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#### Notes from the 2020-2021 SCBA Leadership Team

##### Notes from SCBA President

Dear Fellow SCBA Members and Friends,

The SCBA leadership team has been busy at work in the past three months and much progress has been made. First and foremost, the election of the next SCBA leadership team was completed and the results have been posted through a special e-mail dispatch on November 19th. These individuals, including Lishan Su (President-Elect), Shan Zha (Secretary-Elect), Cynthia Ju (Treasurer-Elect), Meng Wang and Pinghui Feng (Council), Bin Gao,

Chonghui Cheng, Wei Jiang, Jia Bei Wang and Weiyi Peng (Nomination Committee), and Xin Chen, Hong Chen, Renfeng Li, Hongbing Wang and Jin Wang (Membership Committee), will begin their term on January 1, 2022. I would like to congratulate the elected officials again and thank them for their willingness to serve.

Secondly, the 18<sup>th</sup> International SCBA Symposium will be held at the Tufts University Conference Center in Boston from July 27 to 31, 2022. You can find the meeting information and call for workshop proposals and abstracts in the front page of the SCBA website (or at <https://conference.scbasociety.org/>). Please start coordinating with your colleagues and propose and submit a proposal to showcase your exciting work at the Symposium. Please also encourage your trainees to submit abstracts for poster and oral presentations, the latter will be selected from the submitted abstracts. A number of travel awards will be given to the trainees, thanks to the generous donations of our past president Ken Fong.

We are very excited about this conference because it will take place in US after many years in overseas and completely run by the SCBA. However, this also means that we will not have the financial and organizational support from the co-sponsors in mainland China or Taipei

as has been the case in the past. In this regard, the Planning and Program Committees have been working hard to make it an outstanding conference for all members and the Fundraising Committee has been actively reaching out to various parties for financial contributions. Nevertheless, it is also necessary that all attendees pay a modest registration fee, mostly to offset the meal and banquet cost. We are confident you will find it an exceptional value. Registration information will be forthcoming.

This month marks the end of my two-year term as the President of the SCBA. This has been a historical period by any stretch of the imagination. It began with the emergence of SARS-CoV-2 and ends with the tragic loss of over 5.35 million lives worldwide due to COVID-19 and counting. On top of the once-in-a-life-time pandemic, our Chinese American bioscientists community has faced unprecedented challenges under the ratification of “China Initiative” and scattered anti-AAPI xenophobia seen in many parts of the nation. Through it all, the SCBA remained strong, and we are proud of what we have accomplished. Among others, we have had a record number of new lifetime members; Our Society journal, *Cell & Biosciences*, had a significant increase in the impact factor; We have built a well-designed website with vastly improved capacity and functionality; We have risen to occasion and organized and co-sponsored various events and initiatives pertinent to the interest of our members. Finally, although postponed to 2022, we have done much of the preparatory work for the next SCBA Symposium, which promises to be one truly by SCBA, for SCBA.

It has been a privilege to serve, and I have the entire SCBA leadership team to thank for. You respond to inquiries promptly (often within minutes) and accept tasks enthusiastically. You make yourself available for meetings on short notice and you are not shy to share your views and ideas at those meetings. Special thanks go to

my fellow COOs, Secretary Lee Zou and Treasurer Yong Xu, for being the best “partners-in-crime” I can ever ask for, to Zhe "Zion" Han for spending countless amount of time to design and build our new SCBA website, and to Zhi-Ming Zheng, for leading the Program Committee and putting your heart and soul into it.

Before I sign off, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome my successor, Shan-Lu Liu, and his team, Secretary Kunxin Luo and Treasurer Pan Zheng. They are willing, able and ready to serve and the SCBA is in good hands. I look forward to working with them on my capacity as the Past-President.

Finally, wishing you and your loved ones a blessed holiday season and see you in Boston in July 2022!

*Dr. Hui Zheng, SCBA President*



**Notes from SCBA Secretary**

Dear SCBA members,

I am glad to share with you that SCBA has accomplished several important tasks in the past three months. We have successfully elected a new leadership team for 2024 to 2025. We have also further developed the program for the SCBA Biennial Symposium next year. This symposium will be held in Boston on July 27-31, 2022. Thanks to the efforts of the Program Committee, especially the committee chair Dr. Zhi-Ming Zheng, a number of keynote and plenary speakers have accepted our invitations, and solicitations for workshop proposals have been distributed. We plan to cover over 10 broad research areas in ~30 workshops in this symposium, bringing SCBA members together in person again for the first time since the pandemic started. The Award committee led by Dr. Keji Zhao and Fundraising committee led by Dr. Yong Xu are also at work actively to prepare for a successful symposium.

