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Notes from the 2020-2021 SCBA Leadership Team

NOTES FROM SCBA PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow SCBA Members and Friends,

Summer is over and autumn is upon us. I hope you have found safe and enjoyable ways to spend the summer during this time of pandemic and that you have had a chance to see the spectacular fall colors.

As announced in the last Newsletter, our new and much-improved SCBA website (www.scbasociety.org) has been launched. I hope you have visited the website and set up your account. It is very important to do so as it will be used for all future SCBA functions and communications, including our biennial conferences. If you experience any issues with your membership or log-in, feel free to contact Yuan Zhu, the membership committee chair at YZhu@childrensnational.org or Zion Han at webmaster@scbasociety.org. Please encourage your fellow non-SCBA colleagues to join before the end

of the year to take advantage of the current membership dues, which are scheduled to increase on January 1, 2021.

As some of you may know, the past six SCBA biennial meetings have been held either in mainland China or Taipei with local hosts providing all the financial and logistic support. In light of the pandemic and the current political climate, the SCBA leadership team has decided to take it into our own hands and hold the 2021 Biennial Symposium in US; we are the Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America after all. While exciting, it is a daunting task and many of us have been busy at work planning the various aspects of the conference. Currently the meeting is scheduled to take place from July 27 to 31, 2021 in Boston. The SCBA Boston Chapter will serve as our local host. The Chapter leaders, including Xiaobo Zhou (Past President), Hong Chen (Current President), Dong Kong and Qiaobing Xu, have done much of the legwork to identify a venue. They will continue to play active roles in the meeting planning and fundraising activities. I would like to thank them as well as other committee members for their enthusiastic support. I am confident that, by working together, we can produce an outstanding conference, COVID permitting of course.

This remark serves as a primer for the December Newsletter in which detailed information regarding the 2021 Biennial Symposium will be provided. For now, please mark the dates on your calendar and make plan to attend.



Dr. Hui Zheng, SCBA President

NOTES FROM SCBA SECRETARY

Dear SCBA members,

As many of you returned to work after the lab shutdown earlier this year, the SCBA leadership has been actively planning for the next SCBA Biennial Symposium. After several rounds of careful discussion, the SCBA council has voted to hold the next symposium in the U.S. Despite some uncertainty on the COVID-19 pandemic, we are optimistic that in-person conferences will be allowed in summer next year. We also felt strongly that in-person interactions among our members are essential for the missions of SCBA and the success of our symposium. The council has therefore decided to hold an in-person symposium in late July, 2021. After considering several locations, the SCBA leadership has selected Boston as the site for the next symposium. The enthusiastic support from the SCBA Boston Chapter has played a critical role in this decision. We very much look

forward to working with the Boston Chapter to organize and run a successful symposium next summer.

The preparation for the next biennial symposium is currently underway. We have tentatively selected the Hyatt Regency at Cambridge as the site of symposium (<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/massachusetts/hyatt-regency-boston-cambridge/bosrc>). This hotel is adjacent to MIT, Charles river, and many other attractions in Boston. We will soon announce the dates of this symposium after the details are finalized. In the meantime, multiple committees have been assembled for the preparation of this symposium. The Program Committee is organized by Dr. Zhi-Ming (Thomas) Zheng at the NIH and me. The Award Committee is led by Dr. Keji Zhao at the NIH, who was a previous recipient of the SCBA Presidential Award. The fund raising committee is spearheaded by Dr. Yong Xu at Baylor College of Medicine, the current SCBA Treasurer. Updates on this symposium will soon appear in the new SCBA website.

We look forward to seeing you again in Boston next summer and enjoying science and social interactions!



Dr. Lee Zou, SCBA Secretary

NOTES FROM SCBA TREASURER

Dear Fellow SCBA Members,

I hope everyone is well.

During the third quarter of 2020, the Finance Committee (Drs. Pan Zheng, Ying Zhang, Yvonne Wan, Ji Luo and myself) have been working on the routine duties, e.g. the collection of membership dues.

In response to the request of the SCBA Council, we assembled the Fundraising Committee to fundraise for the 18th SCBA International Symposium which will take place in Boston in July of 2021. In addition to the members of the Finance Committee, we are fortunate to have two local SCBA members, Dr. Qiaobing Xu (Associate Professor at Tufts University) and Dr. Dong Kong (Assistant Professor at Tufts University), to join this effort. The first Fundraising Committee meeting was held on September 3 of 2020, and we have developed a strategic plan, including identification of target populations and development of a donation guideline.

In addition, we have been using the newly established SCBA website (<https://www.scbasociety.org/event-3960787>) to help the SCBA-Hepatology Division for their annual symposium registration and fee collection. This is the first time we used our own website to support a SCBA event, and we found it very convenient to the organizers and participants. We will use this powerful function of the website to help out any other SCBA events in future, including the 18th SCBA International Symposium in 2021.

