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Notes from the 2020-2021 SCBA Leadership Team

Notes from SCBA President

Dear Fellow SCBA Members and Friends,

Much has happened in the past three months. First and foremost, I am excited to announce that the long-awaited the 18th International SCBA Symposium will be held at the Tufts University Conference Center in Boston from July 27 to 31, 2022! The following committees have been formed and plans are in progress:

Planning Committee (Hui Zheng, Chair)

Program Committee (Zhi-Ming Zheng and Lee Zou, co-Chairs)

Finance/Fundraising Committee (Yong Xu and Pan Zheng, co-Chairs)

Award Committee (Keji Zhao, Chair)

Local Host Committee (Hong Chen, Chair)

Website (Zion Han)

We strive to make this conference a celebration of our extraordinary accomplishments, a welcome venue to interact with your fellow members and to share your exciting science, a unique platform to discuss the ongoing challenges facing our members, and the opportunities to make our society stronger. The SCBA is an inclusive society and welcome you all, whether you are a veteran or new to SCBA, whether you are a PI or a trainee, whether you are from industry or academia. So please mark your calendar and make plan to attend this exciting conference, meet with your friends and colleagues, and have lots of fun.

Secondly, in response to a letter co-signed by the SCBA requesting a congressional hearing on racial profiling of Chinese American Scientists, a congressional roundtable entitled “Researching while Chinese American: Ethnic Profiling, Chinese American Scientists and a New American Brain Drain” was held on June 30th. The roundtable was led by Representatives Jamie Raskin and Judy Chiu, and live streamed to ~1,500 people. As of July 2, it has generated over 11,000 views on YouTube. The program, which I find highly informative, relevant and timely, is available on YouTube at: <https://bit.ly/3xTy2u3>.

Thirdly, in light of the increase in hatred and violence toward Asians, Asian Americans and those of Asian identity surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, the Texas Medical Center held a Stop Asian Hate Rally on May 21, 2021. The event was spearheaded by Dr. Shixia Huang, a life-time member of the SCBA, and attracted

500-600 people. I made a remark on behalf of the SCBA at the Rally stating our belief in equality and inclusion and our rejection of all actions of racism and violence toward AAPI and other ethnic groups.

Last but not least, our society journal *Cell & Biosciences* just received an Impact Factor of 7.133 for year 2020! It was a remarkably achievement considering that it was only established in 2011. It is the result of the tireless effort by Yun-Bo Shi and Chris Lau, our founding and current Editor-in-Chiefs. Please join me in thanking them for their dedicated service and please also do your part to contribute to the journal by submitting your papers and serving as reviewers.

Now that the summer is upon us and the pandemic appears to be well under control, I hope you have made plans to gather with family and friends and enjoy some well-earned vacations.

Dr. Hui Zheng, SCBA President



Notes from SCBA Secretary

Dear SCBA members,

As more and more people are fully vaccinated in this country, domestic traveling has become safe again for many of us. We are continuing to prepare for the 2022 SCBA biennial symposium. The new dates of this symposium have been set to July 27-31, 2022, and it will be co-organized by the current and incoming SCBA leadership teams. The symposium will take place in the brand new Joyce Cumming Center at Tufts University, which is scheduled to open in January 2022. Tufts University is located in Medford, Massachusetts, a vibrant suburban town north of Boston and connected by subway (MBTA Green Line). Tufts University will offer not only state-of-the-art conference spaces, but also options of on-site dining and housing. For attendees who wish to stay in hotels off campus, we have negotiated for discounted group rates at three nearby hotels. More information about the symposium will become available in the SCBA website soon.

Several committees are already at work to prepare for the symposium. The Planning Committee led by Dr. Hui Zheng, President of SCBA, coordinates the efforts of several other committees with specific tasks. After careful discussions, the Program Committee co-chaired by Dr. Zhi-Ming Zheng and myself has generated a list of research topics to be covered by this symposium. We will solicit proposals for meeting sessions soon. The Program Committee has also invited a number of keynote and plenary speakers. The Award Committee chaired by Dr. Keji Zhao is considering candidates for several prestigious SCBA awards. The Fundraising Committee led by Drs. Yong Xu and Pan Zheng is actively working to secure the financial support for this event. Dr. Zion Han, the SCBA webmaster, is working tirelessly to keep the website updated. Finally, the Local Host Committee led by Dr. Hong Chen, President of the SCBA Boston

Chapter, has helped tremendously with the selection of meeting venue and hotels.

We look forward to seeing you in Boston next summer and having a successful symposium there!



Dr. Lee Zou, SCBA Secretary

Notes from SCBA Treasurer

Dear Fellow SCBA Members,

I hope everyone is well.

