



NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the president

Dear AACT members,

It is with great excitement that I report to you the successful AACT delegation for the 7th National Congress of Toxicology of the Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT-VII) held on October 25-28 in WuHan, China. CSOT has over 10,000 members and CSOT-VII turned out to be one of their largest conferences with about 1,500 people in attendance.

During the CSOT-VII, a total of 12 oral presentations were then made by the AACT delegation. Six delegates presented at the "Drug Toxicology-II" session, co-chaired by Yi Jin, which had a large attendance of over 400. Five delegates presented at the "Applications of In Vivo and In Vitro Toxicity Models" session, co-chaired by myself while one delegate presented at the "Food Toxicology & Risk Assessment" session. Three delegates were given travel awards by SOT and AACT (recipients: Zemin Wang, Xiaozhong Yu and Karin Ke). The delegates felt great about making the scientific exchanges and new contacts. One of our members, Professor Zhou Pingkun is the current President of CSOT who has always been a strong supporter for the collaborations between AACT and CSOT. With his backing, I anticipate further collaborations with CSOT in the foreseeable future.

At upcoming SOT, we will continue our successful career workshop on Tuesday, March 15 at 12:15-1:45. There will be seminars and panel discussions. Based on my past experiences, the workshop will be informative and beneficial for graduate students, postdocs, young toxicologists, and even for experienced scientists. I encourage you to attend the event.

In addition, remember to mark your calendar for the AACT Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lecture on Monday, March 14 at 5:00-6:00 and the AACT annual meeting and reception at 6:00-9:00. It would be a wonderful opportunity to chat with each other. I look forward to seeing you all there!

All the Best,

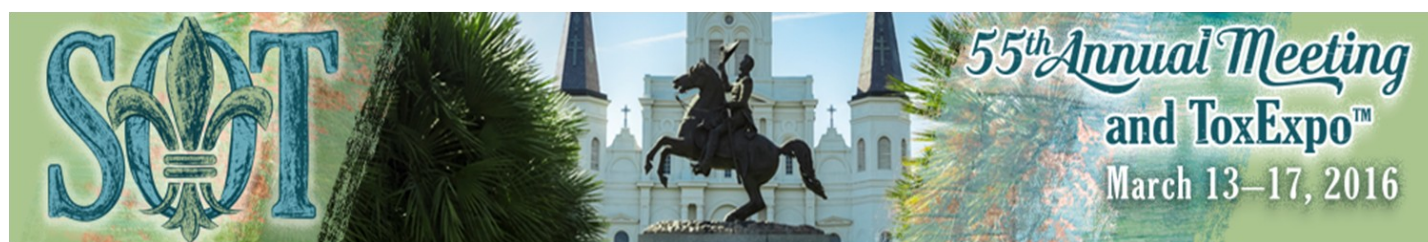
Gene Hsu, PhD, DABT
AACT President

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See You in 2016 SOT Annual Meeting at New Orleans, Louisiana



2016 AACT Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Presentation

Title: Using New Approaches to Study Exposures to Toxic Chemicals

Dr. Luoping Zhang
Adjunct Professor, Environmental Health Sciences
Associate Director, Genes & Environment Laboratory &
Benzene Health Effects Program
University of California at Berkeley

Time: Monday, March 14, 2016, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Location: Hilton New Orleans Riverside (Headquarters)
Room: Grand Ballroom D

2016 AACT Annual Business Meeting and Reception

Time: Monday, March 14, 2015, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: Hilton New Orleans Riverside (Headquarters)
Room: Grand Ballroom D

2016 AACT-SIG Career Development Workshop:

“Taking Charge of Your Career -

Pathways to be a Successful Toxicologist”

Chairperson: Dr. Hanna Ng (SRI International)

Speakers: Dr. Tao Wang (Novartis)
Dr. Karin Ke (Keller and Heckman LLP)

Discussion Panelists:

Dr. Yi Jin, (WuXi AppTec)
Dr. Gene Hsu (Xgene Pharmaceutical Inc.)
Dr. Alex Xu (FDA/CDER)

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 12:15 PM–1:45 PM

Location: Convention Center, Room: R01

Boxed lunch will be provided.

Congratulations to the 2016 AACT Award Recipients!