I will finish my term as the SCBA Secretary at the end of 2021. The past two years have been a challenging time for all of us because of the unprecedented COVID pandemic. Despite many difficulties that we have faced, SCBA has stayed strong and vibrant. Thanks to the relentless efforts by Dr. Zhe “Zion” Han, webmaster of SCBA, a much improved new SCBA website is up and running. SCBA has welcomed the highest number of life-time members in the past 2 years, a remarkable accomplishment by the membership committee led by Dr. Yuan Zhu. Under the leadership by Dr. Chris Lau, the society journal *Cell & Biosciences* has enjoyed an impressive increase of its impact factor, Several local SCBA chapters and research divisions have run successful virtual conferences. We planned and re-planned the SCBA Biennial Symposium with the help from the SCBA Boston Chapter, especially Drs. Xiaobo Zhou, Hong Chen and Qiaobing Xu. SCBA has also co-signed several open letters to support the

activities against “anti-Asian hate” and racial profiling of scientists of Chinese origin. All these efforts of SCBA will help us build a stronger community of Chinese bioscientists in American in the years to come.

It is my great honor to serve on the leadership team of SCBA in the past 2 years. I am indebted to Dr. Hui Zheng, President of SCBA, for her visions and leadership. I am also thankful to Dr. Yong Xu for being an optimistic and energetic partner on the COO team. My gratitude also goes to Drs. Chris Lau, Xi He, Zion Han and Yuan Zhu for their help with the newsletters. After the transition of leadership teams, I will continue to work the new team led by Dr. Shanlu Liu to ensure a successful symposium in Boston in 2022. I look forward to seeing you in Boston next year.



***Dr. Lee Zou, SCBA Secretary***

**Notes from SCBA Treasurer**

Dear Fellow SCBA Members,

I hope everyone is well. It is hard to believe that my 2-year term in serving the SCBA as Treasurer is about to end. It has been quite an experience!

Despite of unprecedented challenges in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic during the last 2 years, our SCBA family has welcomed a record number of new lifetime members, thanks to the hard work of the Membership Committee, the development of new SCBA website and convenient online payment system, and the leaders of the local chapters and divisions. As Treasurer, I am among the first few people to welcome and interact with our new members. It has been my privilege and a great experience in getting to know so many new members and their work. For this, I am very grateful to everyone behind the scene to promote our SCBA membership.

I am also grateful to all the treasurers working in the offices of the local chapters or divisions for helping me prepare the annual tax returns and financial reports. Your efforts and help have made my work so easy.

I would also like to express my most sincere gratitude to all the members of the Finance Committee, Drs. Ying Zhang, Pan Zheng, Yvonne Wan and Ji Luo. It has been a great experience working with you all. I am so proud that working together, we have managed to maintain a very healthy finance for the National SCBA office and at the same time we have been able to provide strong supports to our local chapters and divisions for their activities.

Finally, I want to stress that I am extremely fortunate to have teamed up with the President, Dr. Hui Zheng, and the Secretary, Dr. Lee Zou. I should also mention our Web Master, Dr. Zhe "Zion" Han, and the Executive Directors, Drs. Chris Lau and Xi He. We have been a great team together, and successfully dealt with a lot of complicated and sometime urgent situations during the last 2 years. I have learned a lot through these experiences and also from you all as my role models.

While I am leaving the Treasurer position soon, I won't be away. Indeed, we are still in the middle of fundraising course for the upcoming Boston Symposium. The Fundraising Committee has been actively working in the past year or so, and has secured about \$20,000 donations to the Symposium so far. We will continue this fundraising effort in the coming 2022, in order to ensure another successful SCBA International Symposium. I hope to see you in Boston!



***Dr. Yong Xu, SCBA Treasurer***

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## Notes from the SCBA Webmaster

Dear SCBA members,

The SCBA website is being updated constantly with the latest events, new membership features, new positions, new functions (such as the e-voting system and the new conference website). Here I list the most important updates of the SCBA website in the past three months:

### **Part 1: The E-Voting System and the first SCBA online election**

With the WildApricot online-based membership management system, we conducted the first-ever online election for our next SCBA leadership team. The online election is anonymous and automatically validated for each voter's qualification, as well as ensuring that one vote from each member. We received a total of 1,625 vote for all the positions posted on the voting webpage, from 138 verified SCBA members (all of them life-time members). Congratulations for the newly elected SCBA leadership team: Lishan Su (President-Elect), Shan Zha (Secretary-Elect), Cynthia Ju (Treasurer-Elect), Meng Wang and Pinghui Feng (Council), Bin Gao, Chonghui Cheng, Wei Jiang, Jia Bei Wang and Weiyi Peng (Nomination Committee), and Xin Chen, Hong Chen, Renfeng Li, Hongbing Wang and Jin Wang (Membership Committee). The success of this online election ensures an efficient and accurate online voting system for our society in the future.