During the second quarter of 2021, the Finance Committee (Drs. Pan Zheng, Ying Zhang, Yvonne Wan, Ji Luo and myself) have been working on the routine duties, e.g. collection of membership dues. In addition, we provided sponsorship to the SCBA Texas Chapter for their annual meeting. Importantly, we coordinated with

treasurers of each Chapter and Division to collect 2020 annual financial reports and successfully filed the SCBA 2020 tax return.

Another important development is that the Fundraising Committee has resumed the effort for the 18th SCBA International Symposium in Boston which has been rescheduled to July of 2022. Dr. Pan Zheng and I co-chair this Committee. In addition to the members of the Finance Committee, we are fortunate to have two local SCBA members, Dr. Qiaobing Xu (Tufts University) and Dr. Dong Kong (Boston Children's Hospital), to join this effort. We are currently working to develop strategic plans and expect to come up with a vendor donation guideline soon. We hope that our fellow SCBA members can help us reach out the industrial community and make this fundraising effort a success.



Dr. Yong Xu, SCBA Treasurer

Notes from the SCBA Webmaster

Dear SCBA members,

The SCBA website is constantly being updated with the latest events, new membership features, new positions, as well as new functions (such as the e-voting system that will be established soon for the election of our future leadership group). Here I list the most important updates for the past three months:

Part 1: Membership Profile:

Please visit the SCBA website to update your membership profile information: <https://www.scbasociety.org/>, as an accurate information listed in your profile will ensure you to receive the full benefits of being an SCBA member.

The following are the most important information of the membership profile that each member should verify and update on time:

1. Email address

Your email address is the most important entry of your membership profile. It ensures you to receive the SCBA Newsletter & important announcements. It is also used for registration to all 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 by yourself, since it is used as your unique name for login to the SCBA website and to update all other information (including your name) in your membership profile. If you need to update your email, please use the "Contact" button on the SCBA website home page to contact the Webmaster to update your email. When login for the first time with your email, click the "Forgot Password" to set your password. If you don't receive an email from SCBA, that means your email address needs to be updated.

2. Name, Address & Organization

Your name, address and organization are important for searching in our membership directory. It will also help the local chapter or divisions to find you for events that might benefit you. They can be easily updated when you login to the SCBA website with your email address and password.

3. SCBA 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 for your local chapter or division.

4. Area of Expertise

To facilitate scientific collaboration among SCBA members, a new feature in the profile called "Area of Expertise" was added. You can either choose the keywords that are listed, or put in your own key words. These key words are searchable by all SCBA members.

Part 2: Conference and Events

We constantly update the upcoming events and conferences hosted by SCBA, its local Chapters, or Divisions. These information can be accessed at the "Conferences and Events" tab, or the following link: <https://www.scbasociety.org/conferences-events>

Several webinars and forums related to Racial Profiling and Stop Asian Hate were listed under the event tab in the past months. These events were removed after completion.

A new website for the 18th SCBA Internacitonal Symposium, which will be held in July, 2022 in Boston, will be established in the next few months, with important infrmaiton for this big event. Please keep an eye on it.

Part 3: Donation

The new SCBA website offers a direct channel for our members to donate to our society online. You can leave specific comment on what your donation is aimed for, and our leadership team will make sure that your donation is used exactly as you plan for. Donation can also be specified to a particular SCBA local chapter, SCBA division, or an SCBA event. A successful society needs supports from all of the members. Donation is one of the most efficient way to help our society.

Please note that you can also donate for someone's membership, if that person is having trouble to pay for the membership online. Just write in the comment box that "This donation of \$xxx is for the Life Membership for xxx, whose email address is: xxx@xxxx." Note that we only need the email address to set up a new membership profile and send the registration link to that email. The new member can then modify the profile to add all the other information.

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>

A donation receipt will be automatically generated and sent to your email, as soon as your donation is processed. All donation record will be kept forever on the SCBA website. We thank all members who made donations in the past few months through the SCBA website.

Part 4: Job Posting

The new SCBA website offers Job Posting. Please contact the webmaster if you have positions to post on the website.

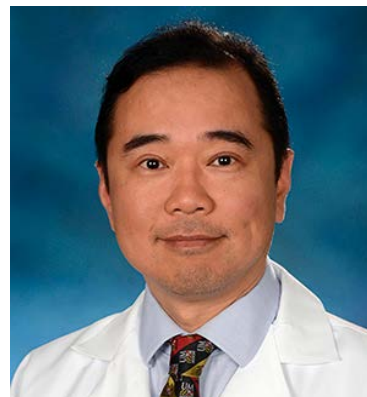
If any SCBA member(s) have the information for significant leadership positions that could benefit our

members, you are welcome to contact me and post these significant positions on the SCBA website for free.

Several examples are still posted on our SCBA website for significant leadership positions in the NIH. Please check the SCBA website (or the following link) for details: <https://www.scbasociety.org/job-boards>

Our website will continually be updated to include new information and resources. If you have suggestions, please feel free to send your feedback to webmaster@scbasociety.org.

Thank you very much for your support!



