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1. NOTES FROM THE 2018-2019 SCBA LEADERSHIP

Notes from Dr. Paul Liu, the 2018-2019 President

Dear SCBA Members:

It was my great honor and pleasure serving as the President of SCBA for the last two years.

I would like to thank Jianming Xu and Pan Zheng, SCBA Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, as well as Chris Lau and Xi He, the co-Executive Officers of SCBA, with whom I have worked closely in the past two

years. Without them, I would not have been able to achieve anything.

One of my goals as the SCBA President was to expand the reach of SCBA and make SCBA a more inclusive organization. Towards this goal I have encouraged the establishment of more local chapters and professional divisions. I am happy to report that two new local chapters were established/revived, namely, the Boston chapter and the Indiana chapter. Two new professional divisions have been established as well, the Hepatology Division and the Virology Division. The revivals of Cancer Division and Neurology Division are in discussion and hopefully they will become active soon in the near future.

One of the most important tasks of the SCBA Presidency is the preparation and organization of the biennial international symposium. I am very glad that the 2019 symposium held in Kunming, Yunnan, China was very successful. Thanks to Linheng Li, Chair of the Program Committee, and many other SCBA members as well as colleagues at University of Yunnan and the Genetics Society of China, the 2019 symposium featured an outstanding program with world class keynote/plenary speakers and many high quality concurrent sessions and poster sessions covering scientific topics in many biomedical research fields.

Scientists of Chinese descent in the US, especially those working in the biomedical research fields and receiving NIH funding, have faced some very difficult times in the last two years. There have been government investigations seemingly focused on scientists engaged in collaborations and other scientific activities in China. With the help of members in the Virology Division and the Baltimore-DC Chapter, as well as members of the national office and the Council, we published an open letter in Science early this year, urging the government agencies to avoid racial profiling and reiterating the importance of international collaboration. We have also been in contact with other Chinese American organizations, such as the Committee of 100, to hopefully join our efforts to voice our concerns and

support our members in these difficult times. The situation is ongoing, and we may need to be prepared to deal with the new realities. But I am confident that we will grow and thrive if we work together and support each other.

In closing, I would like to wish all SCBA members a happy holiday season and please join me in welcoming the new leadership of SCBA with Dr. Hui Zheng as the new President!



Paul Liu, Ph.D.
SCBA President, 2018-2019

Notes from Dr. Jianming Xu, the 2018-2019 Secretary

Dear SCBA Members:

It has been my great pleasure as Secretary to serve our SCBA members in the past two years. I really appreciate the opportunities to serve our members, to know and learn from many of our outstanding members, and to see the growth of SCBA.

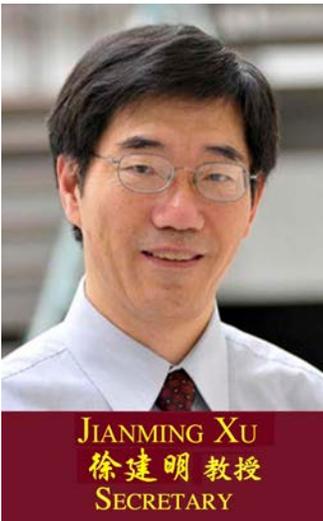
With the full support of the SCBA Council, we have worked as a team under the leadership of President Paul Liu and accomplished our committed tasks. As the secretary, I am responsible for editing the quarterly SCBA Newsletter that many of you may have seen. The current issue is the 8th one, also the last issue, that I have organized. I hope the Newsletter has played a positive role to connect our members together. I would like to thank our leadership team members including Paul Liu, Pan Zheng, Chris Lau and Xi He for their contributions to the Newsletter and their supports and helps to me for

editing the Newsletter. I would also like to thank many of our division and chapter leaders for submitting their manuscripts and reports about their annual meetings, celebrating events, holiday parties, and other issues that SCBA members care about to the Newsletter. I also like to give my special thanks to Dr. Chris Lau, who always proof-read the Newsletter and uploads every issue to the SCBA website, and Dr. Xi He, who helps to e-mail every issue to our SCBA members. Without every one's contribution and support, it would be impossible for me to put together so much interesting material and news into the SCBA Newsletters during the past two years.