Please check for updates of our new leadership team with the following link (will update in January 2022): <https://www.scbasociety.org/scba-leadership>

### **Part 2: The 18<sup>th</sup> SCBA International Conference Website**

You can now access the information of the 18<sup>th</sup> SCBA International Symposium, which will be held on July 27

– 31, 2022 in Boston MA, from the home page of the SCBA website, or using the following link: <https://conference.scbasociety.org/>

This will be the first time that our society hosts the website of our International Symposium, and uses it for program, announcement, schedule, venue, hotels, meeting registration, workshop proposal, abstract submission, donation, sponsor information, and many other functions. Previously, the websites of our International Symposium had always been hosted by institutes providing the venue and became inaccessible soon after the meeting ended. We plan to keep the websites of this and the future SCBA International Symposium in the archive of the SCBA website, and use the conference website we built this time as a template for our future International Symposiums, to ensure consistence and provide a better record for this most important event of our society. Please continue checking the SCBA website for updates of the upcoming 18th SCBA International Symposium in Boston in summer 2022: <https://conference.scbasociety.org/>

### **Part 3: Updating your member profile**

#### 1. How to update Email address

If you have trouble to receive updates from SCBA, it means you need to update your email. Please reach out to me via the SCBA website via the “Contact” button or the following link:

<https://www.scbasociety.org/contact-scba-society>

Your email address is the most important entry of your membership profile. It ensures you to receive any important announcements from SCBA. It is also used to validate your membership status, to registrate for any SCBA events (including the International Symposium), as well as to vote or participate SCBA leadership election. Your email address is the only entry that you can't update yourself, since it is the user name of your membership

profile which is the only entry linked to your membership payment. If your email is changed, make sure to contact me or the Membership Committee to get this most important profile entry updated.

## 2. Update your Chapter or Division Affiliation

Most SCBA members belong to a local Chapter or a specific division (or both), please make sure you choose the right local chapter or division in your profile, so that you can receive notice specific from your local chapter or your division.

## 3. Add your “Area of Expertise”

To facilitate scientific collaboration among SCBA members, a new feature in the profile called “Area of Expertise” was added. Please choose your expertise to facilitate communication and collaboration among our society, if you have not done so.

### **Part 4: Donation**

You can easily donate and receive receipt for record and Tax-purpose using the “Donate” function of the SCBA website. You can use the “Comment” space for your donation to describe what it is aimed for. Our leadership team will make sure that your donation is used exactly as you plan for. We are encouraging all members to donate for the 18<sup>th</sup> SCBA International Symposium in Boston in 2022, or to help identify potential sponsors for this meeting (A sponsor level list is provided in this Newsletter). Sponsor donation can also be made through the SCBA website or through a check to our treasurer. I will work with the Treasurer and the meeting organizing committee to ensure all sponsor benefits are demonstrated at the conference venue as well as the SCBA and the conference website.

Note that you can also pay for someone’s SCBA membership using the “Donate” button. In this case,

please write in the comment box that “This donation of \$xxx is for the Life Membership for xxx, whose email address is: xxx@xxxx.”

The “Donate” button can be found at the top left corner of the SCBA home page, or with the following link: <https://www.scbasociety.org/donate>

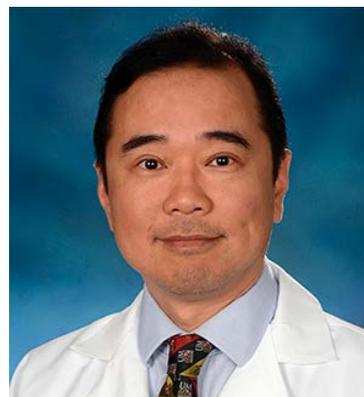
We thank all members who made donations in the past few months through the SCBA website.

### **Part 5: Job Posting**

To promote the leadership of our members, the SCBA website is now offering to post any significant leadership positions for free. If you know the availability of “significant leadership positions” in your institute, please reach out to me. We will also send mass email to members to notify the availability of such positions.

Several examples are posted on the SCBA website as “significant leadership positions”. Please check the “Jobs” tab of the SCBA website, or the following link: <https://www.scbasociety.org/job-boards>

Thank you very much for your support!



*Dr. Zhe “Zion” Han, SCBA Webmaster*

Fengtian	Xue	University of Maryland School of Pharmacy
Lanjing	Zhang	Rutgers University
Fengquan	Zhou	Johns Hopkins University

### Notes from the Membership Committee

Dear fellow SCBA members,

It has been a great pleasure and honor to work with you under the SCBA leadership since the beginning of 2020 when the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic just started. Despite not having an international SCBA symposium as we are so used to, we have witnessed a significant growth of the SCBA membership, particularly the lifetime membership. During this 2-year term, our committee has (1) worked with the SCBA leadership to revise and develop new membership fees for all the categories; (2) organized and integrated different types of membership documents into the web-based system; (3) manually corrected and converted many previously documented members into the web-based system; and developed a strategy to incorporate previously undocumented members into the web-based system. Since the transition of the membership into the web-based system in May 2020, we have recruited 135 new members into the SCBA family. Here is the list of the new members who recently joined the SCBA.