Dr. Zhe "Zion" Han, SCBA Webmaster

Notes from the Membership Committee

The SCBA welcomes a total of 6 new members:

Chonghui	Cheng	Baylor College of Medicine	Chonghui.Cheng@bcm.edu
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Xuwen	Li	Baylor college of medicine	Xuwen.li@bcm.edu
Weiyi	Peng	University of Houston	wpeng3@uh.edu
Long-Jun	Wu	Mayo Clinic	wu.longjun@mayo.edu
Hao	Zhu	Children's Research Institute at UT Southwestern	Hao.Zhu@utsouthwestern.edu

Membership Committee

Yuan Zhu (Chair)

Baohua Liu

Mitchell Ho

Feng Yang

Burton Yang

Notes from Editor-in-Chief of Cell & Bioscience

Dear SCBA Members,

Cell & Bioscience was founded by Yun-Bo Shi and the late Kuan Teh Jeang of NIH in 2009 as the society journal for SCBA. It started publications with volume 1 in 2011 and Yun-Bo Shi as the Editor-in-Chief. After ten-year contribution of tireless efforts, Yun-Bo stepped down at the end of 2019. Under his leadership, Cell & Bioscience has achieved tremendous success as an elite multi-discipline journal in the scientific community. It first obtained a journal impact factor of 3.00 in 2012 from the Clarivate Journal Citation Index. The impact of the journal has grown gradually throughout the years, with a significant increase to an impact factor of 5.026 in 2019.

Year	Total Citations	Journal impact factor	JIF without self cites	5 Year Impact Factor
2020	3,184	7.133	6.980	6.302
2019	1,898	5.026	4.921	4.443
2018	1,379	3.355	3.322	3.561
2017	1,128	3.405	3.314	3.566
2016	903	3.294	3.221	3.419
2015	640	2.883	2.649	3.188
2014	458	3.630	3.457	3.443
2013	294	3.210	2.988	3.210
2012	155	3.000	2.561	3.000

Table 1. Journal Impact Factor for Cell & Bioscience 2012-2020

I am delighted to report to you that it has achieved an even higher impact factor of 7.133 from the most recently released Clarivate Journal Citation Reports for 2020, Table

1. The success shows that Cell & Bioscience has become a valuable journal for investigators to report their scientific findings and conceptual reviews in their respective fields.

To sustain such rapid growth, we have implemented a more streamline editorial structure for efficient and effective evaluation of submissions to our journal, as I have reported in March 2021 issue of the SCBA Newsletter. More importantly, your participations of the processes are critical to the eventual success of Cell & Bioscience. There are numerous ways for you to promote the growth of the journal. As established investigators in your respective fields, you can submit **research** and/or **review** articles and comment on current research advances in your fields with **research highlights**, as well as serve on the Editorial Board and assist in evaluations of submissions to the journal. Your participation and submissions will greatly improve the scientific standing on the quality of publications in our journal.

Indeed, many of our SCBA members have stepped up to participate and assist in improving the scientific standing of Cell & Bioscience in organizing special issues on various specific topics. Currently, there are three special issues accepting invited and author-initiated submissions.

- Emerging Concepts in Neurodegenerative Diseases** - organized by Hui Zheng of Baylor College of Medicine and Lin Mei of Case Western Reserve University.
- Frontiers in Virology and COVID-19** - organized by Dong-Yan Jin of the University of Hong Kong, Zhi-Ming Zheng of the National Institutes of Health and Shan-Lu Liu of the Ohio State University.
- The Human Y Chromosome in Health and Disease** - Organized by Fadi Charchar of the Federation University of Australia, Chris Lau and Tatsuo Kido of the University of California San Francisco.

Please visit the journal website for more information about these special issues and the organizer/editor contact information, as well as instruction for submissions. Further, you can also read the recent publications as well as previous special issues on specific topics of your interests.

<https://cellandbioscience.biomedcentral.com/>.

Again, thank you very much for your supports, and let me know if you have any questions and suggestions at:

chris.lau@ucsf.edu.



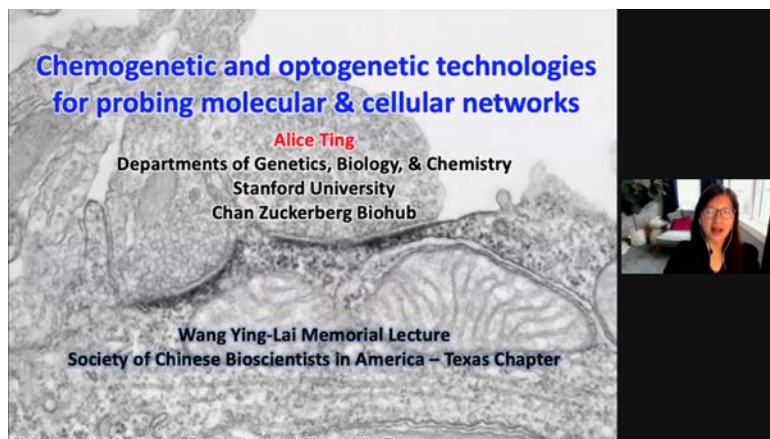
Chris Lau, Ph.D.
Editor-in-Chief
Cell & Bioscience

