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What's News?

- In October 2003, ICHTS successfully organized the joint International Conference on Osteoporosis and Bone Research (ICOBR, Beijing), with CSOBMR of the Chinese Medical Association. It was a great meeting with a strong audience participation in scientific exchanges. ICHTS demonstrated its unique strength in bridging cross-culture communications in a scientific forum (Article on pg. 4).
- The annual membership meeting (September 2003, Minneapolis) had an unprecedented attendance of 220 members and honorary members (Article on pg. 5).
- Connection with the Chinese government was established through the Chinese Embassy. Rep-



representatives from the Chinese Embassy attended our annual meeting and addressed the issue of development opportunities in China. Leaders of ICHTS were invited to attend the National Day

Celebration Gala at D.C. and further exchanged development interests with officials of the Chinese Embassy.

- The membership benefit programs, such as Travel Awards, continued to grant young investigators opportunities to attend scientific meetings. The mentorship program was implemented to help junior

members develop at a rapid pace (Article pg. 6 – by Education Committee)

- The Society held its first successful membership meeting at the Orthopedic Research Society Meeting in March 2004, in San Francisco. Four travel awards were granted to researchers attending the ORS meeting (Article on pg. 4).
- The Society's membership grew 26% in the past six months from 515 to 648. The members are from 20 different countries from both Chinese and non-Chinese background.
- Discussion forum is open at society website. Hot topics will be released to facilitate general skill training.
- The ICHTS website in China has begun construction by Mr. Dong Li in Beijing.

Some articles have been shortened for purposes of this newsletter. Complete versions can be found on our website at www.ICHTS.org

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Dr. Darren Ji



ICHTS continues its exciting and productive journey in promoting scientific and professional growth of our members around the

world. In the past six months, the society has organized a series of events and delivered unique values to our members and research communicates. Since last October, our membership grew in an unprecedented rate of 20% to a total of 648 members globally. With all these accom-

plishments, I'd like to thank again to our past president, Dr. David Ke, and his leadership team for the great foundation they established in the previous three years. David's integrity, energy and enabling abilities have been key in uniting the society and everyone working for it.

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Special Kudos



Dr. Webster SS Jee, Chairman of the ICHTS Board of Directors, was awarded **The Gideon A. Rodan ASBMR Excellence in Mentorship Awards** at the 2003

ASBMR meeting. The Award is given annually in recognition of outstanding support provided by a person, a group of people or an institution who or that **helps promote the independent careers of young investigators in bone and mineral metabolism**. Dr. Jee was the third recipient of this prestigious award.

Dr. Webster SS Jee was also presented the **Special Service Award at the International Conference of Osteoporosis and Bone Research (ICOBR'03)** held in Beijing, Oct. 2003.



Dr. David Ke, Past-president of ICHTS, was awarded **The ASBMR Award for Outstanding Research in the Pathophysiology of Osteoporosis** is given in recognition

of the highest ranking abstract submitted to the Osteoporosis-Pathophysiology abstract category.

Dr. Hong-Wen Deng, Chairman of ICHTS Publication Committee, was awarded **IOF Servier Young Investigator Research Fellowship** (40,000 Euros). IOF stands for International Osteoporosis Foundation, based in Lyon, France.

Dr. Hong-Wen Deng, was also cited by the **Wall Street Journal** (Nov. 3, 2003) on the study of genetics of osteoporosis and its application to the human health



Dr. Di Chen, Vice President of ICHTS, was invited to deliver a **Keynote Lecture at the 5th International Conference on Bone Morphogenetic Proteins** which will be

held in Nagoya, Japan in Sept.12-16, 2004.

Dr. Di Chen was appointed Visiting Professor at Nankai University, China.



Dr. Chunyuan Guo, Treasurer of ICHTS, has been invited as a reviewer for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Center for Research Resources

(NCRR). Dr. Guo is currently a Medical Monitor and Clinical Scientist at Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals.

Calendar of Events

Bone Histomorphometry Workshop - June 2004, Beijing, China

- Co-organizer: Osteometrics
- ICHTS Organizer: Di Chen

ICHTS and CSOS Joint Workshop in Beijing—September. 24-29

- Contact: Gang Li, Minghao Zheng, Ling Qing

Annual Membership Meeting—October 2004, Seattle, WA

- Contact: Drs. Mei-Shu Shih and Victor Shen networking

ICOBR '05— China

- Contact: Di Chen, Web Jee, David Ke



New Member of the Executive Committee



Ms. Patti McIntyre joined the Executive Committee as the Administrative Assistant of ICHTS. Patti is currently an executive administrative assistant at Procter & Gamble

Pharmaceuticals. With her extensive experience and knowledge in working proficiently in the professional organizations, Patti will bring strong value to the society, including effective communications and cultural fluency. Patti will work primarily with the president and vice president of the society.