### Membership Committee

**Yuan Zhu (Chair)**

**Baohua Liu**

**Mitchell Ho**

**Feng Yang**

**Burton Yang**

Guangfu	Li	University of Missouri
Hongjie	Li	Baylor College of Medicine
Binbin	Ma	Johns Hopkins University
Lai-Xi	Wang	University of Maryland College Park
Xiaolei	Xu	Mayo Clinic

## Notes from Editor-in-Chief of Cell & Bioscience

Dear SCBA Members,

The Cell & Bioscience was initially established in 2009 by Kuan-Teh Jeang and Yun-Bo Shi of the National Institutes of Health as the Society Journal of the SCBA. Since its inception, Yun-Bo Shi had served as the Editor-in-Chief from 2009-2019, and through his hard works and the collective collaboration of numerous Editors and members of the Editorial Board, the journal has grown and made significant strikes throughout the years. We are also grateful for the generous support of the Ming K. Jeang Foundation, which, since the beginning, has provided fund for yearly recognition of excellence of top research articles published in Cell & Bioscience. The citation impact factor of the journal has increased from 3.00 in 2012 to 7.133 for 2020. Such increase in the impact standing has drawn substantial interests from the scientific community with a parallel increase in the number of submissions to the journal (Figure 1).

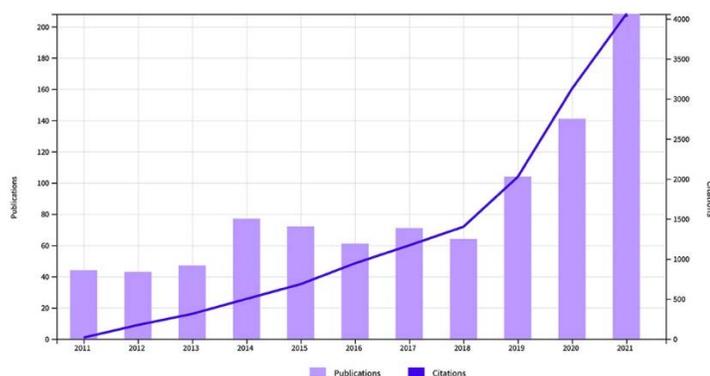


Figure 1. Yearly number of published articles and citations of Cell & Bioscience  
( Source: Web of Science)

As of December 28, 2021, we have received 1329 submissions for the year, compared to 910 submissions for 2020. These submissions cover diverse disciplines in biological sciences. To accommodate such increase in submissions, we have recruited additional Editors to assist in the evaluation of the merits of respective submissions. I am happy to report that many well-established SCBA

members have responded positive in participation of the editorial processes of the journal. Since 2020, the following established scientists have joined the Board as Editors:

**Jim Hu** of the University of Toronto

**Xin Wei Wan** of the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health

**Zhi-Ming Zheng** of the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health,

**Wanjun Chen** of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health

**Kunxin Luo** of the University of California, Berkeley

**Ruey-Hwa Chen** of the Institute of Biological Chemistry, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

**Yi-Ping Hsueh** of the Institute of Molecular Biology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

**Kwok Wai Lo** of the Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Huiping Zhou** of the Virginia Commonwealth University

**Wen-Xing Ding** of the University of Kansas

**Stephen Tsang** of the Columbia University

**Peng Jin** of the Emory University

**Jia Chen** of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

**Yong Xu** of the Baylor College of Medicine

They join our team of Editors, including:

**Dong-Yan Jin** of the University of Hong Kong

**Ying E. Zhang** of the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health

**Lin Mei** of the Case Western Reserve University

**Yufang Shi** of the Second Military Medical University, China

**T C Wu** of the Johns Hopkins University

**Wanjin Hong** of the Institute of Molecular and Cellular Biology, Singapore

**Duanqing Pei** of the Westlake University, China

**Lixin Wei** of Soochow University, China.

We are grateful for our previous Editors who have recently stepped down from our Editorial Board, including Yingzi Yang of Harvard University and Guo-Min Li of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. To all the current and past Editors, we are truly grateful for their contributions to the editorial management of our Society Journal.

Cell & Bioscience is keen in publishing thematic series of articles of special topics of current interests among the bioscientific fields. Please visit the journal website for more information on the current and past thematic issues under the heading "Collections", <https://cellandbioscience.biomedcentral.com/> and contact me (chris.lau@ucsf.edu) if you are interested in submitting a proposal for a thematic series for consideration by the Editorial Board.

We at Cell & Bioscience wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year!



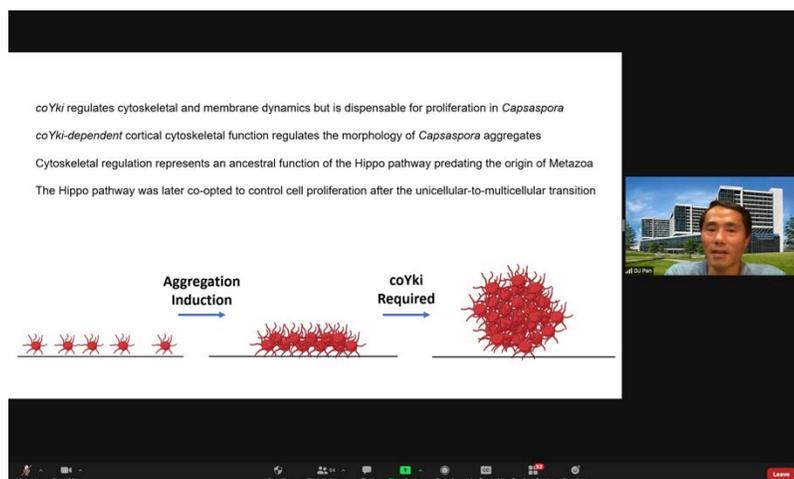
Chris Lau, Ph.D.  
Editor-in-Chief

## An Update from the DC-Baltimore Chapter

### The 2021 SCBA DC-Baltimore Scientific Symposium held on zoom

For the second year in a row, the SCBA DC-Baltimore Chapter held its annual scientific symposium online. The one-day virtual symposium on Dec. 4 was a huge success, attracting more than 100 attendees from the DC-Baltimore area.