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact all our lives, most of the institutes (including Baylor College of Medicine where I work) have started to reopen. At this difficult time, I sincerely wish all our SCBA members stay healthy, positive and productive.



Dr. Yong Xu, SCBA Treasurer

Notes from the SCBA Webmaster

Dear SCBA members,

The new SCBA website <https://www.scbasociety.org/> has been constantly updated since its launch in July 2020.

Some of the most important new features of the SCBA website, plus new updates in the past quarter are summarized here:

1. Web-based membership management system

The web-based membership management system allows SCBA to automatically track membership status, send membership notification, collect membership fee and issue invoice. Most importantly, it allows each member to manage his or her own membership profile, so that information can be updated by members themselves at any time.

A new feature was added in the past month to allow each member to list their expertise or research interest. This will help members for identifying common interest, forging collaboration, and building network. If you have not updated your personal profile with your current contact information and research interest, please do so soon. We are currently listing 15 research areas for you to check and make it easy to search for people with common interest in our big community. These research areas are:

- Cancer
- Cardiovascular
- Neurological Diseases
- Metabolic Diseases
- Kidney Diseases
- Hematology
- Virology
- Aging

- Bioinformatics
- Biochemistry
- Cell Biology
- Developmental Biology
- DNA Repair
- Drug Discovery
- Genetics

If your research area is not listed here, you can add it in the “Other Expertise” box. New searchable research areas will be added in the future according to the input of members.

To search members with certain expertise, please go to the “Membership” Tab and choose “Membership Directory” and then click on “Directory Search”. If you click on any of the research area (such as “cancer”), you will see all the SCBA members who list “cancer” as an expertise. We believe that this feature is particularly useful for our members to connect with one another for common interest and to forge network and collaboration.

Besides searching by research area, you can also search by name, so that you can quickly find if a friend or colleague of yours is a SCBA member or not (if not, please ask them to join soon as our membership fee will increase significantly after January 1, 2021). You can also search by location (such as zip code or city name), so that if you are new to an area, you can quickly find if there are any SCBA members in the area, who might be able to help you.

Please note that the web-based membership management system uses email address as the primary user identity. Therefore, you can update any information in your membership profile, except the email address. If you need to update your email address, you will have to contact either the webmaster or the membership committee from the SCBA website.

2. Conferences and Events

We added a new “Conferences and Events” tab in September 2020. All the past SCBA international symposium events are now listed in this tab. Two new conferences are also listed, including the Hepatology Division Third CALS Annual Symposium and the upcoming 18th SCBA Internatioanl Symposium.

Our new web-based membership management system at the SCBA website makes it possible for online registration to meetings hosted by SCBA, and collect registration fee based on the SCBA membership status through our online payment system.

The Hepatology Division Third CALS Annual Symposium is the first conference that the new SCBA website is used to for meeting posting and registration. By today, 129 attendees already registrated online for this conference with different levels of registration fee according to each person’s membership status.

We plan to use our SCBA website to handle the registration, meeting announcement, program announcement, SCBA awards, and many other tasks for the upcoming 18th SCBA Internatioanl Symposium.

3. Donations

The new SCBA website offers a direct channel for our members to donate to our society online. You can leave specific comment on what your donation is aimed for, and our leadership team will make sure that your donation is used exactly as you plan for. A successful society needs supports from all of the members. Donation is one of the most efficient way to help our society. The “Donate” button can be found at the top left corner of the SCBA home page. You will receive a donation receipt automatically as soon as your donation is processed.

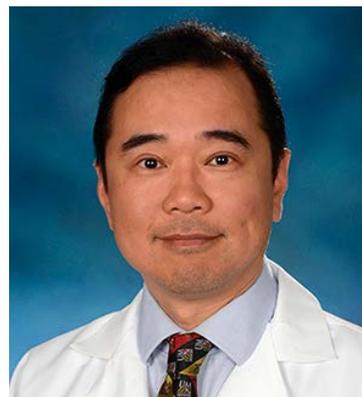
We want to thank the first \$500 donation received from the SCBA website from Dr. Huiping Zhou at the Virginia Commonwealth University to support SCBA Hepatology Division events. This is a great example for donations with a specific goal. The donation will be passed to the Hepatology division for the conference that they are planning. If no specific goal is mentioned, the donation will be added to our SCBA treasury fund to support everyday SCAB operation. We encourage more members to donate to our society online to make it stronger and better!

4. News and Job Posting

The new SCBA website offers Job Posting. Please contact the webmaster if you have positions to post on our website. If you are looking for positions, you can find the Job Posting under the “News” tab.

Our website will continually be updated to include new information and resources. If you have suggestions, please feel free to send your feedback to webmaster@scbasociety.org.

