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I. Message from President

Welcome to the February Edition of ICHTS e-Update! Beginning from this year, an e-Update will be sent to our members periodically to update you the activities of the society and enhance information exchange among our members. ICHTS has been growing rapidly in recent years. Annual meetings in ASBMR and ORS have established regular forums for our members. Last ORS-ICHTS meeting was held in San Diego, February 11, 2007. A distinguished key note speech was delivered by Professor Shu Chien, founding Chair of Bioengineering Department, and the Director of the Whitaker Bioengineering Institute at the UCSD. His presentation, entitled "HOW TO SUCCEED IN CAREER DEVELOPMENT? - A Journey in Quest of Knowledge and Life," was well-received and attracted by the audience. Three WJ Young Investigator Awards were presented to Drs. M. Chen, X. Xin, and S.K. van de Velde. Last ASBMR-ICHTS meeting was held in Hawaii, September 16, 2007. A keynote speech was delivered by Dr. Jean Sibonga, Scientific Lead of Bone Team, Johnson Space Center, entitled "Recovery of Space-flight-induced Bone Loss," covering how to conduct translational research. Two WJ Young Investigator Awards were presented to Drs. X. Wu and N.J. Pavlos. We have involved in organizing two international conferences last year in China, the International Orthopedic Research Symposium in August 24-26, 2007 in Shanghai, and the 3rd International Conference for Osteoporosis and Bone Research in October 17-21, 2007 in Shanghai. These activities represent ICHTS's maturation and achievements as a young scientific society, and strengthening the international collaborations among members.

The Board has approved the plan for the new management, in which we will enhance communications for our members through periodical ICHTS e-Update, adding more scientific contents to our annual meetings via symposium and workshop format, enhancing network capabilities, and improving ICHTS website. We are looking forward an exciting and productive year for ICHTS!

Yi-Xian Qin, Ph.D.

II. Meeting and Events

ORS-ICHTS Pre-symposium

Interface of Stem Cells, Mechanics and Regeneration

Time: March 1, 2008 (ORS starts March 2)

Venue: San Francisco Marriott, Salon 7

55 Fourth Street

San Francisco, CA 94103 (next to Moscone Convention Center)

more information and registration form: <http://www.icht.org>

International Orthopedic Research Symposium 2008

June 20-23, 2008

Shanghai, China

ICHTS/APBM Histomorphometry & Imaging Workshop

October 20, 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>



III. Highlights of Member Activities

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- ◇ Dr. Xu Cao has been appointed as new senior Associate Editor of JBMR.
- ◇ Dr. Qian Chen received a COBRE National Center grant from NIH. The National Center for Research Resources has awarded a five-year, \$11.1-million grant to Rhode Island Hospital to establish the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence for Skeletal Health and Repair. http://www.brown.edu/Administration/News_Bureau/2007-08/07-058.html
- ◇ Dr. Hong-Wen Dong received a SCOR grant from NIH. The SCOR is an NIH P50 center grant with 3 component projects and 3 cores. The theme of the grant is trying to use genetic epidemiology, molecular genetics, functional genomics, proteomics approaches to identify novel risk genes and their functions for osteoporosis. <http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/sep2007/od-24a.htm>
- ◇ Dr. Jerry Feng took a new professor position at Baylor Dental School.
- ◇ Dr. Darren Ji (CEO) along with other senior members has created a preclinical Contract Research Organization, PharmaLegacy Laboratories, providing services of pharmacology in oncology, bone, inflammation and immune diseases, and orthopaedic tissue engineering.

IV. Management Information

New team has been formed for the 2008:

Yi-Xian Qin, President,

Ling Qin, Vice President

Qian Chen, Chair of Board of Director

Executive Committee: Yi-Xian Qin, Qian Chen, Ling Qin, Di Chen, David Ke, Hong-Wen Deng.

Dr. Xiaodong Li is appointed as ICHTS new treasurer starting Feb., 2008.

Dr. Dong Li and Dr. Jay Cao are ICHTS webmasters for English and Chinese websites.

Ms. Kristie Woo is our communicator

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V. Publication Updates

The Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery and Research plans to publish a Special Issue on Basic Research on Bone, Osteoporosis and Regenerative Medicine. This Special Issue will provide a comprehensive assessment of the state-of-the-art in the mechanistic and experimental applications of musculo-skeletal research.

Submission of original research manuscript is welcome. The submission deadline:

March 31, 2008.

A new book, entitled "**The Protocols in Musculoskeletal Research -A Practical Manual for Laboratory Techniques**," will be 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>

VI. Acknowledgment of Supporters

Pfizer, OrthoLogic, Scanco, Eli Lilly China, Procter & Gamble, Amgen, Osteomeasurement, Genzyme and many individuals.

VII. 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