News from the SCBA-Texas Chapter

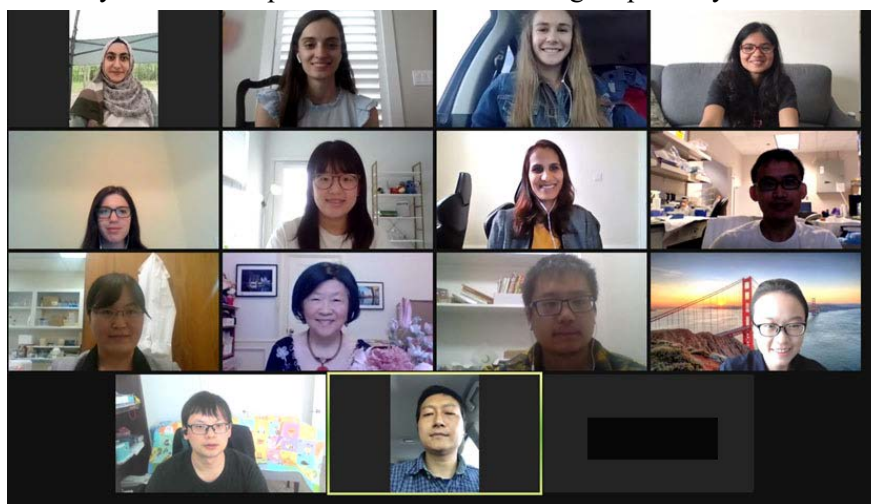
The 34th Annual Symposium of SCBA-Texas

By Qingchun Tong, Jian Hu, Weiyi Peng and Chonghui Cheng

The SCBA Texas Chapter (SCBA-TX) hosted its 34th annual symposium in a virtual format on Saturday May 15, 2021. This is a long overdue event, which was supposed to occur in the summer 2020 but had to be cancelled because of COVID. Despite being virtual, the symposium was a very successful, completing another new page of the SCBA-TX chapter's long history. There were 86 attendees, representing the faculty members, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students and staff members from all of the academic institutions at the Texas Medical Center, including Baylor College of Medicine (BCM), University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC), University of Texas-Health Science Center at Houston (UTHEALTH), University of Houston (UH), Texas A&M-University Institute of Biosciences & Technology (IBT) at Houston, the Methodist Hospital Research Institute (TMHRI) and Rice University. Given its virtual format, there were also participants from other cities of Texas, including University of Texas-Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) and Texas A&M University at College Station.



The event's theme was to share scientific research and to train the next generation of researchers. The symposium started in the morning with brief welcome remarks from the SCBA-TX President Dr. Qingchun Tong (UTHEALTH), followed by the Professor Ying-Lai Wang Memorial keynote lecture given by Dr. Alice Ting of Stanford University titled "Optogenetic and chemogenetic technologies for probing molecular and cellular networks". The life-time research achievements of Dr. Wang and the history of the Ying-Lai Wang Memorial Lectureship was addressed by Dr. Xiaodong Cheng, the 2018 President of SCBA-TX. Dr. Ting was introduced by Dr. Meng Wang (BCM). Dr. Ting is an internationally renowned scientist and her research team has made seminal contributions to novel methods using a combination of optogenetic and chemogenetic ways to examine protein interactions and signal pathways. Her research harnesses the power



of directed evolution and synthetic organic chemistry to develop novel methods for studying various cellular processes. Her talk is inspiring to our trainees and faculty members. Of note, Dr. Ting grew up in Texas and has a lot of connections with Texas and it was like home-coming to her.

After enjoying beautiful science from Dr Ting, 34 trainees (students and postdoctoral fellows of Chinese and non-Chinese ethnicity who are currently working in ethnic Chinese faculty laboratories) gave oral presentations in five concurrent breakout room sessions. Dr. Yong Xu (Professor of Baylor College of Medicine) served as the chair of the trainees' sessions. Judges for the trainees' presentations included Drs. Jianhua Yang (BCM), Qin Feng (UH), Wenliang Li (UTHEALTH), Boyi Gan (MDACC), Tianfu Wu (UH), Sherry Gao (Rice), Cynthia Ju (UTHEALTH), Jiang Chang (IBT), Guangwei Du (UTHEALTH), Zheng Sun (BCM), Kai Sun (UTHEALTH), Meng Wang (BCM), Babie Teng (UTHEALTH), Xiaolong Jiang (BCM) and Yi Zhu (BCM).