Working Plan for the ICHTS Membership Committee in 2004

The goal of the committee in 2004 is to recruit more new members to reach 1000. To reach this goal, the following actions are planned:

1. Identify new members to join the committee. Six to eight potential members will be invited to join in from east, middle, west regions of USA, Canada and Europe. The identified members from each region will endeavor to contact every bone research group located in their region and encourage Chinese scholars to register online. The members of the committee will also be assigned tasks listed in item 3.

The membership committee invites our members to join the committee in order to achieve our goal and facilitate strong teamwork. If interested, please contact Peng Liu via email pliu@neuron.uchc.edu or Tel: 1-860-679-2461. Your active and

energetic participation will be appreciated in the society.

2. Form a work group in China to enforce the recruitment of new members. The group will be responsible for contacting colleagues in China and issuing a hard copy of the membership certificates to new members. The group should be functional in one to two months. Dr. Lin Jinhao, Li Dong and Ms. Wang from Hologic Inc. will take a lead in this group. To speed up the work in China, Dong Li, from National Institute of Family planning in Beijing, is in charge of building up the ICHTS website in Chinese.
3. Recognize achievements of ICHTS members including
 - a. Promotion in academic, industrial government
 - b. New appointments

- c. New funding received (NIH and others)
- d. Collaboration (domestic and international)
- e. In the press (Citation and interviews by newspaper and scientific journals, etc.)
- f. NIH reviewers (Regular and hoc)
- g. Consultants (Corporate and government)
- h. High impact publications;
- i. Impact in China
- j. Survey the opinions from the members participated from each annual meeting and make a report to the president and the board.

ICHTS members are encouraged to inform the membership committee via email at pliu@neuron.uchc.edu, your achievements listed above and more.



From the President's Desk *Continued from front cover*

The world changes everyday and so do the rules. More than ever, network and collaboration have become critical components of one's sustained success, in science and in professional career. ICHTS is committed to bringing strong and unique opportunities for our members to get connected and collaborate around the world. Looking forward, ICHTS will focus on a number of key deliveries:

- Help individual members to grow and excel through mentorship and trainings.

- Reach out to collaborate with other professional societies for expanded impact.
- Provide effective forums for communication and networking through membership meetings, website discussion, and newsletters.
- Organize and participate scientific conferences and workshops around the world.
- Open up more collaborations with labs in China

Seek opportunities to recognize and advocate for high achieving ICHTS members

The society is grateful for many of our corporate and individual sponsors over the years. Your generosity and trust made a difference. Meanwhile we welcome continued contributions from our members who share the same sense of mission to help the growth of science and scientists.



ICHTS & CSOS Joint Workshop in Beijing

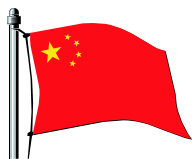
The ICHTS and Chinese Speaking Orthopaedic Society (CSOS) will jointly organise a 1-day workshop entitled "Advancement in orthopaedic research – the basic biology and beyond" at the Chinese Speaking Orthopaedic Society (CSOS) Congress, September 24-29, 2004, Crowne Plaza, Beijing, PR China. Provisional topics for the workshop:

1. Molecular biology bases of cartilage and repair
2. Logical mechanisms of bone formation and remodelling?
3. Osteoclast biology its clinical implications
4. Osteoblast cell therapy and its clinical application
5. Bone and ligament interactions
6. Biology of fracture healing and distraction osteogenesis
7. State-of-the-Art biotechnologies for bone and bone mineral research

For more details contact Prof. Ling Qin of Chinese University of Hong Kong at qin@ort.cuhk.edu.hk

Full details on website under News & Events

Bridge and Connect for Science and Society Growth



In October 2003, ICHTS organized and co-organized a number of events in China.

I am very pleased with the quality and scale of the work we achieved in these efforts. Upon returning, ICHTS leaders provided detailed summaries of the events. Below are some highlights of what was accomplished in China, based primarily on the documents* our leaders provided.

