first and the last half day, there were 18 plenary speeches covering topics including progress and the development of the new chemical drugs, risk management and control for traditional Chinese medicine and biotechnology drug development, research progress toxicity biomarkers, Chinese GLP laboratory situation, etc. During the 2nd and 3rd day, the meeting broke into four symposium sessions of general toxicity, safety pharmacology and drug pharmacokinetics, CMR and associated mechanisms and quality assurance.

This meeting witnessed years of hardship and difficulty in development of drug toxicology in China, but more clearly seen was the tremendous progress in research in anticancer drugs targeted therapy, transgenic and humanized animal model, application of stem cells culture in vitro, toxicokinetics and pharmacokinetics, clinical biomarkers for liver, kidney and cardiac toxicity and GLP quality assurance.

AACT representatives Yi Jin, Joe Zhang and Zhengyu Yin presented at the meeting. Yi gave a plenary speech on "Application of transgenic animals in cancer studies". Other AACT members attending the meeting include Gene Hsu, Charles Wang, James Yan, Jack Xie etc. They had deep discussion and exchanged ideas with other toxicologists. The 5th Annual Meeting of Drug Toxicology (China) will be held on June 29 to July 2nd at Haikou, in Hainan Island. **(by Zhengyu Yin)**

Many Thanks to Our AACT Sponsors!



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