A major task for our SCBA leadership team was to organize the 17th SCBA International Meeting held in Kunming in July, 2019. About 1200 people attended this meeting that has an Opening Ceremony session, 5 Keynote Speaker sessions, 5 plenary speaker sessions, 5 Named or Award-winning lecture sessions, 1 Presidential Human Genome Editing Forum, 1 Career Development Workshop, 1 Publication Forum with top journal editors, 52 Concurrent Symposia, 2 Poster sessions, and 1 biology-educational training camp. For such a large meeting, it indeed took a lot of team efforts to organize it from its beginning to the end. In my opinion, every one involving the meeting organizing team did her/his best to make the meeting successful. Dr. Paul Liu made two trips to Yunnan University to determine the meeting location, recruit financial supports and other fundamental issues with local sponsors for setting up the meeting, appointed multiple committee chairs, and actively involved in determining and inviting prominent speakers. Dr. Pan Zheng made major contributions to recruit donations for supporting our named and award-winning lecture speakers and arrange their travels. Dr. Linheng Li led the Scientific Program Committee and did the most time-consuming work for the meeting. Dr. Wei Yang led the Award Committee and did wonderful job to select award winners as well as highlighted the awardees' scientific contributions. Dr. Chris Lau and Dr. Xi He led the Travel Award and Poster Award Committees and selected excellent postdoctoral fellows and graduate students to receive these awards. My main duty was to work with a team responsible for the entire meeting logistics. Although it was extremely time consuming, our working team, including Dr. Linheng Li, Dr. Minghe Mo (Yunnan University), Dr. Liangming Liang (Yunnan University) and myself worked really hard and did our best to accommodate all speakers' travel plans and any other personal requests with the meeting programs and itinerary. As I remember, we were still changing and adjusting the meeting program arrangements even

within a week before the meeting started. I really appreciate all friends who worked with me for this task. Without their dedicated time efforts, I would not be able to complete this complicated duty smoothly.

Our SCBA new leadership team led by Dr. Hui Zheng will start their service term on January 1, 2020. I truly believe that Dr. Zheng's team will do an outstanding job to lead SCBA toward its bright future. I wish every success of the new leadership team and all SCBA future endeavors!



Jianming Xu, Ph.D.
SCBA Secretary, 2018-2019

Notes from Dr. Pan Zheng, the 2018-2019 Treasurer

Dear SCBA Members:

I have the privilege to serve as the SCBA Treasurer for the term of 2018-2019. We have witnessed the expansion of the society in the past two years. In addition to the successful meeting in July 2019 in Kunming, Yunnan, China, many chapters and divisions had their own highly successful and popular annual meetings. SCBA National Office is happy to report the growth of membership and donations. We had 81 new members in 2018 and 128 new members in 2019. Among them, 88 members joined the SCBA as lifetime members. With the increased membership, the national office has the resources to support more chapters and

divisions. Currently, the national office supported 4 chapters and 4 divisions for the annual scientific symposia and social activities. The four chapters are DC/Baltimore Chapter, Texas Chapter, Toronto Chapter, and Boston Chapter. The four divisions are Hepatology Division, Neuroscience Division, Hematology Division and Virology Division.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to SCBA donors and supporters. Among them, Ken Fong Foundation, TF Yu Foundation, Tang Foundation and Jeang Family Members made major contributions.

The SCBA Council approved the proposal submitted by the Financial Committee in January 2018 to establish the brokerage account in Fidelity Investment. The Financial Committee made prudent investment decision with focus on capital preservation and moderate growth. Together with the increased membership and donations, the total assets of the SCBA has a stable growth in past two years.