The winners for the prestigious SCBA-TX trainee awards were: Jing Cai for the first-place award (\$300), Divya Ravirala for the second-place award (\$200), Tao Shen, Yunfeng Ding, Ritu Bohat, Lian He, Wenhao Guo, Hesong Liu, Shannon Erhardt, Lauren Lawless, Xiaolei (Sherry) Zhao, Jessie Morrill, Yong Han, and Longlong Tufor the third-place award (\$100). The winner for the Professor Alexander Yeu-Ming Wang Memorial Scholarship (\$500) is Fatma Yasar. This is a highly prestigious and competitive award that was established in 1995 by Professor Wang's family to honor Professor Alexander Yeu-Ming Wang for his contributions and achievements to science, education, Chinese community, and SCBA in which Dr. Wang served as a founder.

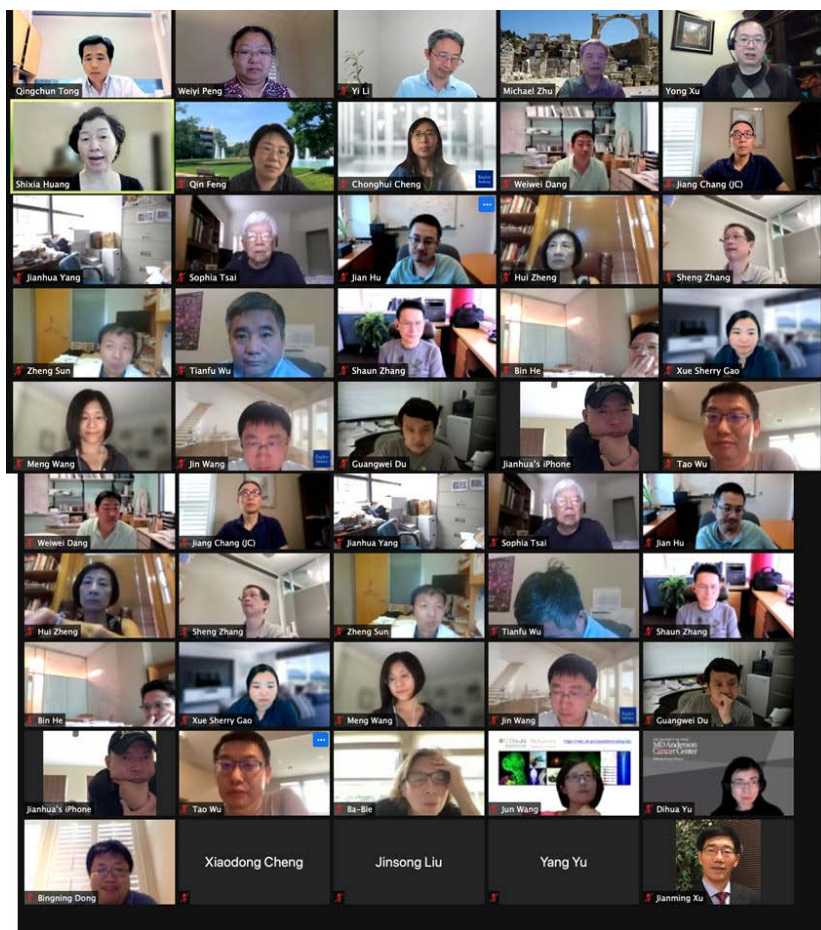
The afternoon session started with the SCBA Keynote Lecture delivered by Dr. Cun-Yu Wang from UCLA. After introduction by Dr. Jinsong Liu from MDACC, Dr. Wang shared his outstanding research on identifying cancer stem cells (CSC) and innovative therapeutic approaches by targeting both CSC key factors and immune checkpoints. His research broadened the knowledge scope of CSC and immunotherapy, especially to a large audience base with interest in cancer research.

As a tradition, the SCBA-TX Treasurer (Dr. Weiyi Peng) presented the financial report during a very brief business session, indicating an impressive increase of our members over the previous year. An election was also held

during the symposium to establish a new leadership team, which includes President Dr. Chonghui Cheng (BCM), President-Elect Dr. Jin Wang (BCM), Secretary Dr. Weiwei Dang (BCM) and Treasurer Dr. Qin Feng (UH). Drs. Feng Yang (BCM, a current membership committee member of national SCBA), Jinsong Liu (MDACC, a current election committee of national SCBA) and Hui Zheng (BCM, the current President of national SCBA) gave a short presentation for National SCBA membership recruitment, biennial SCBA meeting and candidate nominations for the upcoming national SCBA leadership election. On behalf of the leadership team, Dr. Qingchun Tong thanked the attendees and speakers, and also specifically thanked Mrs. Hellen Weng, wife of the late Professor Alexander Yeu-Ming Wang, for her continuous support of the Professor Alexander Yeu-Ming Wang Memorial Scholarship. The newly elected president, Dr. Chonghui Cheng gave concluding remarks with envisions for the new leadership team.