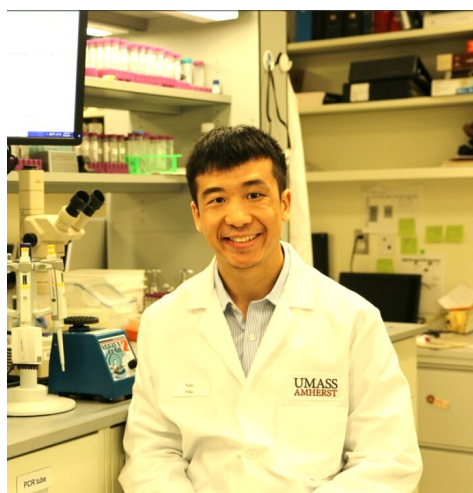
Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award



Dr. Luoping Zhang

*Adjunct Professor, Environmental Health Sciences
Associate Director, Genes & Environment Laboratory &
Benzene Health Effects Program
University of California at Berkeley*

Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award



Xiao Xiao

*Department of Food Science
University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

Charles River Best Abstracts Award Winners



1st Place

Jinqiu Zhu
University at Buffalo



2nd Place

Jinpeng Li
Michigan State University



3rd Place

Zheng Xu
University of Louisville

Congratulations to the Newly Elected AACT Officers!



President-Elect

Zengjun (Alex) Xu
US FDA/CDER



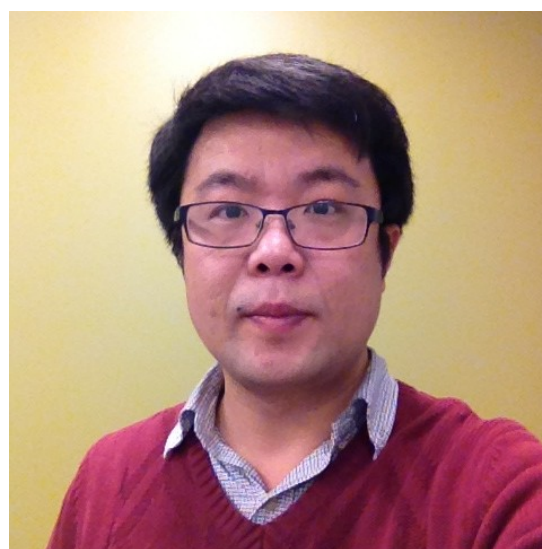
Councilor

Karin Ke
Keller and Heckman LLP



Councilor

Matt Y. Liu
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals



Postdoctoral Representative

Shuaizhang Li
NCATS /NIH

AACT Officers (2015-2016)

President: Ching-Hung (Gene) Hsu
President-Elect: Hanna Ng
Secretary: Xuefeng Ren
Treasurer: Victoria Tu
Immediate Past President: Yi Jin
Councilor: Zemin Wang
Councilor: Robert Li
Postdoc Rep: Qiangen Wu (Newsletter editor)
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AACT Committees (2015-2016)

- Award Committee: Xuefeng Ren
- Finance Committee: Victoria Tu
- ICTF: Yi Jin, Hanna Ng, Gene Hsu and Zemin Wang
- Membership Committee: Hanna Ng
- Nomination/Election Committee: Yi and Hanna
- Program Committee: Hanna Ng and Robert Li

The 7th National Congress of Toxicology of the Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT-VII)

AACT delegates received SOT travel fund for attending CSOT-VII



Karin Ke

Keller and Heckman LLP



Xiaozhong (John) Yu

University of Georgia



Zemin Wang

Indiana University

The 7th National Congress of Toxicology of the Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT-VII)

Report of AACT delegate team to CSOT-VII (by Zemin Wang, MD, PHD, DABT)