Dr. Yong Xu from Baylor Medical Center in Houston will take the Treasurer position in January 2020. We wish him a great success in coming years.



Pan Zheng, Ph.D.
SCBA Treasurer, 2018-2019

2. Appreciation of Dr. Yun-Bo Shi, Founding Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of Cell & Bioscience, and appointment of Dr. Chris Lau as the new EIC

Dr. Yun-Bo Shi has served as the Editor in Chief (EIC) of the SCBA's official journal, Cell & Bioscience, since its inception in 2010. Dr. Shi has shown great leadership and management skills in establishing the journal, with the late Dr. KT Jeang, President of SCBA 2010-2011, and in leading the journal for almost 10 years. The journal has been successful with a relatively high submission rate and a stable impact factor (currently at 3.56, and likely to exceed 4 next year). The journal recently signed a new 5-year contract with the publisher BMC, and the journal is financially sound. Overall Dr. Shi has led a healthy and prosperous journal for the SCBA.

Dr. Shi recently expressed his desire to step down from the EIC position by the end of 2019, so he can spend more time on his research and with his family. On behalf of the Cell & Bioscience Editorial Board, the SCBA Council, and all members of SCBA, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Dr. Shi for his leadership, dedication, and hard work, and congratulate him on his accomplishments.

With concurrence of the Council, I have appointed Dr. Chris Lau as the next Editor in Chief for Cell & Bioscience. Dr. Lau has served as one of the Editors since the beginning of the journal, so he is very familiar with the operations of the journal. Dr. Lau has also been a co-Executive Director of SCBA for many years. I really appreciate Dr. Lau's willingness to serve SCBA with this added responsibility, and I am highly confident that Dr. Lau will do a great job at the position. By the way, Dr. Lau has agreed to continue his role as a co-Executive Director while serving as the EIC of Cell & Bioscience.

Please joining me in thanking Dr. Shi for his exemplary service to the Society and congratulate Dr. Lau for his new position!

Paul Liu, Ph.D.

SCBA President 2018-2019



Yun-Bo Shi, Ph.D.
Editor-in-Chief
1/1/2011 – 12/31/2019
Cell & Bioscience



Chris Lau, Ph.D.
Editor-in-Chief
1/1/2020 –
Cell & Bioscience

3. Notes from the 2020-2012 new SCBA Leadership

Notes from Dr. Hui Zheng, the 2020-2021 President

Dear SCBA Members:

I would like to, first and foremost, thank Paul Liu and his team for a superior leadership in the past two years. And congratulations for organizing a highly successful Symposium in Kunming!

Secondly, I would like to congratulate Linheng Li as the new president-elect and other elected SCBA officers, councilors, and committee members and chairs. I look forward to working with you all in the next two years.

As you know, the SCBA is established with the mission to promote bioscience research and international cooperation for the benefit of human health. While we can all be proud of what we have achieved, our community as a whole has been facing some unprecedented challenges. It is therefore more important now than ever that we work harder and that we work together to protect our right and to promote our cause. As your new SCBA president, I will do all I can and I am calling on you to do the same.

Thank you for your support to the SCBA.

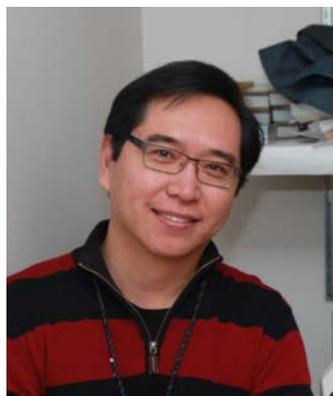


Hui Zheng, Ph.D.
SCBA President, 2020-2021

Notes from Dr. Lee Zou, the 2020-2021 Secretary

Dear SCBA Members:

It is my great honor to serve the SCBA community as secretary under the leadership of our president, Dr. Hui Zheng. I have been a member of SCBA for many years, and have benefited tremendously from the activities and interactions in this community. As the SCBA secretary, I will assist the president to organize, manage, and report various society activities. In particular, I will work with the president and the leadership team to ensure a successful biennial SCBA symposium in 2021. I will also assume the role of editor for SCBA newsletters, which will highlight the major activities of the society and its local chapters. Together with the SCBA leadership team, I will actively promote the growth of our society network, with a focus on recruiting young investigators, women scientists, and establishing new geographic or research chapters. Acting as secretary, my goal is to maintain and enhance the vibrancy of SCBA, and to help the society continue to thrive as the flagship organization of bioscientists in America.