Thank you very much for your support!



Dr. Zhe “Zion” Han, SCBA Webmaster

NOTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee of the SCBA would like to share two important developments with our members.

1. The SCBA Membership is transitioning to the web-based system. During the transition, our Membership Committee strives to update the current member directory, converting it into a web-based version and facilitating the application process via an online system. We have recently completed the updated process for the membership with the Hepatology Division. We will continue this process with the other Divisions and Local Chapters. For the presidents of each Division and Local Chapters:

a. Please send me (yzhu@childrensnational.org) the email list of your members. We will update them in our new system.

b. Please encourage your members to log into the new membership system: <https://www.scbasociety.org/sys/website/?pageId=7738> [nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]. We recently found that some members were mistakenly assigned to the wrong membership categories or even lost in the system transition.

2. The SCBA will increase our membership fee on January 1st, 2021. Please pay attention to the following important notes.

a. If you join the SCBA from now on to 1/1/2021, you can still pay for the current rate.

b. If you do not update your membership status in the web system by then, we will have to manually get you back to our web system.

The new versus current membership fees:

Regular Membership Fees:

1. Those residing in North America, \$50 annual membership fees (increased from \$35)
2. Those residing outside North America, \$40 annual membership fees (increased from \$25)

Life-time Membership Fees:

1. The International Lifetime membership category, it will be \$400 **onetime** fees (increased from \$250).
2. The lifetime membership for those residing in North America will be \$500 **onetime** fees (increased from \$350), after January 1, 2021.

Membership Committee

Yuan Zhu (Chair)

Baohua Liu

Mitchell Ho

Feng Yang

Burton Yang

**NOTES FROM EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF SCBA JOURNAL
CELL & BIOSCIENCE**

Dear SCBA Members,

The Society journal, Cell & Bioscience is a high impact journal with a recent two-year impact factor of 5.026. It is a journal for every member of the Society as well as the scientific community at large. Recently, we have witnessed a significant increase in the number of submissions to our journal. As of now, the number of published articles has already surpassed those of previous years. With such an increase in submissions, we at the Editorial Management need your help in expediting the evaluation processes to maintain a reasonable timeframe for reviews of these submissions.

There are numerous ways you can help in maintaining the scientific prestige and merits of the Society journal. We are in the process of expanding the number of Associate Editors, Editorial Board and reviewer database to accommodate specific expertise, particularly on cardiovascular, immunology and physiology areas. We will be grateful if you can volunteer and/or recommend colleagues/associates to serve in such capacities for Cell & Bioscience. In particular, serving as reviewers could greatly foster the scientific growth of junior colleagues under your supervision. Please send

your suggestions, voluntary service or recommendations of colleagues to me at: chris.lau@ucsf.edu. I will greatly appreciate, if you can kindly include some relevant information in a brief curriculum vitae, including names, qualifications, academic appointment(s) and affiliation(s), contact information, publications, and a list of personal key words of expertise for the database. Please visit the journal website for further information about the journal: <https://cellandbioscience.biomedcentral.com/>.

Thank you very much for your support!



*Chris Lau, Ph.D.
Editor-in-Chief
Cell & Bioscience*

SCBA-Virology Annual Meeting, December 30-31, 2020

By Shan-Lu Liu

Dear colleagues,

The SCBA-Virology Division's 2020 annual meeting originally scheduled in July was cancelled due to the pandemic. Now the Advisory Board has decided to have a virtual meeting on **December 30-31, 2020**. The date is chosen to specially mark the first public revelation of COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan, which is December 30, 2019. The current board members will serve as organizing and also scientific program committees to facilitate the process.

The meeting will be held in the morning of December 30 and 31 (9-12 pm) and in the afternoon of December 30 (1:30-4:30 pm). Six scientific sessions focusing on the molecular virology, viral pathogenesis, and viral therapeutics and vaccines, etc. will be dedicated to this day-and-half event. Three focused panel discussions will also be arranged.

We are pleased that Drs. Susan Weiss and X.J. Meng have agreed to deliver keynote address during the meeting.

Xiang-Jin (X.J.) Meng, MD, PhD
Virginia Tech

“Expanding host range and extrahepatic manifestation of hepatitis E virus infection”

Susan R. Weiss, PhD
University of Pennsylvania
“Coronaviruses: Old and New”

Please submit your abstract to Dr. Tongqing Zhou (tzhou@mail.nih.gov) by Nov 30, 2020 for full consideration of selected talks. We especially encourage young investigators to submit abstracts and participate in this meeting. As we wish to cover as many topics as possible, the talk will be limited to 12 min of presentation plus 3 min of questions.