To make the virtual meeting a fun event, the organizing committee has come up a few ways to better engage participants. One is to add 2 raffle drawing sessions to the program. In each session 3 lucky participants were selected by random drawing for a gift card. The other is to add a trivia game as the last meeting session. Dr. Yi Li (BCM, a past SCBA-TX president) led the efforts and he prepared 42 questions, most of them related to national SCBA and SCBA-TX facts and history as well as stories of SCB-TX members. All participants really enjoyed these fun events.

Organizing committee of the 2021 and 34th SCBA-TX symposium includes President Dr. Qingchun Tong (UTHEALTH), Secretary Dr. Jian Hu (MDACC), Treasurer Dr. Weiwei Peng (UH), President-elect Dr. Chonghui Cheng, Dr. Yi Li (BCM) and Dr. Yong Xu (BCM). Due to the nature of virtual event, the meeting was free without any registration fees. This symposium provided a unique opportunity for our trainees and faculty to reconnect amid the COVID epidemic and also concludes the 2020-2021 chapter of SCBA-TX. We wish best of luck to the new 2021 leadership team and look forward to another successful year of SCBA-TX!



Stop Asian Hate Rally at Texas Medical Center

On May 21, 2021, over 500 professors, trainees and staff came together for a "Stop Asian Hate Rally" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzxPgspz-Yo>) to amplify Asian voices, identity, and culture at the world's largest medical center, Texas Medical Center (TMC).

Dr. Shixia Huang, an associate professor at Baylor College of Medicine and a lifetime member of SCBA organized the event with assistance from Baylor leadership and student organizations as well as many volunteers including Dr. Yong Xu, Treasurer of SCBA.

At her opening remarks, Dr. Huang stated that the rally was an act of resistance to ongoing anti-Asian hate, a show of solidarity to fight injustice and intolerance.

Dr. Hui Zheng spoke on behalf of SCBA. "Members of the SCBA community made breakthrough discoveries and life-saving medicine, including that of Covid-19," said Dr. Zheng. "We owe our growth and success to the opportunity, equity and inclusion the US offered and, in return, we strive to promote equity and inclusion and to create opportunities for others."

Other speakers include Asian community leaders and Baylor leadership. Faculty and student shared their personal experiences of racial discrimination and their fight for justice and equality. To hear more about their speeches and stories, please see the video link of the whole rally <https://www.facebook.com/shixia.huang/videos/934076763819204>.

The rally concluded by all attendees blowing yellow whistles donated by Dr. Steven Pei and the Yellow Whistle Campaign to symbolize self-protection and solidarity in our common fight against historical discrimination and anti-Asian violence.

More about the rally in Chinese: <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/yalk7T1J54ukot18PzzyFw>



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Drs. Shixia Huang (right #5 on row #2), Hui Zheng (right #4 on row#2), and Yong Xu (right #2 on row #3) with other organizers, speakers, and volunteers.

Photo credit: Sharon Li



Congratulations to newly elected Academy members

SCBA extends Congratulations to following scientists who were elected to the National Academy of Sciences and American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Newly elected members of the National Academy of Sciences (2021)

Chang, Ta Yuan; professor, department of biochemistry and cell biology, Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.

Liu, David R.; investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute; and Thomas Dudley Cabot Professor of the Natural Sciences, department of chemistry and chemical biology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

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

Tsay, Yi-Fang; distinguished research fellow, Institute of Molecular Biology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan (Taiwan)

Newly elected Fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2021)

Nieng Yan (IHM), Princeton University

Li-Huei Tsai, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Hao Wu, Harvard Medical School

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2021 SCBA Election

Call for Nominations of Candidates for the Election of SCBA Officers

In accordance with the SCBA Bylaw, the Nomination Committee is calling for the nominations of candidates for the 2021 SCBA Election of the Chief Operating Officers (COOs) and membership of Council and Nomination and Membership Committees.

Regulation and Submission Process of Nominations

- 1) The nominated candidates must be a lifetime member of SCBA at the time be nominated in order to be eligible to stand for election.
- 2) The candidates can be nominated by a SCBA member or self-nominated.
- 3) The deadline of nomination is **extended to August 1, 2021**.
- 4) Nomination package includes
 - The Nomination form (see the last page).
 - CV of the nominee
- 5) The nomination should be sent to:
 - Jun Lu, Yale University (jun.lu@yale.edu) the Co-Chair of the Nomination Committee
 - Copy to Lee Zou (lzou1@mgh.harvard.edu), the Secretary of SCBA.

Selection Process

The Nomination Committee will

- 1) review the nominations, and convene a meeting following the nomination deadline
- 2) propose an official ballot and obtain a brief curriculum vita and a description of service to the Society from each of the nominees for each position, based on the eligibility and willingness to serve.
- 3) tabulate a list of candidates for the consideration and final approval by the SCBA Council.

The Executive Director shall forward the official ballot to all Active Members on or before **September 1, 2021** for a vote by electronic means.

