FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK.....

Dear SCBA members:

In the SCBA symposium held in Xi’an in 2013, SCBA members elected Professor Chu-Xia Deng (then at the NIH) as the President-Elect for the term of 2016-2017. However, at the end of 2014, Chu-Xia took the position of the Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences at University of Macau, SAR in China. Since SCBA bylaw requires that the President be based in North America, Chu-Xia had decided to step down. I was asked to step in by Professor Dihua Yu, the SCBA President for 2015-2016, and the SCBA Council. I felt that it is not only an honor but also a responsibility for me to serve SCBA when called upon. Accordingly, I accepted this assignment by the SCBA Council and I view my role as a proxy for Professor Deng. I feel privileged to have such an opportunity to serve, and welcome inputs from our members to fulfill the missions of our Society.

SCBA was founded by a few visionaries in 1984, including Professors Tommy Cheng, Horace Loh and C. C. Wang, with the goal of serving and promoting the well-being of Chinese bioscientists in America. Since then, with the help and dedication of many, the society has expanded tremendously not only in North America but also in Europe and Asia, and is now boasting memberships approaching 3,000. I myself have been an SCBA member for a long time. I recall attending my first SCBA meeting in Vancouver, Canada in 1995 when I was a junior faculty member. At this and many subsequent SCBA biennial meetings, I have met and formed friendships over the years that enriched my life and my career as a biologist. I hope you too have similar experiences and have enjoyed being a member of SCBA.

As you know we have a new leadership team serving the SCBA for the term of 2016-2017, including Dr. Binghui Shen (Secretary) and Dr. Ying Zhang (Treasurer), as well as a new Co-Executive Director, Dr. Xi He (Boston Children's Hospital), while Chris Lau (Professor of UCSF) will continue his role as a Co-Executive Director of SCBA. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their service.

In the first few months of 2016, the new SCBA council has done a number of things that I would like to share with you. First, the SCBA Council recently sent a letter to the Department of Justice concerning a number of recent episodes of mistreatments of some Chinese American scientists. The letter to the Attorney General from SCBA can be found at: http://scbasociety.org/News/Lynch_letter-SCBA_Members.pdf. Second, as pointed out by our Treasurer Dr. Ying Zhang, we have increased the support to local SCBA chapters from $1,000 to $1,500 as we believe local chapter activities are vital to SCBA. Third, I am happy to report that we are now in the midst of planning our next SCBA biannual meeting, and have recently selected Hangzhou, China as our meeting venue (tentative dates June 29-July 2nd, 2017). Please pencil the dates into your calendar. Many members are involved in the planning of this meeting and I thank them for their dedication. If you have any thoughts and suggestions for the SCBA symposium 2017, or comments for SCBA in general, I would love to hear from you.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve SCBA.

Respectfully yours,

Yang Shi, Ph.D.
SCBA President, 2016-2017
Dear SCBA Members,

I was elected to be the secretary of the society during the 2013 SCBA biannual meeting in Xi’an. It is a great honor to serve the society in a more active way after the 20 years’ lifetime membership. In next nearly two years, I will delightedly work with President Dr. Yang Shi and the executive team to fulfill the society’s mission to protect and promote the rights and professional careers of the members via the activities and meetings of the chapters and the society. Particularly, I will work with Dr. Chris Lau for the quarterly newsletters.

In the current issue, I hope that you will enjoy reading the messages from President Shi and other COO members, reports for the annual meetings from the Baltimore, Texas, and Toronto as well as the highlight of the breakthrough translational cancer research from Dr. Mien-Chie Hung’s group in M.D. Anderson. Besides the regular newsletters, Dr. Xi He has also initiated the “breaking news” sessions via emails: SCBA2U. If you have something to share, it is just an email away to Chris or me.

Sincerely,

Binghui Shen, Ph.D.
SCBA Secretary, 2016-2017

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Dear SCBA Members,

It is my honor to serve as the new Treasurer of the SCBA. Thanks to Dr. Hui Zheng, the immediate past-Treasurer and the previous administration, we began our new term with a net growth of $56,356.95 during 2014-2015 to SCBA account. With the healthy financial status of the society, the current leadership decided to increase annual financial support to local chapter from $1000 to $1500.

