

Dr. Mien-Chie Hung receives the SCBA-Texas Achievement Award

The SCBA-Texas chapter is very proud to announce that Dr. Mien-Chie Hung has been awarded the SCBA-Texas Achievement Award at the 2008 SCBA-Texas Annual symposium on April 21, 2008. This Award is in recognition of his landmark scientific achievements. Dr. Hung is an internationally renowned scientist in the field of cancer cell signaling and cancer gene therapy. He joined the faculty of The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in 1986 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Tumor Biology. Dr. Hung has received numerous honors since his initial appointment and was promoted to full professor in a fast track. He currently is the Chairman of the Department of Molecular and Cellular Oncology, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Director of the Breast Cancer Basic Research Program, and holds the Ruth Leggett Jones Distinguished Chair.



Dr. Hung's research accomplishments are stunning. Since 2000, he has published 23 papers in high-impact *Cell-Nature-Science* series of journals and these papers are highly cited—many of them more than 100 times in just a few years. Dr. Hung has also published many other high impact papers (266 total) in peer-reviewed journals. Since 1986, he has trained 163 students, post-doctoral fellows, and physician scientists. He is the only professor in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences to receive the “Outstanding Teaching Award” three times. In 2002, Dr. Hung was appointed as a Founding Editorial Member of the journal *Cancer Cell* (Cell Press). Dr. Hung has received numerous honors and awards because of his scientific achievements. In 2002, he received the prestigious honor of Academician of the Academia Sinica, Taiwan.

Dr. Hung has made many outstanding scientific contributions to The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, the Health Science Center of Houston Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and the larger scientific community. As a well-recognized leader in basic cancer research, Dr. Hung's research impact reaches far beyond onto the world stage of science. Most importantly, Dr. Hung has provided his dedicated service to SCBA. He served as **the President of SCBA-Texas from 1989-1990** and **the President of SCBA (National) from 2004 to 2005**.

Dr. Hung's seminal contributions in basic cancer research have made him a world-class leader in his field. His basic scientific research on the molecular basis of cancer focuses in two important areas: 1) Deciphering the *HER2/neu* signal transduction pathways and their functional role in cancer, which has led to a better understanding and more effective treatment of cancer in clinical trials. 2) Nuclear translocation and nuclear function of membrane receptor tyrosine kinases, which have revolutionized our concept of receptor tyrosine kinase signaling and function, and they pave a new avenue of novel research endeavors.

At the 2008 SCBA-Texas Annual Symposium, Dr. Mien-Chie Hung gave an inspirational speech as the Achievement Award winner. He not only nicely summarized his groundbreaking research findings in the two research areas, but also passed his passion on science to many young scientists. SCBA-Texas is very proud of him and his outstanding achievements.