



ICHTS e-Update

New journey start with today's research

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I. Message from President

I am pleased to share with you ICHTS's recent activities. Annual ICHTS-ASBMR meeting was successfully held at Montreal on September 15, 2008. There were more than 70 people attended the meeting. Due to an unexpected strike from originally decided meeting hotel, the venue for the meeting was changed at last minute. Although the new venue was 1.5 miles away from the convention center, the number and the enthusiasm from attendees were very high. Dr. Yingzi Yang from NIH hosted the meeting. Dr. Xu Cao from University of Alabama gave a moved keynote speech on "How to Make a Successful Career Development." He has discussed several key issues that junior scientists would face at early and middle stage of their academic career. The topics included the influence of cultural deference, how to generate novel research ideas, enhance communication, and handling of glass ceiling. The discussion was very active. ICHTS President, Dr. Yi-Xian Qin, overviewed society activities for the past fiscal year. Our membership has hit record high close to 1300. ICHTS has sponsored or co-sponsored 3rd International Conference on Osteoporosis and Bone Research in Shanghai, October 2007, first scientific symposium at last ORS, San Francisco, March 2008, and 2nd Advanced Orthopaedic International, June 2008. New board member election was announced by the Election Committee, led by Dr. Jian Feng. Our new President-Elect will be Dr. Ling Qin, who will start his term in September 2009. Finally WJ Young Investigator Awards were announced by the committee chair Dr. Mei Wan, for three recipients, Baichun Jiang from Baylor College of Dentistry (In vivo knockdown of GEP, a novel growth factor in cartilage, led to defects in cartilage and osteoarthritis), Dezhi Tang from University of Rochester (Activation of b-catenin signaling in articular chondrocytes leads to osteoarthritis-like phenotype in adult b-catenin conditional activation mice), and Yi Tang from University of Alabama at Birmingham (TGFB1 induces migration of Sca-1 and CD29-positive mesenchymal stem cells in coupling bone resorption and formation). They have done outstanding researches and their works were highlighted.



I would be happy to report that the registration for the International Conference on Osteoporosis and Bone Research (ICOBR'08) in Beijing, October 22-25, 2008, are very high. The Program Committee and the Organizing Committee are working hard to make the final arrangement. There will be more than 50 young investigator award will be awarded. There will be world renowned scientists attending the conference.

I also would like to welcome two new board members, Drs. Ed Guo from Columbia University and Cheng-Kung Cheng from Yang Ming University. Three board members are re-elected including Drs. L Gang, J Xu, and Y Qin.

Yi-Xian Qin, Ph.D., ICHTS President

II. Meeting and Events

ICHTS/APBM Histomorphometry & Imaging Workshop

October 21, 2008

Beijing, China

<http://www.chinamed.com.cn/icobr2008> & <http://www.ort.cuhk.edu.hk/>

International Conference on Osteoporosis and Bone Research 2008

October 22-25, 2008

Beijing, China

<http://www.chinamed.com.cn/icobr2008>

ICHTS Leadership Meeting and Eastern Forum will be held on October 26-29, 2008. Shanghai, China

The meeting is planned right after the ICOBR'08 in Beijing. The theme of the meeting is to provide a forum for exchange cutting-edge information in musculoskeletal research and regenerative medicine. Tentative participants will be senior ICHTS members, Lab PIs, current and past member of board, and new members. Interested participants please contact Yi-Xian Qin and Tingting Tang.





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III. Highlights of Member Activities

PharmaLegacy Laboratories (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., a specialty CRO strategically located in Zhangjiang High-Tech Park will have its Grand Opening Ceremony on October 17, 2008 starting at 8:30 AM. More information can be found at www.pharmalegacy.com.

Management Team Update:

Dr. Yongjun Liu from University of Missouri—Kansas City will serve as Membership Committee Chair.

Ms. Teresa Wang, Assistant to Dr. Mei-Shu Shih at PharmaLegacy, will volunteer assisting ICHTS' administrative works. Please contact her if you have and suggestion (Teresa.Wang@pharmalegacy.com)

IV. New Member Update (September)

Following new members have joined ICHTS recently from all regions in the world:

Zhengguo Cao (US), I-Ning Wang (US), Jian-Ming Lin (New Zealand), Xin Li (US), Zhixing Zhao (US), Benjamin Khoo (Australia).
Welcome!

V. Publication Updates

A new book, entitled "**The Protocols in Musculoskeletal Research -A Practical Manual for Laboratory Techniques**," is published this summer by World Scientific Publisher.

Book "**Advanced Bioimaging Technologies in Assessment of the Quality of Bone and Scaffold Materials**" is published. <http://www.springer.com/medicine/radiology/book/978-3-540-45454-0>

Tissue Engineering, edited by Dr. Jeremy Mao et al., is published.

VI. Acknowledgment of Supporters

Pfizer, OrthoLogic, Scanco, Eli Lilly China, Procter & Gamble, Amgen, Osteometrics, Genzyme and etc.

VII. Jobline

- Two positions are currently open for BS/MS scientists (Associate Scientist/Senior Associate Scientist) in Amgen Bone Research Group. Please send resume to David Ke (hke@amgen.com)
- Postdoc Associate: Bone biology and engineering, cellular and animal models, and mechanotransduction. Contact Dr. Yi-Xian Qin for details (yi-xian.qin@sunysb.edu).
- Group Leader: Bone Research Program at ANZAC Research Institute, Sydney, Australia. Contact Dr. Hong Zhou for details (hzhou@anzac.edu.au).

VIII. Working Plan Updates

- Enhance communication for our members
- Add more scientific contents for annual meetings
- Organize major International Conferences
- Enhance journal scientific publications
- Fundraising
- Establish Service Awards
- Promote member collaboration and achievement