

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017

Letter from the president

Dear AACT members,

The 56th SOT Annual Meeting in Baltimore is just around the corner. AACT has several activities planned during the SOT meeting. On behalf of the AACT board, I cordially invite you to attend this year's AACT business meeting and reception on Monday, March 13, at 6:00 pm at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore. At 5 pm, in the same location, we will be honoring Dr. Wei Xu, this year's recipient of the Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award and hearing her scientific research and accomplishment. In addition, at 12:15 pm on Tuesday, March 14 in the Convention Center (Room 301), we have a career workshop, which focuses on the job market and experience as toxicologists in China. In prior years, the career workshops have been informative resources for toxicologists at all stages of their careers. I hope you don't miss this opportunity.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve as the president of AACT and to work with its dedicated and enthusiastic board officers since May of last year. Together, we have accomplished much and made great progress.

Extensive effort has been devoted to fundraising for AACT. I am happy to report that this effort has turned out to be very fruitful. A huge thank you to Robert Li, Matt Liu, and many other AACT members and friends. We also appreciate greatly all of our sponsors—your sponsorship goes a long way in funding the organization's activities.

AACT has been actively involved in the SOT Special Interest Group-Collaboration Group (SIG-CG), which is comprised of representative leaders from all the SOT SIGs and a SOT Council contact. The SIG-CG works together to help SOT achieve its strategic plan on diversity and inclusiveness. In order to help SOT help us, they need feedback and ideas. Please let Alex Xu or me know if you have any thoughts or suggestions.

Last but not least, please join me in recognizing and thanking our outgoing board members: Gene Hsu (Immediate Past President), Robert Li (Treasurer), Zemin Wang (Secretary) and Jinpeng Li (Student Representative) for their hard work and dedication to AACT. They have contributed their time, knowledge, and talent in serving all of us.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous year of the Rooster.

Hanna Ng, PhD, DABT
President of AACT-SIG, SOT

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Congratulations to the 2017 AACT Award Recipients!

Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award



Dr. Wei Xu

*Marian A. Messerschmidt Professor
University of Wisconsin-Madison*

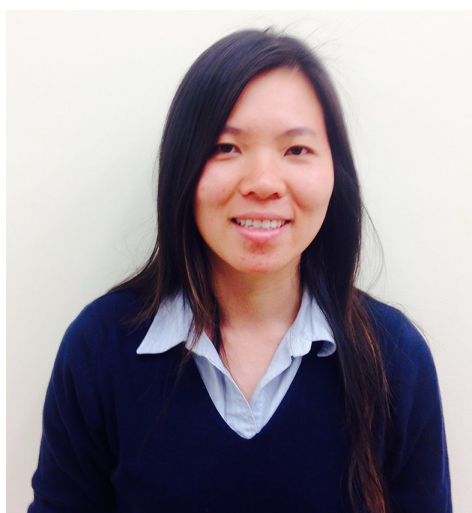
Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award



Kathy Xue

University of Georgia

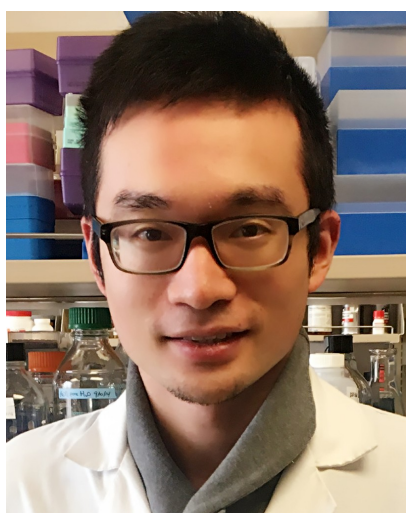
Charles River Best Abstracts Award Winners



1st Place

Rosa Chang

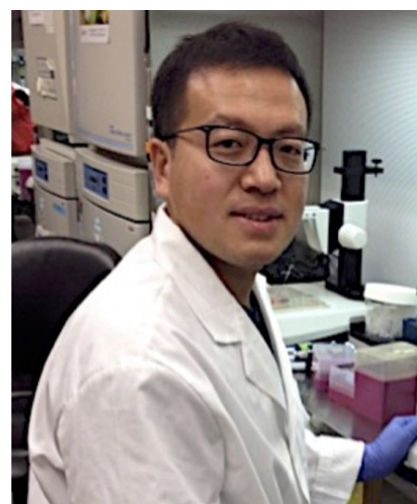
*University of California at
San Francisco*