The continued growth of the SCBA, both scientifically and financially, will greatly enhance the benefits to our members and bioscientists with Chinese origin as a whole. Our Society is built upon its members. A major part of the SCBA’s income comes from membership dues and donations. Please encourage your colleagues and trainees to join SCBA. Please also keep SCBA in mind for your charitable donations. I look forward to working with you to strengthen and grow the SCBA in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Ying Zhang, Ph.D.
SCBA Treasurer, 2016-2017

NOTES FROM EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE SCBA

Dear SCBA Members:

Our society journal: Cell & Bioscience (http://www.cellandbioscience.com/), is now in its 6th year of publication. With our improving IF, 3.63 in 2015, and the support from SCBA and our publisher, BMC, our readership and submission have been consistently growing. We published closed to 80 articles each in 2014 and 2015, nearly twice as much as in previous years. We owe you our gratitude for your continued support and contributions that have been essential for our success so far.

Aside from regular submissions, we also publish special issues on different subjects. Each special issues consists of 3-6 articles with an editorial by a guest editor and is published as a thematic series with its own dedicated webpage, in addition to appearing as normal papers on the Cell & Bioscience homepage. Our publisher, BMC, promotes special issues on the BioMed Central fortnightly newsletter. Thus, this is a great platform to promote subjects of your interest. You can see our earlier thematic series at http://www.cellandbioscience.com/series.
If you are interested in organizing one, please contact us at <editorial@cellandbioscience.com>.

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Thanks for your support and with best wishes,

Yun-Bo Shi, Ph.D.
Editor-in-Chief

HOUSTON — Findings from a new study reveal that PARP inhibitors, an emerging class of drugs being studied in cancer clinical trials, may be enhanced by combining them with inhibitors targeting an oncogene known as c-MET which is overexpressed in many cancers.

The findings resulting from in vitro and mouse model studies were published in today’s online issue of Nature Medicine. Study lead investigator Mien-Chie Hung, Ph.D., chair of Molecular and Cellular Oncology at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, believes the study results may hold promise for future treatment of breast cancer and possibly other cancers.

“These findings may predict tumor resistance to PARP inhibitors and suggest that treatment with a combination of c-MET and PARP inhibitors may benefit patients bearing tumors with high c-MET expression who do not respond to PARP inhibition alone,” said Hung.

While PARP inhibitors are still in the clinical trial phases for breast cancer, the FDA recently approved the PARP inhibitor olaparib for treatment of ovarian cancer with mutations in breast cancer genes known as BRCA.

“BRCA1 and BRCA2 play essential roles in repairing DNA double strand breaks and a deficiency of BRCA proteins sensitizes cancer cells to PARP inhibition,” said Hung. “Combining c-MET and PARP1 inhibitors synergized to suppress growth of breast cancer cells. Similar synergistic effects were also observed in a lung cancer mouse model.”

Hung’s team discovered that c-MET associates with and phosphorylates PARP1, which increases its enzymatic activity. This process essentially renders cancer cells resistant to PARP inhibition. By blocking c-MET’s cancer-friendly interaction with PARP, cancer cells lose this resistance to the therapy.

“Our study findings raise the interesting possibility that cancer patients with tumors that overexpress c-MET may benefit from this combination therapy regardless of cancer type,” said Hung.

MD Anderson participants in the study included Yi Du, Ph.D., Hirohito Yamaguchi, D.V.M., Ph.D., Yongkun Wei, Ph.D., Jennifer Hsu, Ph.D., Yi-Hsin Hsu, Ph.D., Wan-Chi Lin, Ph.D., Wen-Hsuan Yu, Mei-Kuang Chen, Katsuya Nakai, M.D., Ph.D., Ming-Chuan Hsu, Ph.D., Ye Sun and Chun-Te Chen, Ph.D., all of Molecular and Cellular Oncology; Paul Leonard, Ph.D., and Gilbert Lee IV, Genomic Medicine; Philip Jones, Ph.D., Institute for Applied Cancer Science; Yun Wu, M.D., Ph.D., Pathology; and Gabriel Hortobagyi, M.D., Breast Medical Oncology.

Other participating institutions included China Medical University, Taichung, Taiwan; The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Houston; Academia Sinica, Taipei; Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taipei; McGill University, Montreal; and Asia University, Taichung, Taiwan.