The finalists of the nominated candidates will also be posted on the SCBA website: <http://www.scbasociety.org/>.

Voting Process

The members will select their choices of the respective positions by filling out their election ballots and submit the ballots via emails to: **Xi He**

(**Xi.He@childrens.harvard.edu**), the Co-Executive Director and **Yong Xu (yongx@bcm.edu)**, the Treasurer of SCBA by **October 1, 2021** deadline.

Additionally, an online voting system is being developed, which will complement the email-based voting.

The ballots shall be opened by the Executive Director and the Treasurer in the presence of at least one other Council member or person designated in writing by a Council member.

The results of the election shall be tabulated, rectified, and submitted to the Council for final approval. The elected individuals will be informed of the results, and the election results will be posted on the official website of the Society.

If you have any questions, please contact the Chair of the Nomination Committee, Jun Lu (jun.lu@yale.edu), or the Co-Executive Directors, Xi He (Xi.He@childrens.harvard.edu) or Chris Lau (chris.lau@ucsf.edu) for clarification.

The NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Jun Lu (Yale University; jun.lu@yale.edu), Co-Chair

Zhi-Ming Zheng (National Institutes of Health; zhengzhiming4@gmail.com), Co-Chair

Jinsong Liu (University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center; jliu@mdanderson.org)

Heyu Ni (University of Toronto; nih@smh.ca)

Hong-Shuo Sun (University of Toronto; hss.sun@utoronto.ca)



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Available Positions

The positions, and their terms and duties, as described in the SCBA Bylaws, are listed below. The Nomination Committee urges all the SCBA members to nominate the best suitable candidates who represent the interests of the SCBA members and lead the Society moving forward in the future.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (number): term of service

1. **President** (1): January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Society and shall preside at all meetings of the Council. Subject to the control of the Council, the President shall have general executive charge, management, and control of the properties, business, and operations of the Society with all such powers as may be reasonably incident to such responsibilities; shall have the authority to agree upon and execute all leases, contracts, evidences of indebtedness, and other obligations in the name of the Society subject to the approval of the Council; and shall have such other powers and duties as may be designated in these Bylaws and as may be assigned to such officer from time to time by the Council. The President shall take a leadership role in the organization and implementation of a Biannual International Symposium during his/her tenure.

2. **Secretary** (1): January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Council in books provided for that purpose; shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices; shall organize the Council Meeting and all Council meetings; in furtherance of the Society's purposes and subject to the limitations contained in the Articles of Incorporation, may sign with the President in the name and on behalf of the Society and/or attest the signatures thereto, all contracts, conveyances, franchises, bonds, deeds, assignments, mortgages, notes, and other instruments of the Society; shall have charge of the Society's books; records, documents, and instruments, except the books of account and financial records and securities of which the Treasurer shall have custody and charge, and such other books and papers as the Council may direct, all of which shall be open at reasonable times to the inspection of any Member upon application at the Society's office during business hours and approved by a majority vote of the Council; and shall in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary subject to the control of the Council.

3. **Treasurer** (1): January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

The Treasurer shall have custody of all of the Society's funds and securities that come into such officer's hands. When necessary or proper, the Treasurer may endorse or cause to be endorsed, in the name and on behalf of the Society, checks, notes, and other obligations for collection and shall deposit or cause to be deposited the same to the credit of the Society in such bank or banks, or financial depositories and in such manner as shall be designated and prescribed by the Council; may sign or cause to be signed all receipts and vouchers for payments made to the Society either alone or jointly with such other officer as may be designated by the Council; whenever required by the Council, shall render or cause to be rendered a statement of the cash account; shall enter or cause to be entered regularly in the Society's books to be kept by such officer for that purpose full and accurate accounts of all money received and paid out on account of the Society; shall perform all acts incident to the position of Treasurer subject to the control of the Council; and shall, if required by the Council, give such bond for the faithful discharge of such officer's duties in such form as the Council may require.



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4. Council Member (2): January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2025

Two Councilors shall be elected every other year by mail or electronic ballot to serve for a period of four years and shall assume office on the first day of January of the following year. Councilors shall (i) attend each meeting of the Council, (ii) advise the President with respect to financial matters, the Society's publications, national and international issues that may affect the future of the Society and other matters relating to the Society, the local chapters and the membership, and (iii) serve as liaisons to other scientific and professional societies. Councilors shall not be eligible for immediate reelection, unless such election is recommended by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) or more of the other members of the Council or a majority vote of the Active Members.

5. Nomination Committee (6): January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023

A Chair and five (5) members of the Society, who hold no other elective office, shall be elected to be the Nomination Committee by mail or electronic ballot on the second year of the new administration of the SCBA.

The six candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected; the one receiving the most votes shall serve as the Chairperson. The Nominating Committee members shall assume their responsibility on January 1 immediately following the year of their election for a two-year term. It shall be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to identify and nominate potential candidates for elected offices of the Society in the election process, starting at the end of the first year of the new administration, with a schedule to be completed before May 15 of the second year, according to the specifications defined by the SCBA Bylaws.