I. International Conference on Osteoporosis and Bone Research (ICOBR

2003), October 10-14, 2003, Beijing, China

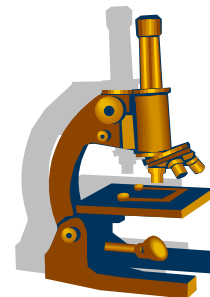
II. Establishing ICHTS research collaboration laboratories in China

III. Planning a Symposium on New Drug Discovery, Development and Regulatory Approvals, Beijing, China

IV. Participation of Chinese Speaking Orthopedic Society Meeting, September 2004, Beijing, China

V. Future development opportunities of ICHTS in the global community.

Full details of this article can be found on website under Meetings



First ICHTS Member Meeting at the ORS

by Dr. Gang Li

The first ICHTS Member Meeting at the ORS was successfully held at Renaissance Parc 55 Hotel, San Francisco, on Sunday, March 7, 2004. There were about 150 members in attendance., including international members from USA, Europe and Asia.

The initiative of ICHTS meeting at ORS was proposed by Prof. Qian Chen, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Brown University during 2003 Board of Directors meeting, and it was agreed and endorsed by ICHTS management board. In order to recruit ORS members into ICHTS, ICHTS announced traveling awards for members to attend ORS meeting at San Francisco, March 7-10, 2004. Following the call for abstracts in December 2003, we had received 56 abstracts competing for the ICHTS traveling award all over the world. There were more than 100 new members registered on our society website by the end of January 2004 as a result. The abstracts were reviewed by 8 senior members of our society, organized and chaired by Dr. Gang Li of Queen's University Belfast, Chairman of the Nomination committee. The winners were selected based on the highest mean scores of the abstracts and 4 winners have received ICHTS/ORS

traveling award of \$500 each for this year.

The ICHTS/ORS meeting started with a warm welcome and introduction by Prof. Qian Chen, Chair of the ORS Initiative on the ICHTS Board of Directors. Prof. Chen has highlighted that there are about 10% of ORS members are of Chinese heritage, but our strength is under presented in ORS, therefore, ICHTS provides a perfect platform for us to interact, collaborate and help each other. Prof. Chen's introduction was followed by a dynamic speech given by our distinguished speaker, Dr. Rocky Tuan, Chief of Cartilage Biology and Orthopaedic Branch, NIH/NIAMS. Dr. Tuan is originally from Hong Kong and has built a very successful career in the US over the last 20 years or so. Using himself as an example, Dr. Tuan gave a wonderful talk on career advices for young researchers. Dr. Tuan's talk was very inspiring and well received by all the audience. Dr. Di Chen, Vice President of the ICHTS then gave a detailed introduction and accounts on the ICHTS's history, its goal, organization and activities. The president of ICHTS,



Dr. Darren Ji has also sent his personal greetings through Dr. Chen to this meeting to welcome all new members at the meeting. Finally, the meeting atmosphere reached its peak when the winners of the traveling awards were announced by Dr. Gang Li, Chairman of Nomination Committee. The four winners of 2004 ICHTS/ORS traveling awards are:

Dr. Lin Song—Cartilage and Orthopaedic Branch, National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA.

Dr. Zhengke Wang—Orthopaedics Department, Brown Medical School/Rhode Island Hospital, CORO West, Suite 402A, 1 Hoppin Street, Providence, RI, USA.

Dr. MC Kruyt—Department of Orthopedics, G05.228, University Medical Center, P.O. Box 85500, 3508 GA Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Dr. Jinxi Wang—Laboratory for the Study of Skeletal Disorders, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA.

See website for full article

2003 Annual Meeting—Minneapolis, MN

The event was hosted by Dr. Ji Li of Amgen, Inc. A total of 220 ICHTS members attended the event.

President's Progress Report – David Ke - *The meeting began with the presentation of Dr. David Ke's Presidential report on the society progress. Over the past year, the society has continued to grow and make strong impact in the scientific community. Dr. Ke highlighted the society's major achievements including 1) the alliance with the Chinese Medical Association to hold an international osteoporosis conference in Beijing; 2) a fast growing membership; 3) six ICHTS Travel Awards. Dr. Ke also introduced Dr. Web Jee who was awarded this year by the ASBMR of the Excellent Mentorship Award.*

New President's Address – Darren Ji

The new president, Dr. Darren Ji, addressed his vision and goals of the society. Dr. Ji stressed that ICHTS will focus on promoting the scientific and professional growth of the ICHTS members and their contribution to the communities. Specific plan for the coming years includes: 1) develop a strong mentoring program to help members with career and technical growth; 2) establish a high quality ICHTS research center in China; 3) strengthen effective working relationships with the Chinese government agencies to facilitate science and pharmaceutical development. Dr. Ji introduced the new leadership team members.