The program consisted of a keynote speech, four regular sessions, a poster session, and concurrent breakout room panel discussions with a focus on career development for trainees. This year's keynote speaker was



Dr. Duoqia Pan, the Val Imm Bashour Distinguished Chair in Physiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and a HHMI senior investigator. Dr. Pan introduced the work from his laboratory, which defines the Hippo signaling pathway that shapes cell size and organ homeostasis in both invertebrates and mammals.

There were four regular sessions, including “Genetics and Development”, “Neurobiology”, “Systems biology”, and “Bioimaging and Bioengineering”. Each session was featured with talks from both tenure-track investigators and well-established senior investigators representing all major institutions across the DC-Baltimore region. Speakers were Xin Chen, Ph.D., HHMI, Johns Hopkins University; Haiyan He, Ph.D., Georgetown University; Chuan Wu, Ph.D., National Cancer Institute; Lichun Ma, Ph.D., National Cancer Institute; Zuhang Sheng, Ph.D., National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Yi Gu, Ph.D., National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Zhaozhu Qiu, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University; Yuanyuan Liu, Ph.D., National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research; Xuewei Wang, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University; Hongkai Ji, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University; Yingxi Chen, M.D., Ph.D., National Cancer Institute; Wanchang Cui, Ph.D., Uniformed Service University of the Health Sciences; Zhiming Mai, Ph.D., National Cancer Institute; James Z. Liu, Ph.D., HHMI, Janelia Research Campus; Yun Chen, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University; Qi Cao, Ph.D., University of Maryland School of Medicine; Ye Qiao, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University.



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## The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium of the SCBA – Hepatology Division and Chinese American Liver Society (CAL S)

### Final Report

By Yanqiao Zhang (Secretary of SCBA – Hepatology Division)

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium of the SCBA-Hepatology Division and Chinese American Liver Society (CAL S) was successfully held virtually on October 29-30, 2021. Over 190 registrants and invited speakers from North America and China attended this exciting event. The participants were composed of faculty, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students from both basic and clinical science disciplines.

The meeting was organized by Dr. Xin Wei Wang (President of SCBA – Hepatology Division) from National Cancer Institute, and assisted by Dr. Yanqiao Zhang (Secretary of SCBA – Hepatology Division) from Northeast Ohio Medical University, Dr. Wen-Xing Ding/Dr. Lisa Zhang (Co-Treasurers of SCBA – Hepatology Division) from University of Kansas Medical Center, and 7 other executive council members of the SCBA – Hepatology Division.

At the start of the meeting, Dr. Xin Wei Wang gave an opening remark by briefly introducing the SCBA – Hepatology Division and the symposium. The symposium consisted of the following major sessions: 1) Liver Physiology, 2) Liver Disease – Basic, 3) Keynote Lectures, 4) Liver Disease – Translational, 5) Liver Cancer – Basic, 6) Liver Cancer – Translational, and 7) Poster Presentation.

The program committee invited two keynote speakers: Anna Suk-Fong Lok, MD from University of Michigan and Hao Zhu, MD from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. The program committee also invited 10 plenary speakers and selected 10 short-talk speakers from abstracts for the general sessions. In the Poster Presentation session, 63 abstracts were assigned to 6 parallel sessions for oral presentation that covered a wide range of liver diseases, including alcoholic liver disease, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, liver injury, liver metabolism and liver cancer. The research covered by the keynote speakers, general session speakers or poster presenters was fantastic. The attendees actively participated in the scientific discussions.

The organizers received a total of 73 abstracts. Each abstract was blind reviewed by 3 experts from the Executive Council Committee of SCBA – Hepatology Division. Based on the ranking of the average scores, the top scorers among trainees were selected to receive an award. Twenty-nine junior investigators were granted the Postdoctoral



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Fellow Research Award or Graduate Student Research Award. In addition, 5 junior investigators were selected by session Chairs to receive the Best Poster Presentation Award.

Dr. Bin Gao from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism of NIH introduced Dr. Hao Zhu, the first keynote speaker of the symposium, who gave an excellent presentation on the topic “Assessing cell fitness and competitiveness in liver disease”. Dr. Cynthia Ju from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston introduced the second keynote speaker Dr. Anna Lok, who reported the advances in research on hepatitis B and C and liver cancer. Each of the keynote speakers received an achievement plaque presented by the SCBA – Hepatology Division.