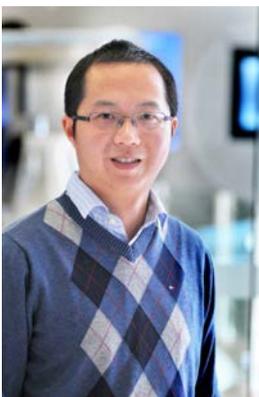


Lee Zou, Ph.D.
SCBA Secretary, 2020-2021

Notes from Dr. Yong Xu, the 2020-2021 Treasurer

Dear SCBA Members:

When I first started my own lab as an assistant professor at Baylor College of Medicine in 2010, the SCBA Texas Chapter was the first society I joined. It is in the SCBA where I quickly found the mentorship I needed, the collaborators who I have been working with from projects to projects, and the friends with whom I have shared every single frustration and achievement along my career thus far. Truly I feel myself in a family where everyone helps and supports each other, and this family tradition has been passed on from a generation to another. As many other Chinese faculty here at Houston, I have benefited from being a SCBA family member. For this reason, I always feel obligated to pay back to “the SCBA family” by serving the society and its members. In the past years, I have had great fortune to serve the SCBA Texas Chapter as President Assistant (2015-2016), Secretary (2016-2017), President-elect (2017-2018), and President (2018-2019). Through these years, I have worked with many internationally renowned SCBA leaders and tried to learn from their leadership. Now I am thrilled to have this opportunity to serve the National SCBA as Treasurer for the term of 2020-2021. I will work closely with other SCBA officials and the Board to keep the SCBA financially healthy, to organize another successful SCBA International Symposium, and most importantly to serve the SCBA members. It is my humble hope that my little contribution to the society will have some positive impacts to other SCBA members and make them feel the same way I feel about the SCBA family.



Yong Xu, Ph.D.
SCBA Treasurer, 2020-2021



4. SCBA-Virology Division Workshop Held in Kunming

By Shan-Lu Liu

The SCBA-Virology Division held a scientific workshop on July 28, 2019 after the 17th SCBA International Symposium in Kunming, China. The workshop was co-organized by Drs. Genhong Cheng, Haitao Guo, Shan-Lu Liu and Tongqing Zhou of the SCBA-virology Division and by Dr. Qihan Li at the Institute of Medical Biology (IMB), Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (CAMS).

The meeting was opened by an introductory speech by Prof. Qihan Li, Director of IMB, followed by scientific presentations. The workshop had three sessions, which covered the topics of “Immunity to Viral Infection”, “Viral Pathogenesis”, and “Vaccine and Primate Models”. More than 50 people attended the workshop, many from IMB. Speakers, session chairs, and panelists include: Tian Wang, Shan-Lu Liu, Haitao Hu, Jie Sun, Wenzhe Ho, Lishan Su, Wei Jiang, Xuefeng Liu, Hongyu Deng, Yuntao Wu, Jianming Hu, Genhong Cheng, Lanying Du, Yuan Yan, Kui Li, Shou-Wei Ding, Qi Huang, etc.

Before the scientific sessions, meeting attendees were given a guided tour of the National Medical Primate Research Center located in IMB, CAMS, which hosts the largest P4 primate research facility in China and plays a leading role in breeding, reproduction, disease control, genetic studies of primates in the world. In addition to IMB of CAMS, the workshop was also supported by Drs. Yuelong Shu and Musheng Zeng at Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU), China, Dr. Yuntao Wu at Virongy, LLC and George Mason University, as well as Immune Technology Corp.