The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health (CA109311, CA099031 and CA16672), the Susan G. Komen For the Cure (SAC100016), Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Patel Memorial Breast Cancer Endowment Fund, The University of Texas MD Anderson-China Medical
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*Reported by Binghui Shen*

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**THE SOCIETY OF CHINESE BIOSCIENTISTS IN AMERICA (SCBA) TORONTO CHAPTER**

**2016 Annual Scientific Symposium and Dinner Reception**

To enhance the collaboration among biological scientists and biotech entrepreneurs in Canada, the SCBA Toronto Chapter held its Annual Scientific Symposium on February 12, 2016 at the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute, St. Michael’s Hospital, Toronto, Canada. The theme of this Symposium was “Scientific Innovation to Commercialization”. The symposium was chaired by Dr. Heyu Ni, Professor at Departments of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology, Medicine, and Physiology, University of Toronto and Platform Director for Hematology, Cancer and Immunological Diseases at St. Michael's Hospital.

This is the first time that the SCBA Toronto Chapter held a whole day symposium with morning and afternoon sessions and lunch poster presentations. Dr. Heyu Ni, the SCBA symposium Chair, Dr. Richard Hegele, Vice Dean for Research and Innovation, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, and Dr. Arthur Slutsky, Vice President for Research, St. Michael's Hospital delivered welcome speeches to over 200 scientists, entrepreneurs, and trainees from Toronto and beyond (see photos to the right).

During the morning session, *A Successful Story from Bench to Market* chaired by Drs. Richard Hegele and Mingyao Liu (the director of Institute of Medical Sciences), three leading Canadian Scientists shared their research experience and their journey from scientific innovation to commercialization with the audience. Dr. Peter Liu (see photo below), Chief Scientific Officer at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, talked about his clinical trials and commercialization of several newly developed cardiovascular therapies. Dr. Mike Tymianski, senior scientist at Krembil Research Institute at University Health Network, shared his view on commercialization opportunities and challenges faced by translational researchers. The last speaker, the renowned T cell receptor discoverer, Dr. Tak Mak (see photo below) from
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, University of Toronto, delivered a fascinating speech on the translation of immunology research results to anti-tumor therapies. This keynote session covered heart diseases, neurological disorders (stroke) and cancer, the leading causes of mortality and morbidity worldwide.

Dr. Peter Liu

Dr. Tak Mak

During the lunch session, over 35 posters from post-docs and graduate students at the University of Toronto entered the competition and some of the presentations by trainees attracted wide audience from the symposium attendees. The poster competition was chaired by Drs. Hong-Shuo Sun and Alan Lazarus.

There were two symposium sessions during the afternoon. The first session, Scientific Innovation and Commercialization, chaired by Drs. Gang Zheng and Dalton Charters, discussed opportunities and legal aspect of commercialization for biological scientists in Canada. Dr. Peter Lewis, Vice President of University of Toronto, introduced the MaRS innovation district and Toronto’s new research innovation ecosystem. Dr. Ming Wang from Johnson & Johnson and patent law expert, Dr. Gabriella Chan from the University of Toronto, discussed industrial and legal regulations for scientist-entrepreneur collaborations. This was followed by an interesting presentation on brain cancer therapy from Dr. Xi Huang, a bright junior faculty member from Hospital for Sick Children.

The second session in the afternoon focused on scientific innovation with invited speakers from local research community, including Dr. Shirley (Xiao Yu) Wu from Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, Dr. Fang Liu from Center for Addiction and Mental Health, Dr. Hansen He from University Health Network, and Dr. Xiao-Yan Wen from St. Michael’s Hospital.

After the afternoon session, the award committee (Drs Tianru Jin, Xiao-Yan Wen, and Avrum Gotlieb) presented the best paper awards and best poster awards to trainees. This event was highlighted by the establishment of the first Dr. Chong-Ching Liew Best Paper Award. On behalf of Executive Committee, Dr. Ren-Ke Li, President of SCBA Toronto Chapter introduced Dr. Chong-Ching Liew. Dr. Liew is the past president of SCBA from 1996-1997 and the founder and long-time supporter for SCBA Toronto Chapter. To honor his contribution, Executive Committee decided to name the Best Paper Award in annual conferences as Dr. Chong-Ching Liew Best Paper Award. In this competition, Dr. Issaka Yougbare, a postdoctoral fellow from Dr. Heyu Ni’s laboratory and William W. Du, a post doctoral fellow from Dr. Burton Yang’s laboratory were awarded the first Dr. Chong-Ching Liew Best Paper Awards. The best poster prize was awarded to 5 presenters.