The meeting was kindly sponsored in part by the *Liver Research* journal, Biocytogen, Research Diets, and 12 members of the SCBA – Hepatology Division. During the sponsorship short-talk sessions, scientists from Biocytogen and Research Diets introduced their service, products and new technologies. Dr. Wen-Xing Ding introduced the *Liver Research* journal.

After the scientific sessions were completed, Dr. Xin Wei Wang presented the SCBA – Hepatology Division Leadership and Service Awards to Dr. Bin Bao (2018 President), Dr. Xiao-Ming Yin (2019 President), Dr. Huiping Zhou (2020 President) and Dr. Mengwei Zang (2019 Secretary). Drs. Bin Gao, Cynthia Ju, and Huiping Zhou presented the Postdoctoral Fellow Research Awards, Graduate Student Research Awards, and Best Poster Presentation Awards to 34 junior investigators. Dr. Xiao-Ming Yin gave the final remark to conclude the Award Presentation session.

In the Business Reports session, Dr. Lisa Zhang reported the income and expenses for the SCBA – Hepatology Division. Dr. Yanqiao Zhang explained how the speakers and awards were selected from the 73 abstracts received. He also mentioned that the SCBA – Hepatology Division hosted 11 monthly seminar series in the past year. The 11 outstanding speakers were from USA or China. Lastly, Dr. Xin Wei Wang introduced Dr. Cynthia Ju, the next President of SCBA-Hepatology Division.

Following the Business Reports session, virtual “Happy Hour” started. The past and current leadership team members shared their thoughts and experience with the SCBA – Hepatology Division. Dr. Chris Lau, a professor from University of California at San Francisco and also the Chief Editor of the *Cell and Bioscience* journal, was invited to serve as a moderator of the symposium. He said the symposium hosted by the SCBA – Hepatology Division was very impressive, and was the best organized meeting among all the scientific meetings hosted by SCBA Chapters and Divisions. This was a great compliment to the meeting. Indeed, we truly believe this was a very successful meeting.



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### Program Committee

- Wen-Xing Ding**, University of Kansas Medical Center
- Charlie Dong**, Indiana University School of Medicine
- Bin Gao**, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, NIH
- Grace Guo**, Rutgers University
- Cynthia Ju**, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- Xin Wei Wang**, National Cancer Institute, NIH
- Xiao-Ming Yin**, Tulane University
- Mengwei Zang**, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
- Yuxia (Lisa) Zhang**, University of Kansas Medical Center
- Yanqiao Zhang**, Northeast Ohio Medical University

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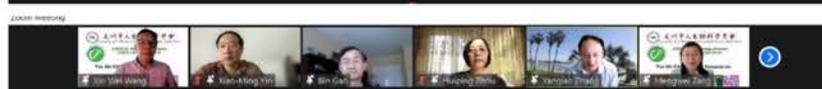
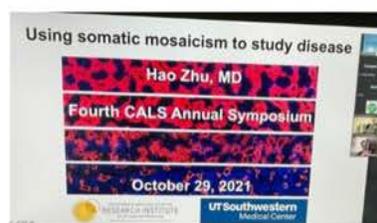
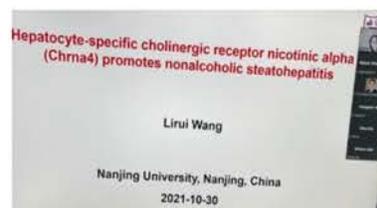
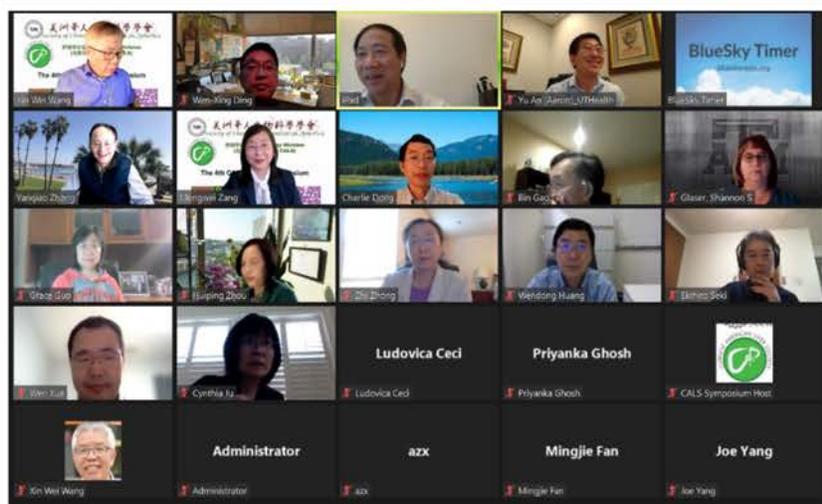
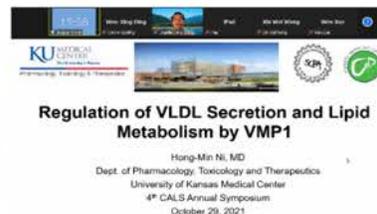