This is the first scientific event after the official establishment of the SCBA-Virology Division in 2018. During the 2019 SCBA international symposium and the SCBA-Virology satellite workshop, we also organized opportunities for social networking.

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5. The First Annual Meeting of the SCBA Indiana Chapter

By Jiangwu Xie

The 2018-2019 President of SCBA Indiana Chapter

The First Annual meeting of The SCBA Indiana Chapter took place on a chilly and raining Saturday, Nov.23rd, 2019 on IUPUI campus in Indianapolis. Over 60 registrants from four cities in Indiana attended the meeting. Despite of the severe weather condition, the symposium was well-attended.

The meeting was organized by Dr. Changdeng Hu (Purdue University), Frank Yang (Indiana University, Indianapolis), Xiongbin Lu (Indiana University, School of Medicine) and Jingwu Xie (Indiana University School of Medicine). The program included: 1) the inaugural David T. Wong Innovative Award lecture; 2) six research highlights from senior and early-career PIs; 3) presentation of research awards to graduate students, postdoctoral scientists and junior faculty investigators; 4) election of new leadership for the next term.

The scientific sessions were chaired by Changdeng Hu (Purdue University) and Yunlong Liu (Indiana University School of Medicine), and the research awards were presented by Xiongbin Lu (Indiana University School of Medicine) and David T. Wong (Lilly). The election was chaired by Frank Yang (Indiana University School of Medicine).

The David T. Wong Innovation Award was established to improve the visibility of Chinese bioscientists. This award is given to an outstanding scientist who will be the featured speaker for the annual meeting of the SCBA Indiana Chapter. This award is established with the consensus and support of Dr. David Taiwai Wong, a Hong Kong-born American neuroscientist and innovator. Dr. Wong is also a founding member of SCBA, and has been a lifetime SCBA member since 1984. Dr. Wong retired after over 50 years with The Lilly Research Laboratories, Eli Lilly and Company. He is also an adjunct professor, emeritus, at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Dr. Wong has published over 160 papers and 30 patents, and is best known for the discovery of fluoxetine, more commonly known by its trade name Prozac, a ground-breaking antidepressant

drug. Dr. Wong also contributed to the discovery of atomoxetine (Strattera), duloxetine (Cymbalta) and dapoxetine (Priligy), as well as the development of pergolide (Permax) and olanzapine (Zypreza). Dr. Wong won the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association Discoverer's Award in 1993. Dr. Wong was named Alumnus of the Year by Seattle Pacific University in 1998. In 2008, Dr. Wong was honored as an Indiana Living Legend by the Indiana Historical Society. In 2011, Dr. Wong received the Prince Mahidol Award in Medicine. The David T. Wong Innovation Award presents a unique opportunity to identify an outstanding Chinese scientist each year who has made significant contribution to biosciences. This year, Zhong-Yin Zhang, Chair and Distinguished Professor, Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, Purdue University, was selected as the first recipient for the David T. Wong Innovation award. Currently, active fundraising is under the way for The David T. Wong Innovation Award, and the award recipient will be selected from candidates, who are SCBA members, throughout the world.

In this meeting, a number of research awards were selected, and the research awards recipients include Jing Yang (Student), Dongsheng Gu (Scientist), Rudong Li (scientist), Yujing Li (Scientist), Menghao Huang (Scientist), Junjie Zhang (Scientist), Xinna Zhang (Investigator), Leifu Chang (Investigator), Siyuan Zhang (Investigator), Ji Zhang (Investigator), Kai Yang (Investigator) and Chi Zhang (Investigator).

Another important activity in the meeting was to elect new leadership for the term 2020-2021, and the newly elected leaders include Yunlong Liu (President), Xiongbin Lu (Secretary) and Changdeng Hu (Treasurer).