In closing, Dr. Ren-Ke Li acknowledged the generous event sponsors, including the University of Toronto (Faculty of Medicine and Department of Surgery), St. Michael’s Hospital and Keenan Research Center for Biomedical Science, Lee’s Pharm at Hong Kong, Johnson and Johnson Innovation, the Zebrafish Center for Advanced Drug Discovery, and SCBA Head Office. Dr. Li also expressed appreciation to Dr. Peter Liu and Dr. Qinwei Shi for their personal contributions. Dr. Li highlighted the success of the event, thanked the speakers, and congratulated the winners of the Best Paper and Poster competitions. At end of the Symposium, Dr. Li introduced New President of SCBA Toronto Chapter, Dr. Heyu Ni, Professor at University of Toronto and thanked the Executive Committee and SCBA Members for their supports in past two years.
A dinner reception celebrating the Year of the Monkey and the 2015 SCBA Symposium was held at the Dim Sum King Seafood Restaurant and attended by 140 members and invited guests. At the dinner, many SCBA members, guests and volunteers showcased their musical talents, including solo and group singing, dancing, violin and Guzheng performance. The entertainment program was hosted by Drs. Zhong-Ping Feng and Jim Hu.
The success of the 2016 SCBA Toronto Chapter Symposium and Dinner Reception is attributed to the effort of the Toronto Chapter Executive members, Speakers and Attendees as well as our organizers and volunteer teams.

**Dr. Heyu Ni**
President
SCBA Toronto Chapter

**Dr. Ren-Ke Li**
Immediate Past President
SCBA Toronto Chapter
SCBA-Texas 2016 Chinese New Year Party

The SCBA Texas Chapter (SCBA-TX) hosted a dinner party to celebrate 2016 Chinese New Year, at the Hibachi Grill and Buffet (Houston, TX) on February 5, 2016. A total of 130 people attended the party, including 46 faculty members and their families. The faculty members come from different academic institutions at the Texas Medical Center, including Baylor College of Medicine (BCM), University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC), University of Texas-Health Science Center at Houston (UTHEALTH), University of Houston (UH), Texas A&M-University Health Science Center (TAMHSC) at Houston, and the Methodist Hospital Research Institute. The Chinese New Year Party has been a tradition for the SCBA-TX chapter for many years. This year, we got together to celebrate the Year of Monkey with great foods, drinks, and warm greetings. In addition, each small kid received a Red Pocket (红包).

Organizers of this party included President Dr. Shao-Cong Sun (MDACC), President-Elect Dr. Jianping Jin (UT Medical School), Treasurer Dr. M. James You (MDACC), and Secretary Dr. Yong Xu (BCM).
Friends, Family and Colleagues Paid Tributes to Joseph K.K. Li, Ph.D., Past SCBA Executive Director

March 11, 2016 was a sunny day in Santa Monica, California. About 40 family members, relatives, friends and colleagues of Joseph K.K. Li, Ph. D., the Past Executive Director of SCBA, gathered together at the St. Monica Catholic Community for a Mass service in memory of Joseph. The service was attended by three representatives of SCBA, Leland Chung of the University of California, Los Angeles and the fourth SCBA President; Jean Chen Shih, of the University of Southern California, and the tenth SCBA President, and Chris Lau of the University of California, San Francisco, and the current SCBA Co-Executive Director.

Leland Chung, Jean Chen Shih, Livia Li (Joe’s widow) and Chris Lau, after the Mass in front of Joe’s picture.

Brenda (daughter), Leland Chung, Karen (daughter), Lauryn (granddaughter) in front of Joe’s portrait at the Great Wall during the 2004 SCBA Symposium in Beijing.

After the Mass, the participants gathered at the Jamaica Bay Inn at the Marina Del Rey for a buffet lunch, which was followed with a celebration of the life of Joseph Li. Many high school friends, family members, colleagues at the Utah State University and SCBA fondly remembered Joe with their own experience in interactions and collaborations with him throughout his life. Joe was remembered as a vigorous soccer player in his younger days, and a skilled Mahjong master. He was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather to his family. He contributed significantly to various teaching and research programs at Utah State University. For his parts in SCBA, Chris Lau presented a discussion on this contributions as the Executive Director in representing the Society using a set of Powerpoint slides, Joe used to present to the public and perspective member recruitments, and highlighted his significant roles in the organizing and running of the 3 SCBA symposia, i.e. 2004 Beijing, 2006 San Francisco and 2009 Taipei meetings. Lastly, Joe’s keen interests in fostering educational opportunity for students and postdoctoral fellows were highlighted with examples of various successes he had in securing travel fellowships to assist these young investigators to attend the SCBA symposia. The discussion was concluded with an appeal for contribution to the Joseph K.K. Li Educational Advance Fund to continue his legacy in education and fostering of young Chinese students and trainees in participation of SCBA activities.