Meet a Professor- Tom Clemens - Dr. Tom Clemens, candidate of the ASBMR President-Elect, spoke on how ICHTS and ASBMR could work together more

closely. Currently there are more than 10% of Chinese members at ASBMR. However, the representation of Chinese researchers in the various ASBMR committees is extremely low. Dr. Clemens encouraged ICHTS members to take initiatives to get more involved, and pledged his support to help the Chinese researchers grow Chinese researchers to grow.

Key Points For Successful Grant Applications—by Guo H. Zhang

A successful academic career depends largely on securing a continuous inflow of research funds. Dr. Guo H Zhang again shared key points on developing unique strengths for successful grant applications from the Chinese investigators. A high level of interest was generated among the junior and senior faculties members.

Development Opportunities in China

by Zheng Wangquan

Mr. Zheng Wang-quan (郑旺全), Second Secretary, and his wife from the Chinese Embassy at D.C spent the evening with the ICHTS members. Mr. Zhang introduced the latest government policies and poten-



tial channels to identify co-development opportunities in China. ICHTS members were very encouraged by the flexible policies of the Chinese government in encouraging oversea Chinese scholars to work with China. ICHTS lead-

ership members later shared common objectives with Mr. Zheng in person during the dinner. Both parties expressed strong desire to keep the communication active for exploring win-win opportunities with the Chinese Embassy in the future.

Fund Drive

by Dr. Jiang Yebin

Fund raising is an important for our society's operation helps us fund our many activities. While we continue our efforts to solicit support from the old friends of ICHTS, we are trying to make new friends and renew or reactivate some of friends who used to support us.

The Finance Committee is very grateful to many efforts from our members. For

example, Drs. Jee and Ji have provided priceless advice and guidelines. This year, Dr. Hongwen Deng raised \$2,500 for publishing ICHTS Primer Books, while Dr. Hali Wang from OrthoLogic and Dr. Ji Li from Amgen have helped raised \$3,000 each, among many others.

We strongly encourage everyone to help, to think creatively and to provide input

and information on potential resources.

We are very fortunate that Dr. Lianping Xing is joining the Finance Committee to help generate revenue for the Society. Dr. Lianping Xing is diligently leading an effort on contributions from ICHTS faculty members and their training-members who will apply for awards.

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Action Plan for Publications Committee

The publication committee will publish a newsletter semi-annually, one issue in the spring and another one in the fall. Important news and events provided by other committees and board members of ICHTS will be reported in the newsletter.

Two books, "The Current Topics of Bone Biology" and "The Current Topics of Osteoporosis", are now under development. The table of contents of the two books are finalized, with the first book containing 25 chapters and the second 28 chapters.

Currently, we have secured a publisher for the English version of the books which is the World Scientific Publication Company, a Singapore-based publishing group with a subsidiary in the US. Negotiation with the publisher regarding copyright and other related issues is underway. For the publication of the Chinese version of the books, we have contacted the People's Health Publication House in the mainland China. We are now still waiting for their response as the table of contents of the books is under their review.

Regarding the schedule of the book-writing, authors were required to submit their chapters to us by April 1, 2004. An internal review process, whereby all the authors participate in the review of other authors' chapters, will start immediately after submission (approx. 1 month). Based on the internal review, authors will be encouraged to revise their own chapters accordingly (1 month). If work is completed as scheduled, we will submit the English version before July 1, 2004 for publication, which hopefully will be published by the end of this year. Meanwhile, translation into Chinese should start right after the submission of the English version and be finished within two months.

NEWS FROM EDUCATION COMMITTEE *by Dr. Hong-Wen Den*

The education committee has created a web based learning channel to allow members exchange knowledge and experience on a regular basis. Through the web based learning channel, we intend to deliver a pool of hot topics from discovery to development:



- To provide a common and flexible approach for learning and development
- To help members who are new to the field and members who are eager to excel
- To set up network among members and facilitate exchanging/sharing the best practice
- To assist member's career progression

Please visit ICHTS BBS site (<http://www.ichts.org/phpBB2>) to learn more about these hot topics and share your experience on various issues with our members. Here, as chair of the education committee, I would like to specially thank Yu Ru, the committee new member, for her primary role in initiating and implementing this program. In addition, it will greatly appreciated if you can provide your comments and suggestions on how to improve the program (Xu Feng and Yu Ru)

Introduction of Three Distinguished Members of ICHTS



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*See full article on website
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