In addition to all program activities, many meeting attendees requested sponsor signature for SCBA membership application. It is highly anticipated that the number of SCBA members in Indiana may be doubled within the next two years.

(See photos on next page)



Yunlong Liu
the new President of SCBA
Indiana Chapter



Xiongbin Lu
The new Secretary of SCBA
Indiana Chapter



Changdeng Hu
The new Treasurer of SCBA
Indiana Chapter



Group picture at the first annual meeting for the SCBA Indiana Chapter on Nov.23, 2019

6. SCBA-Hepatology Division Chinese American Liver Society (CALS) had its 2nd Annual Symposium in Boston

(Please read the meeting report on pages 10-14)

7. ACVA/SCBA-Virology Division: 2019 Year in Review

(Please read the Review on pages 15-16)



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Chinese American Liver Society (CAL S)



The President of SCBA-Hepatology Division—Dr. Xiao-Ming Yin

**SCBA-Hepatology Division
Chinese American Liver Society (CAL S)**

**The 2nd Annual Symposium at the Embassy Suite Boston
Logan Airport, 207 Porter Street, Boston, MA 02128
Nov. 7, 2019**





The 2nd Annual Symposium on Nov. 7, 2019, Boston

The 2nd Annual Symposium of the Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America (SCBA)- Hepatology Division/Chinese American Liver Society (CAL S) was successfully held on November 7, 2019, the day before AASLD meeting, at the Embassy Suite Boston Logan Airport (207 Porter Street, Boston MA 02128) (<http://www.scbasociety.org/hepatology/hepatology-meeting.html>). The goal of this symposium was to promote collaborations and interactions among scientists and hepatologists in basic, pre-clinical, and clinical studies of liver diseases and cancer and to provide training and professional development opportunities for the next generation of scientists and hepatologists. This meeting arranged a diverse program covering the different aspects of liver pathobiology with speakers from different parts of the world. The SCBA Hepatology Division is mainly composed of Chinese investigators, including the liver researchers, hepatologists, gastroenterologists, and clinicians of other sub-specialties with a strong interest in liver diseases from North America as well as including Junior Faculty and Postdoctoral Research Fellows. Over eighty of Investigators attended the meeting. Several internationally-recognized leaders from U.S., as well as Clinic investigators traveled from China, were also invited to participate in the meeting.



The SCBA-Hepatology Division Program: on Nov. 7, 2019, Boston

1:00-1:55pm: **Registration and networking**

1:55-2:00pm. **Welcome opening remarks: Xiao-Ming Yin (Indiana University)**

2:00-2:30pm **Session I: Keynote lecture (I 主题演讲)**

Moderator: Huiping Zhou (Virginia Commonwealth University)

John Chiang, Northeast Ohio Medical University

Updates on bile acids receptors in liver metabolism and diseases

2:30-3:15pm **Session II. Liver Injury, inflammation, and fibrosis (II 肝脏损伤, 炎症, 纤维化)**

Moderators:

Tiangang Li, Kansas University
Gianfranco Alpini, Indiana University

2:30-2:45pm **Fanying Meng, Indiana University**

Role of non-coding RNA and stem cell-derived extracellular vesicles during alcoholic liver injury.

2:45-3:00pm **Haofeng Ji, University of California at Los Angeles**

Activation of YAP attenuates hepatic damage and fibrosis in liver ischemia-reperfusion injury

3:00-3:15pm **Chiung-Kuei Huang, Brown University**

TET1 and the progression of alcoholic liver disease.

3:15-3:45pm **Coffee break and photo session (茶息, 与会者合影)**

3: 45-4:30pm **Session III. Metabolic liver diseases (III代谢性肝病)**

Moderators:

Chaodong Wu, Texas A&M University
Liqing Yu, University of Maryland



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3:45-4:00pm **Wanqing Liu, Wayne State University,**

NAFLD Genomics and implications for precision medicine

4: 00-4:15pm **Zhengyuan Song, University of Illinois at Chicago.**

Regulatory role of mitochondria redox metabolism in autophagy: implication in lipotoxicity and metabolic liver diseases.