2nd Place

Xilin Li

Indiana University Bloomington



3rd Place

Shuo Xiao

Northwestern University



2017 AACT Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Presentation

Title: Estrogen receptor dimers: Functional mediators of the environmental estrogens

Dr. Wei Xu

Marian A. Messerschmidt Professor

Department of Oncology

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Time: Monday, March 13, 2017, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Location: Hyatt Regency Baltimore

Room: Constellation AB

2017 AACT Annual Business Meeting and Reception

Time: Monday, March 13, 2017, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Hyatt Regency Baltimore

Room: Constellation AB

2017 AACT-SIG Career Development Workshop:

“Prepare for your success in China ”

Chairperson: Dr. Alex Xu (USFDA)

Speakers: John Gong, PhD, MD (3D Medicines Inc.)

Joe Zhang, PhD, DABT (Simcere Pharmaceuticals)

Leshuai Zhang, PhD, DABT (Soochow University)

Discussion Panelists:

Dr. Victoria Tu , (Vice President, Asia Pacific Product Safety, L'Oreal)

Dr. Charles Wang (Director and Head of TPPS, GSK R&D China)

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 12:15 PM–1:30 PM

Location: Baltimore Convention Center Room 301-303

Boxed lunch will be provided.

Congratulations to the Newly Elected AACT Officers!



President-Elect
X. Sherwin Yan
Newell Brands Inc.



Councilor
Xi Yang
US FDA/CDER



Councilor
Qihong Huang
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals



Student Representative
Jun Zhou
University of Georgia

AACT Officers (2016-2017)

President: Hanna Ng

President-Elect: Zengjun (Alex) Xu

Secretary: Zemin Wang

Treasurer: Robert Li

Immediate Past President: Ching-Hung (Gene) Hsu

Councilor: Karin Ke

Councilor: Matt Y. Liu

Postdoc Rep: Shuaizhang Li (Newsletter editor)

Student Rep: Jinpeng Li (Newsletter editor)

AACT Committees (2016-2017)

- Award Committee: Zemin Wang
- Finance Committee: Robert Li
- SIG-Collaboration Group: Hanna Ng and Alex Xu
- Membership Committee: Alex Xu
- Nomination/Election Committee: Gene Hsu
- Program Committee: Alex Xu

AACT Treasurer's Report (by Robert Li)

AACT would like to cordially thank everyone who made a huge effort to support the fundraising campaign in the year of 2016-2017, which is still ongoing and has already demonstrated a great success. A diversity of sponsorship has been pledged across industry including WuXi AppTec, Pharmaron, Regeneron, L'Oreal, Boehringer Ingelheim, Genentech, and Charles River Laboratories, emphasizing a strong connection and friendship of AACT with the biopharmaceutical industry. This would greatly help with our financial ground to support all the exciting events ahead of us including the upcoming SOT AACT reception. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to deliver a whole-hearted appreciation to all our sponsors to help AACT to achieve another phenomenal year!

Events at the SOT Annual Meeting

Career Exploration through Speed Informational Interviews

Tuesday, March 14, 1:20 PM to 2:40 PM (Ticket Required)

Chairperson(s): Natasha Caitlin, NIEHS-NTP, Research Triangle Park, NC; Alexandra Noël, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA; *Co-Chairs:* Gabriel Knudsen, NCI, Research Triangle Park, NC; Samantha McNeal, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC; Daniel Spade, Brown University, Providence, RI; and Christopher Stewart, MPI Research, Mattawan, MI.

Hosted by: Postdoctoral Assembly Toxicologists of African Origin

Endorser(s): Career Resource and Development Committee

Do you find yourself wondering what your career options are in the field of toxicology? Then this is the event for you! This career development special event is designed for graduate students and postdocs who want to gain insight into the different career sectors in toxicology. Groups of three trainees will rotate through a series of approximately eight-minute discussions with career representatives from academia, government, and industry. Trainees can ask the career representatives questions about their background, career path, the hiring process in their company/sector, and other aspects of identifying and pursuing career interests.

This session will provide an informal opportunity to gain insight about different employment sectors in toxicology. Graduate students and postdocs are encouraged to sign up for this event when [registering for the Annual Meeting](#).

See more at: <http://www.toxicology.org/events/am/AM2017/program.asp#CAD>

AACT-endorsed presentation at the SOT Annual Meeting

Herbo-Metallic Mixtures in Traditional Medicines

Wednesday, March 15, 2017, from 12:30 PM to 1:50 PM

Endorsers: Metals Specialty Section, Mixtures Specialty Section, AACT-SIG

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Silver Sponsorship:



Regular Sponsorship:



**Boehringer
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