Reported by Chris Lau

Editor note: During the celebration festivity, Dr. Jean Chen Shih had presented briefly her experience working with Joe Li, when she was the presiding President in the 2004 SCBA Symposium in Beijing. Her talk is summarized as below.

Celebrating the Life of My Dear Friend and Colleague, Dr. Joseph Li

The Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America (SCBA), an international organization for Chinese Bioscientists, may not have been so successful without Joe’s unselfish dedication. Each President serves two years and most of us, including me, accepted this responsibility, under the condition that Joe will be the Executive Director.
Joe has volunteered for SCBA for many years and served as its Executive Director for 10 years. He was highly organized and showed great leadership with vision. He thought big; yet, tended to minute details.

As shown in Photo 1 (above), the 9th President of SCBA was about to pass the torch to me, the 10th President. For the occasion, Joe invited the previous and incoming officers to the podium—as you could see, Joe was clearly in charge. From the right: Drs. Joe Li, Horrach Lo, Jean Chen Shih, I. K. Ho, Jackie Peng, Tian Xu and Xiao-dong Wang, all well recognized scientists, who worked with Joe as one family.

One of my responsibilities as the President was to co-organize an international symposium with local hosts: Zhi-Hong Xu, President of Peking University; Zhu Chen, Vice President of Chinese Academy of Sciences; Deipei Liu, President of the Chinese Academy of medical Sciences.

Two years went by quickly, working with Joe. It was time to hand over SCBA Presidency to Dr. Mien-Chie Hung. As always, Joe arranged everything, such as preparing the plaque, as shown in Photo 4 (right). It was such a rewarding experience to work with Joe, who was truly a friend for life, a great supporter, adviser, energizer, leader and doer. He genuinely cared about research, teaching, and was a great role model for young scientists and he helped them in every possible way.
We all appreciated and knew that he was always by our side. We will miss him greatly.

In my last conversation with Joe, he was so happy to spend more time with his family, wife, daughters and grandchildren since retiring. Joe’s love and caring will always be with us. We will just need to communicate with him through different means. May God bless his beloved family and all his loved ones.

Jean Chen Shih, Ph.D.
University Professor
Boyd and Elsie Welin Professor
University of Southern California

The Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America (SCBA) is the largest professional society for bioscientists of the Chinese origin outside of China. We encourage our members to recommend colleagues and friends to join SCBA and share the many resources and opportunities within the society, which has continued to grow and expand.

We welcome the following new members who have joined the SCBA since June 2015.

**Lifetime members**

Dr. Honglong Ji, University of Texas Health Northeast, Tyler
Dr. Jiaping Jin, The University of Texas Medical School at Houston
Dr. Fengyi Wan, Johns Hopkins University
Dr. Ning Jiang University of Texas at Austin
Dr. Li Xin, Baylor College of Medicine
Dr. Linheng Li, Stowers Institute
Dr. Yuan Zhu, Children’s National Health System
Dr. Ji-Long Liu, University of Oxford
Dr. Wanjun Chen, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
Dr. Mingjiang Xu, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
Dr. Suning Huang, University of Florida
Dr. Jiwang Zhang, Loyola University, Chicago
Dr. Yi Zheng, University of Cincinnati, University Hospital and Cincinnati Children’s Medical Center
Dr. Yan Liu, Indiana University School of Medicine
Dr. Shaoguang Li, University of Massachusetts
Dr. Demin Wang, Blood Center of Wisconsin/Medical College Wisconsin
Dr. Peng Ji, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Dr. Zhijian Qian, University of Illinois at Chicago
Dr. Ying Liang, University of Kentucky

Dr. Xiaomin Zhao, Northwest A&F University
Dr. Hongbo Luo, Harvard Medical School and Children’s Hospital
Dr. Linzhao Cheng, Johns Hopkins University
Dr. Shao Chun Wang, University of Cincinnati
Dr. Gang Zheng, University of Toronto
Dr. Deliang Guo, Ohio State University
Dr. Yiping Qi, East Carolina University
Dr. Qing Richard Lu, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center