4:15-4:30pm **Steven Zheng, Rutgers Univ.**

Mechanism of mTOR-AR signaling in male-dominant NAFLD and HCC.

4:30-4:45pm **Short Break:**

4:45-5:30pm **Session IV. Liver cancer and liver regeneration (IV 肝再生, 肝癌)**

Moderators:

Wei Qiu, Layola Univresity

David Wang. Albert Einstein College of Medicine

4:30-4:45pm **Hua Wang, First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui Medical University**

HCC regulates PDL-1 expression in macrophages through ER stress-induced miRNA release.

4:45-5:00pm **Gengshu Wang, Third Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University,**

Immunologic features and clinical implications of CD8+ tissue resident memory T cells in HCC.

5:00-5:15pm **Grace Guo, Rutgers University,**

The role of FGF15 in liver regeneration and tumor development.

5:30-5:45pm **Session V. Business meeting (IV. 学会事务)**

Moderator: Xiao-Ming Yin

Treasurer's report, Wen-Xing Ding

Secretary's report: Mengwei Zang

Introduction of the next President: Xiao-Ming Yin

5:45-8:00pm **Buffer Dinner (自助餐晚宴)**



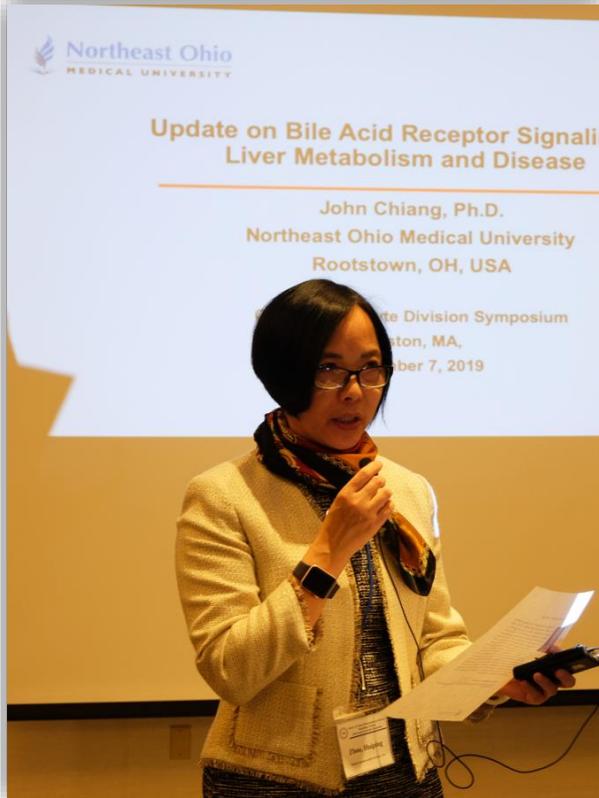
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The President-Elect of SCBA-Hepatology Division—Dr. Huiping Zhou from Virginia Commonwealth University introduced the Keynote speaker Dr. John Chiang at Northeast Ohio Medical University.



The Secretary of SCBA-Hepatology Division, Dr. Mengwei Zang from University of Texas Health San Antonio, presented the organizing process of the 2nd annual symposium in 2019. Dr. Zang expressed her thanks to all the attendees and the sponsors. Dr. Zang sincerely appreciated all Board Members for their support and advice.

The Treasurer of SCBA-Hepatology Division, Dr. Wen-Xing Ding from University of Kansas Medical School, updated about the society status and its financial report. Dr. Ding expressed his thanks to all the attendees and the sponsors. The society is now running in a healthy, sustainable condition.



The 2nd Annual Symposium on Nov. 7, 2019, Boston

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

Happy new year! I wish you all a healthy and productive 2020!

I would like to share the summary on our major activities in 2019, as below.

