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I. President's Message

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The society has kept very active with its momentum. This e-Update continue to show that ICHTS is growing and developing. Annual ICHTS-ORS meeting was successfully held at Las Vegas on Feb. 23, 2009 with high number of attendees and activities, and high quality young investigator awards recipients. Our membership hits record high. Members are actively involved in various research projects and achieved high successes with honors and high positions. This year's board election received warm and strong supports from our members with highest voting record. We have several new members elected to the board. The Program and Organizing Committee are working hard to prepare the ICHTS sponsored Int'l Osteoporosis Conference, Sept. 2009, in Beijing, and the Int'l Conference on Osteoporosis and Bone Mineral Research, Oct. 2010, in Shenzhen. There will be world renowned scientists attending the conferences.



Thank Dr. Edward Guo for putting this e-Update together. As always, please feel free to contact us with your thoughts and suggestions for our e-Update.

Yi-Xian Qin, Ph.D.

II. Meeting and Events

The Annual Meeting of ICHTS in conjunction with ORS 55th Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of ICHTS at 55th ORS Meeting was successfully held on February 23, 2009, in the Venetian Resort Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, USA. There were more than 70 ICHTS members attended this meeting. The meeting started with registration and refreshment at 7pm and it was chaired by ICHTS program committee Chairman, Prof. Gang Li. This year we have invited Prof. Mitchell Schaffler, Distinguished Professor, Department of Bioengineering, City University of New York, who gave us a talk on "Career development in academic". Prof. Schaffler spoke his own experience in academic and gave many good advices to young members. His talk was very well received and very inspiring. Prof. Yi-Xian Qin has announced 2009 ICHTS service award that goes to Dr. David Huazhu Ke, who was the funding member of ICHTS and President of ICHTS 2000-2003. Dr. Ke has contributed a great deal to the growth of ICHTS and his service award was well deserved. Following on, Prof. Yi-Xian Qin, ICHTS President, gave a report on ICHTS activities in 2008. 2008 was a very fruitful year for ICHTS and we have organized many international meetings and become one of the recognized international societies in the fields of bone and orthopaedic research. ICHTS president-elect Prof. Ling Qin gave a report on the China Development Initiatives for ICHTS, in which ICHTS will identify partner to set up collaborating laboratories in China, to promote musculoskeletal research in China. ICHTS chairman of Board of Directors, Prof. Qian Chen updated the changes of ICHTS by-law. The highlight of the meeting is the announcement of 2009 ICHTS-ORS Webster Jee Travel Awards winners by Prof. Gang Li. There were three winners this year, each received an award plaque and US\$400. The winners are: Wei Hou, University of Rochester, Rochester, USA, Chang Hun Lee, Columbia University, USA, and Suzanne Ferreri, Stony Brook University, USA. Finally, our member Prof. Huiling Yang, MD, from Suzhou University, China announced several potential new research positions in the department of orthopaedic surgery at Suzhou university, with very attractive package. The meeting finished around 9 pm and the ICHTS members enjoyed very much for this meeting. We promise to hold the ICHTS member meeting again in 2010 ORS.



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ICHTS Congratulated Establishment of Shenzhen Osteoporosis Committee on March 20, 2009

The president of ICHTS Prof. Yi-Xian Qin, past president Dr. David Ke, and president-elect Prof. Ling Qin were invited as guest of honor to give key-note lectures at the ceremony of establishing Shenzhen Osteoporosis Committee on March 20, 2009 in the economic special administration city Shenzhen of China. The Committee composed a total of 35 clinical and scientist members of multi-disciplinary nature, including orthopaedists, radiologists, gynecologists, geriatrists, endocrinologists and rheumatologists (Top, Group



photo of Shenzhen Osteoporosis Committee members with guest speakers from ICHTS, including president Prof. Yi-Xian Qin, past president Dr. David Ke and president-elect Prof. Ling Qin (from left the 4th, 5th, and 9th person sitting in the front line). President of Osteoporosis Committee of Guangdong Province Prof. Wei-ming Deng, president of Geriatric Society of Guangdong Province Prof. Feng Liu, Vice-president of Shenzhen Medical Association Prof. Hui-pei Li (from right: 4th, 5th, and 6th person sitting in the front line) congratulated the establishment of Shenzhen Osteoporosis Committee as well). Prof. Yi-xian Qin and Prof. Ling Qin presented monographs published by ICHTS to the newly elected president of Shenzhen Osteoporosis Committee Prof. Zhong-zhi Yuan to encourage local clinical and basic scientific research on prevention and treatment of osteoporosis and related bone metabolic disorders (Bottom).



III. ICHTS Member News

Two ICHTS members: Drs. Jerry (Jian) Feng, Professor of Baylor College of Dentistry, and Yingzi Yang, Senior Principal Investigator in NIH, were invited to give a 30 min talk in the 2nd Joint Meeting of the International Bone & Mineral Society and the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society held in Sydney, Australia March 22-25 2009. The title of Dr. Feng's talk was "Osteocyte controls Pi homeostasis". The title of Dr. Yang's talk was "Wnt and Hh signaling in skeletal development and homeostasis".

Dr. Feng is also invited to give a 50 min talk in the Global Center of Excellence (GCOE) 3rd International Symposium on Frontiers in Bone Biology, June 10-11, 2009, in Tokyo, Japan. The GCOE program is selected as one of 14 entire biomedical programs in Japan to be given a great opportunity to promote advanced research in the field of hard tissue diseases. The invited speakers came from all over the world. The title of this talk was "Osteocyte: no longer hibernated in bony caves".

Two ICHTS members: Dr. Cao Xu (Johns Hopkins) and Dr. Minghao Zheng (Western Australia) have been awarded prestigious Changjiang Professorship by the Chinese Ministry of Education. Congratulations to Cao and Minghao.

ASBMR Positions: Xu Cao — Senior Associate Editor; Qian Chen — Advocacy Committee; Di Chen — Education Committee; Hong-Wen Deng — Publications Committee

IV. ICHTS 2009 Election

The Election Committee has reported the results of 2009 ICHTS Election.

Dr. X. Edward Guo was elected as the President-Elect (2009-2010) and Drs. Qian Chen, Xiaodu Wang; Huilin Yang, Yebin Jiang, and Jay Cao have been elected to the Board of Directors (2009-2010). The vote rate is record high this year. The Election Committee thanks your participation and support!

Jerry Feng, Chair of Election Committee

V. Establishing ICHTS Collaborative Centers

To strengthen the collaboration among ICHTS members, several ICHTS Collaborative Centers are under working progress, including Centers at PhamaLegacy in Shanghai, Shanghai JiaoTong University, and Xi'An Orthopaedic Hospital.

VI. Upcoming Events

ICHTS-ASBMR Annual Meeting, Sept. 12, 2009, 7:00PM, Denver. <http://www.ICHTS.org>

IOF Asia Conference on Osteoporosis, Sept. 25-27, 2009, Beijing. http://www.365medical.org/conference_1.asp?nid=923