6. Membership Committee (6). January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023.

A Chair and five (5) members of the Society, who hold no other elective office, shall be elected to be the Membership Committee by mail or electronic ballot on the second year of the new administration of the SCBA. The six candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected; the one receiving the most votes shall serve as the Chairperson. The Membership Committee members shall assume their responsibility on January 1 immediately following the year of their election for a two-year term. The Membership Committee shall organize national and local membership drive activities, review and approve membership applications, review and present the record of Members with problems, as defined by these Bylaws, for possible Council action or expulsion, and work closely with the Executive Director in updating membership profiles and publishing the membership directory. The Membership Committee shall also act as a liaison to the local chapters and international membership nominees to serve as officers and representatives of the Society. The Membership Committee shall also identify and recruit individuals with special scientific and technical expertise by nominating them for membership in the Society.

Notes:

All nominations and self-nominations are welcome.

Please contact the Nomination Committee Co-Chairs and its Members, COOs and the Co-Executive Directors, for discussion of likely candidates for various positions in this election, if you have any questions. The contact information is listed at the beginning of this announcement, and on the SCBA website: <https://www.scbasociety.org/>

Election Nomination Form

Name of Position: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Title and Affiliation: _____

Contact Information: _____

Qualifications and Achievements: (also attached detailed curriculum vitae of Nominee)

Nominated by: _____

Contact and Affiliation of Nominator: _____

Send nomination and a copy of the CV of the nominee via e-mail to: Jun Lu, Co-Chair, Nomination Committee, jun.lu@yale.edu and cc a copy to the Secretary, Lee Zou, lzou1@mgh.harvard.edu, before August 1, 2021.

A welcome note from Executive Directors to new members

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.

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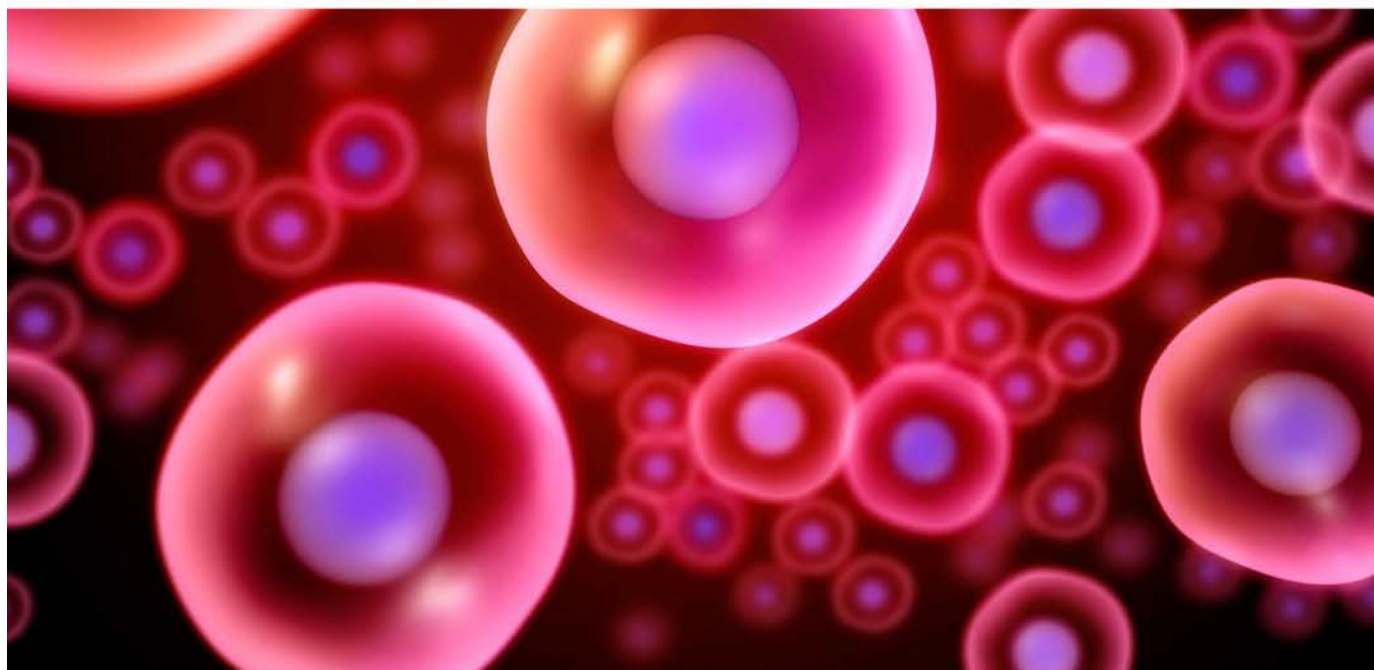
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