ACVA/SCBA-Virology Division: 2019 Year in Review (chronologically)

1. Continuous and focused discussion on the Science letter “Racial Profiling Harms Science” (original title “Racial Profiling Harms American Science and Innovation”).
2. Seven Chinese or Chinese American scientists, including 5 members of ACVA/SCBA-Virology Division, elected to the American Academy of Microbiology (AAM) - Genhong Cheng (程根宏), Pinghui Feng (冯平辉), Guangping Gao (高光坪), Jake T Liang (連展阳), Zhengli Shi (石正丽), Yumei Wen (闻玉梅), Richard Zhao (赵玉琪) .
3. Themed discussion on the universal influenza vaccine, vectored ImmunoProphylaxis, and attenuated influenza vaccine.
4. Themed discussion of Open Access journal publishing.
5. Debate and discussion on the definition of “racial profiling”: Chinese translations, differences between “racial profiling” and “racial discrimination”, and differences in Chinese translations: “种族标签, 种族偏见, 种族歧视”.
6. Themed discussion on virus-host evolutionary arms races: HIV and others.
7. Ultimate publication of the Science letter on March 21, 2019 (online) – sagas and stories behind the scenes.
8. Responses to the Science letter and media reports – “The Scientist”, “知识分子”, and others.
9. Discussion and responses to US institution’s statements, Emory/MD Anderson faculty firing, and NIH’s foreign influences and FBI investigations.
10. Establishment of the ACVA/SCBA-Virology Division website (<https://sites.google.com/view/scba-virology/home>), as well as collection and distribution of membership list (<https://sites.google.com/view/scba-virology/members>).
11. Dr. George F. Gao elected to the US National Academy of Sciences as International Member (formerly called Foreign Associate).
12. Dr. Zongdi Feng (冯枫棣) won the 2019 ASV’s Ann Palmenberg Junior Investigator’s award.

13. ACVA/SCBA-Virology participation in the 17th SCBA International Symposium, Kunming, July 24-28, 2019, and scientific workshop and social gathering at the 2nd ACVA/SCBA-virology meeting in Kunming, July 28, 2019.
14. Response and discussion on the role of $\alpha 4\beta 7$ antibody in the control of HIV/SIV infection: 3 Science papers with all negative results - what has gone wrong and what is next?
15. Dr. Feng Shao won the 2019 Future Scientific Prize in Biological Sciences: congratulations and discussions on the scientific evaluation systems in China – ideas and solutions.
16. Three members among the 2019 Journal of Virology top 25 reviewers: Drs. Dongdi Feng (冯枫棣), Bin He (何斌), and Dong-Yan Jin (金冬雁); note that Dr. Bin He is PhD advisor of Dr. Feng, and both have been on the list multiple times, including 2018 (Drs. Ju-tao Guo and Jianming Hu were among the 2018's JVI top 25 reviewers)
17. Response and discussion about the 2019 Lasker award for the discovery of T and B development.
18. Overwhelming responses to Dr. Xuetao Cao's publication issues raised by [Pubpeer.com](https://pubpeer.com), and heated discussion on scientific misconduct in general.
19. Heated discussion on publishing in CNS (Cell, Nature and Science), selection of conference speakers, and scientific community networking.
20. Themed discussion on self-plagiarism and direct feedback from Editor in Chiefs of Journal of Virology (Roz Sandri-Goldin), Journal of Immunology (Gene Oltz), Viruses (Eric Freed), Emerging Microbes and Infections (Shan Lu), etc.
21. Themed discussion on publications of structural biology studies in CNS - a scientific favor or true advance in biology?
22. Themed discussion on US patents and institution royalties - why are they different?
23. Themed discussion on viral entry: definition of viral receptors – requirements and pitfalls.

Shan-Lu Liu, MD, PhD

President of ACVA/SCBA-Virology
The Ohio State University



Xi He, Ph.D.
Co-Executive Director



Chris Lau, Ph.D.
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