**Regular members (membership to be renewed yearly)**

Dr. Yi Qiu, University of Florida College of Medicine
Dr. May Guo, Promega Corp.
Dr. Wei Tong, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
Dr. Hengbin Wang, University of Alabama Birmingham
Dr. Shujun Liu, University of Minnesota
Dr. Jianjun Chen, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Dr. Sheng Wei, University of South Florida/H.Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute
Dr. Chia-Chi Chang, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Dr. Wenge Zhu, George Washington University
Dr. Xuijing Wang, NIH/NHLBI
Dr. Jinwei Zhang, NIH/NIDDK
Dr. Chengyu Liu, NIH/NHLBI
Dr. Zhe Han, Children’s National Medical Center
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Dr. Gang Dong, NIH/NIAID
Dr. Zhong Chen, NIH/NIDCD
Dr. Ya-Huei Kuo, Beckman Research Institute of the City of Hope
Dr. Gang Huang, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center
Dr. Li Chai, Harvard Medical School/Brigham and Women’s Hospital
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Dr. Hao Jiang, University of Alabama, Birmingham
Dr. Jian Xu, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Dr. Xiuli An, New York Blood Center
Dr. Lily Huang, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Dr. Yaguang Xi, University of South Alabama
Dr. Jinhui Chen, Indiana University
Trainee memberships

Dr. Qun Wang, Shanghai Institute of Immunology, Shanghai
Dr. Wen-Ling Kuo, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
Dr. Long Chen, NIH/NHLBI
Dr. Zhengmei Xiong, University of Maryland
Dr. Jinping Liu, NIH/NCI

Sincerely,

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The National Health Research Institutes (NHRI) – a non-profit research organization registered with the Ministry of Health and Welfare of the government of Taiwan, the Republic of China – invites applicants for the position of President.

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Please send the application/nomination materials to:
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Please indicate “Application for the Position of President of NHRI” on the envelope. Nominations must have the nominee’s consent.

Deadline: All materials must be received at the NHRI Secretariat by mail, express mail, or e-mail by 5:00 p.m., Taiwan time, April 15, 2016.
CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The KT Jeang Memorial Lecture Fund

In memory of the passing of our dearest friend and past President of the Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America, Dr. Kuan-Teh Jeang, a “KT Jeang Memorial Lecture Fund” is being established to support the KT Jeang Memorial Lecture by an established investigator in biosciences during the Biennial SCBA Symposia. In addition to having an outstanding and productive scientific career at the National Institutes of Health, KT Jeang was immensely dedicated to SCBA. KT Jeang had been one of the most outspoken members of our Society who, among other contributions, had persistently raised the awareness of the “glass ceiling” and advancement issues on the representation of Asian American scientists in leadership positions. During his tenure as the SCBA President, he had also greatly expanded our membership and had improved significantly the endowment of the Society, which helped to provide a higher visibility within the scientific community and a solid financial foundation for future development for the Society. Donations to KT Jeang Memorial Lecture Fund will help significantly to preserve his legacy and to promote the ideals that he felt so strongly about. Please send your tax-deductible contributions to SCBA Treasurer through the “donate” link button on the front page of SCBA website: http://www.scbasociety.org/, and specify the donation as for the “K.T. Jeang Memorial Fund”.

Donation can also be made by checks payable to “SCBA” and add “KT Jeang Memorial Lecture Fund” to the subject line on the bottom left of the check. Please mail your check to Dr. Ying Zhang, SCBA Treasurer, 307 Treemont Way, Rockville, MD 20850; email: ying.zhang@scbasociety.org.

THE JOSEPH LI EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT AWARDS

Joe Li had great passion in education, both at the Department of Biology at Utah State University and throughout SCBA. In particular, he actively sought funding for the Society, particularly keen on providing travel fellowships to students, postdoctoral fellows, and young investigators to attend the biennial SCBA international symposia, held at various locales around the globe. Recognizing his special contributions to education advancement, the SCBA Council has voted unanimously for the establishment of the “Joseph K.-K. Li Educational Advancement Award” to be presented biennially to qualified graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and young scientists to travel and present at the biennial SCBA international symposia. The number of awards will be determined specifically by the current COOs and Council and will depend on available funds. Friends, colleagues and interested individuals are encouraged to contribute to the “Joseph K.-K. Li Educational Advancement Fund” at SCBA. Please send your tax-deductible contributions to SCBA Treasurer through the “donate” link button on the front page of SCBA website: http://www.scbasociety.org/, and specify the donation as for the “Joseph Li Travel Award”. The current Treasurer will issue a receipt to the donor for every donation. For record keeping, please also send a record of your donation via e-mail or postal mail to the Co-Executive Director, Chris Lau, Ph.D., Department of Medicine, VA Medical Center, 111C5, University of California, San Francisco, 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121; E-mail: chris.lau@ucsf.edu
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