For additional questions, please contact:

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MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America (SCBA) is the largest professional society for Chinese bioscientists outside of China. Our SCBA network has continued to expand, and we hope that our members encourage colleagues to join and enjoy the many resources and opportunities at SCBA.

We would like to give a warm welcome to our newest members:

First name	Last name	Institution
Heather	Francis	Indiana University
Shicheng	Fan	School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Sun Yat-Sen University
Ling	Yang	Lewis Katz School of Medicine
Fanyin	Meng	Indiana University School of Medicine
Weici	Zhang	University of California Davis
Yuxia (Lisa)	Zhang	University of Kansas Medical Center
Zhihong	Yang	Indiana University
Xinwen	Wang	NEOMED
Shuping	Zhong	University of Southern California
Zhi	Zhong	Medical University of South Carolina
Baoan	Ji	Mayo Clinic
Shengmin	Yan	Tulane University School of Medicine
Liya	Pi	University of Florida Gainesville
Xiaoxiao	Jiang	University of Kansas medical center
Wonhyo	Seo	NIAAA, National Institutes of Health
Seol Hee	Park	NIAAA, National Institutes of Health
Daniel	Rizzolo	Rutgers University
Lichun	Ma	NIH

Dan	Li	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH
Wei	Fan	Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
yilin	yang	Yale University
Yaojie	Fu	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institutes of Health
Xiaojuan	Chao	University of Kansas Medical Center
Junkai	Yan	Virginia Commonwealth University
Konstantina	Kyritsi	Indiana University
Haichuan	Wang	University of California, San Francisco
Chuanpeng	Dong	Indiana University
Menghao	Huang	Indiana University
Tian	Lan	Guangdong Pharmaceutical University
Huichang	Bi	School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Sun Yat-sen University
Tian	Lan	Guangdong Pharmaceutical University
Pei	Wang	The University of Texas Health San Antonio
Tiangang	Li	University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center



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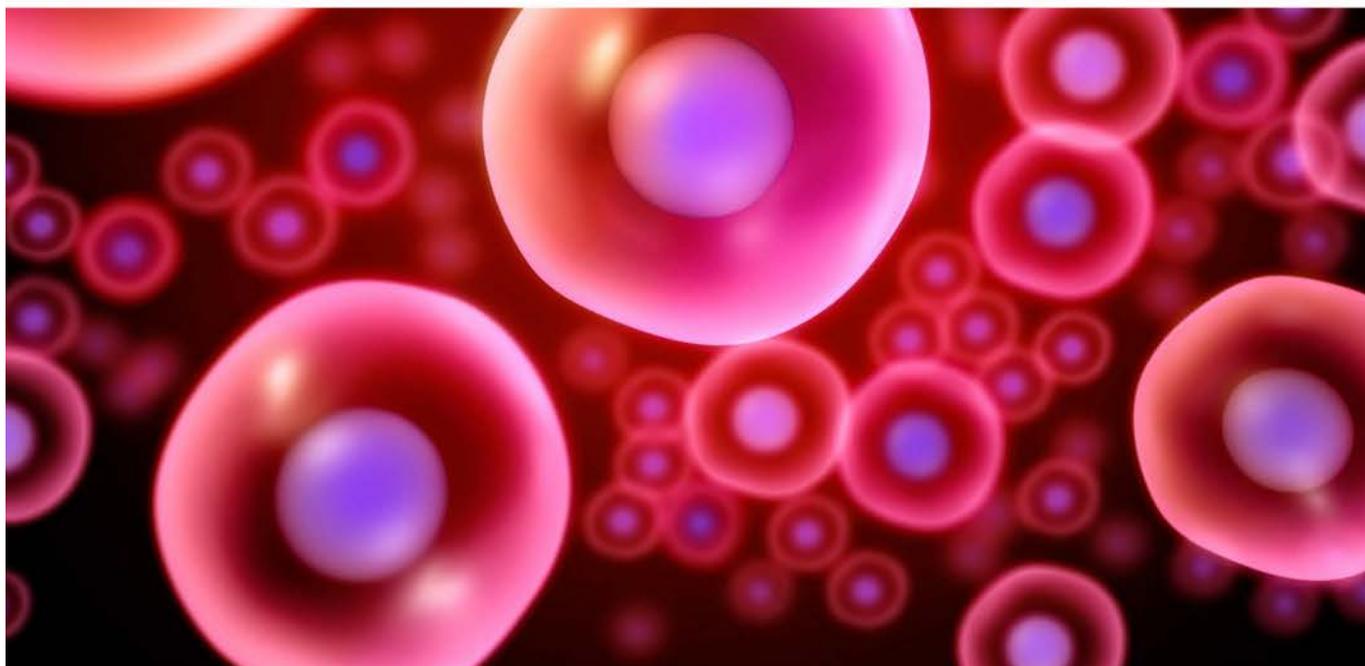
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