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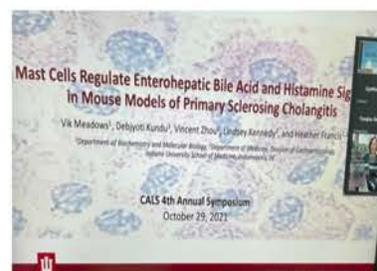
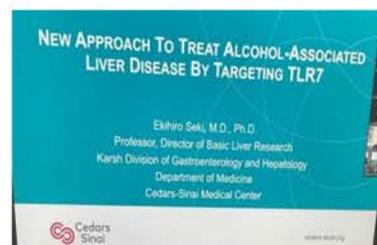




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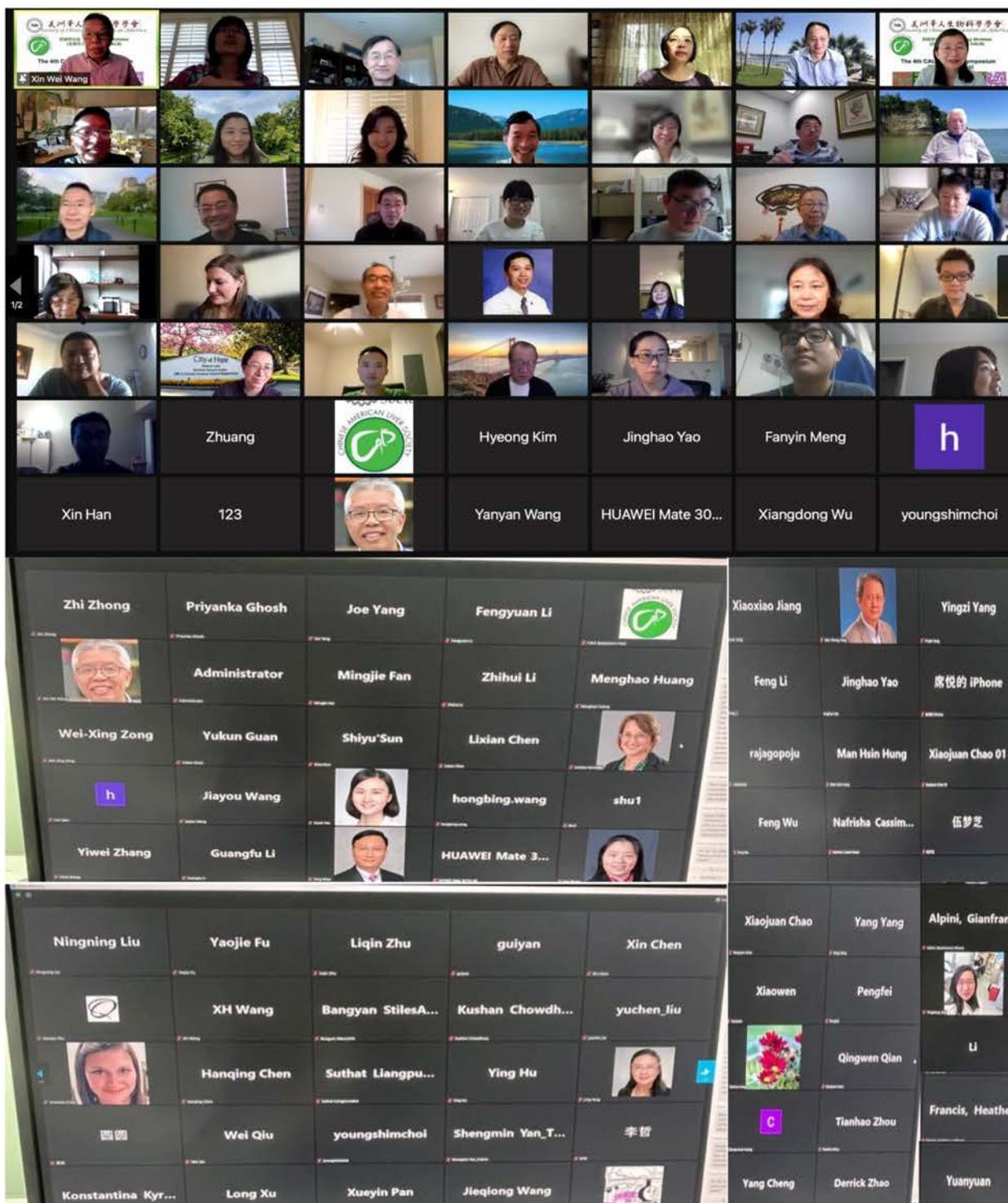
Seminar committee

Huiping Zhou, Xinwei Wang, Wen-Xing Ding, Yanqiao Zhang





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(Some of the photos were taken by Dr. Yuan Li from Stanford University.)

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Council of Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America (SCBA), we are writing to invite you as a sponsor of the 18<sup>th</sup> SCBA International Symposium scheduled to take place in Boston during July 27-31, 2022.