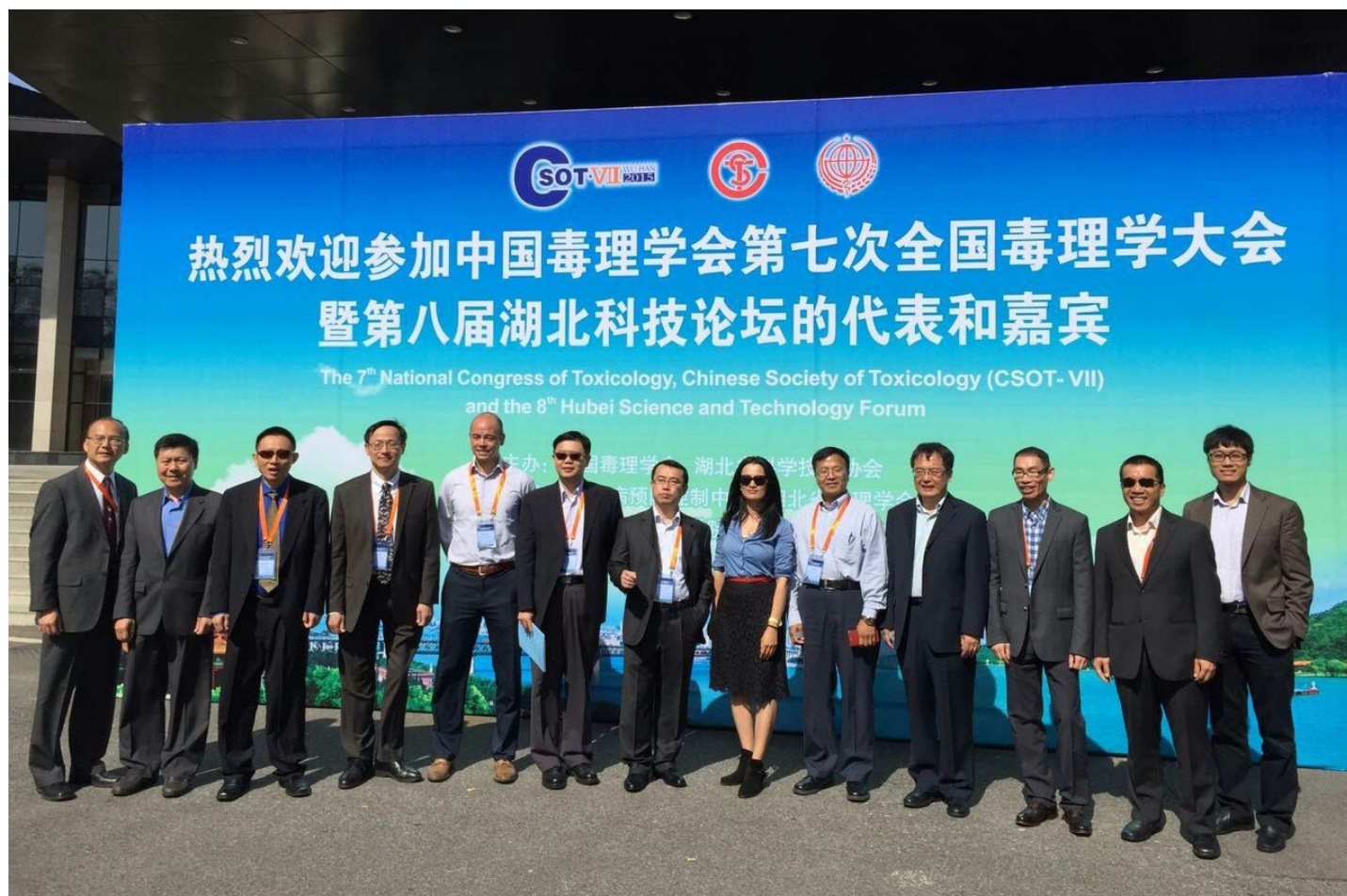
Located in central China, Wuhan is a historical and culturally rich city with plenty of scientific research opportunities. Tourists and academics alike, travel to Wuhan to visit its beautiful monuments, including the famous Yellow Crane Tower. Wuhan, China was home to the 7th National Congress of Toxicology (CSOT-VII), which brought together the most acclaimed scientists and leading experts in the field of toxicology to this Hubei region, from October 25th-28th, 2015.

With generous support provided from the SOT and AACT in the form of three Global Initiative Travel Awards, the American Association of Chinese in Toxicology (AACT) sent 14 toxicologists, including the current AACT president *Gene (Ching-Hung Hsu)*, two past presidents *Yi Jin*, and *Ed Chow, Qingdong (Karin) Ke, Charles Zhang, Ming H Kung, Shaoyu Zhou, Matt Liu, Xiaozhong (John) Yu, Jianxun Xie, Can Jin, Charles Wang, Yun Zhang* and myself, *Zemin Wang*, to participate in CSOT-VII. The conference was held in the remarkable East Lake International Conference Center. The conference provided an excellent platform to exchange scientific research results among scholars, field experts, young scientists and students engaged in scientific research, education, regulatory and management and industries, in the field of toxicology. In addition, we were able to be part of this exciting time in the field of toxicology and play an integral role in the largest toxicology conference held once out of every two years in Mainland China. As one of the three awardees, I was extremely grateful for the opportunity to meet many experts in the field of toxicology in China and to give a talk titled *Mode of Action of Liver Tumors in Rodents and Relevance to Human Cancer Risk*.

Overall, the 7th annual Chinese Society of Toxicology conference in Wuhan, China was an enlightening experience for all in attendance. The 12 toxicologists from the American Association of Chinese in Toxicology were enthusiastic about the connections that were developed with the other CSOT attendees. We hope that the contacts made will develop into collaborative research efforts in the upcoming years. We thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to present our research and the chance to engage in lively discussion with the Chinese toxicologists. Serving on the AACT delegate team was a uniquely gratifying experience that will be remembered for years to come and we sincerely hope that many more will have the chance to serve on the team in the future CSOT meeting.

The 7th National Congress of Toxicology of the Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT-VII)

AACT delegates in CSOT-VII



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