The SCBA is a non-profit organization founded in the United States of America in 1984. Its members include academic Principal Investigators at the ranks of Assistant Professors and up, pharmaceutical scientists, and trainees in North America, Asia and Europe, mostly with but not limited to Chinese ethnic origin. Currently, the organization has over 1500 lifetime members. The missions of the SCBA are to promote bioscience research and discovery, to facilitate interaction and collaboration among its members and with scientific community, to foster career development of Chinese bioscientists in America, and to advocate for the professional interests of its members.

The SCBA International Symposia have been the most important events of the society, and have been rotated in multiple continents once every 2 years. We are thrilled to have the upcoming Symposium once again in the USA. The Symposium will have more than 30 scientific sessions highlighting the most recent scientific breakthrough in many key research areas, including SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19, Cancer Biology and Therapies, Neuroscience and Neurodegenerative Diseases, Pathogens and Infections, Immunity and Immunotherapy, Genome Integrity and DNA Biology, Precision Medicine, Biotechnology & Drug Development, RNA Biology, Metabolism, Stem Cells, Development & Aging, and Plant Biology. The confirmed Keynote and Plenary speakers include Nobel laureates and internationally renowned scientists in the aforementioned areas.

We believe that sponsorship from you is critical for the success of this Symposium and our society. Please find the different support levels for your tax-exempt donations in the next page. We would appreciate it if you could respond to us ([yongx@bcm.edu](mailto:yongx@bcm.edu) and [pzheng@oncoc4.com](mailto:pzheng@oncoc4.com)) by May 1 of 2022. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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**18<sup>th</sup> SCBA International Symposium Vendor Donation Guideline**  
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2. Symposium materials include but are not limited to printed symposium program, meeting signage and slides in between sessions, the SCBA symposium website.

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**Chen, Lieping;** United Technologies Corporation Professor in Cancer Research and professor, departments of immunobiology, dermatology, and medicine (medical oncology), Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Conn.

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**Wong, Rachel O.;** professor and chair, department of biological structure, University of Washington, Seattle

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**A welcome note from Executive Directors to 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.



Xi He, Ph.D.  
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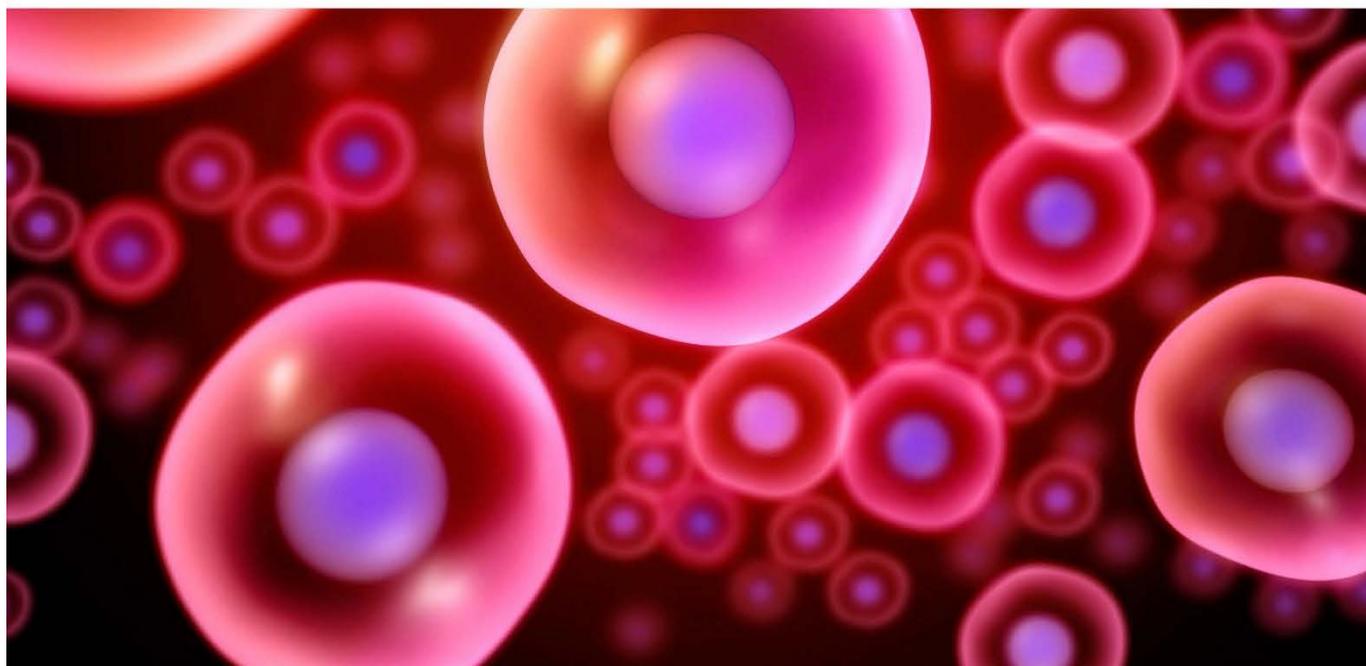
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