

11th Asian-Pacific Congress of Clinical Biochemistry

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NACCCA representatives in the 11th APCCB 2007 Meeting. Left to right: Drs. Steven Wong, Stanley Lo, Jerry Yao, Alan Wu, and Pauline Lau.

Representatives from NACCCA were invited to participate in two symposiums at the 11th Asian-Pacific Congress of Clinical Biochemistry (APCCB). The congress was an excellent educational experience as well as an excellent opportunity to network professional colleagues with similar interests. Beijing was a wonderful setting, especially in October, for the congress Preparations for the 29th World Olympic Games were clearly visible as the congress was held in the area of Beijing Olympic Village; it is a very attractive place.

The NACCCA sponsored symposium titled “Personalized Medicine and Pharmacogenomics,” was opened by Stanley Lo with a brief description of NACCCA to the attendees. This was followed by four individual presentations: Pauline Lau, Personalized medicine – How it has impacted the global patient treatment decisions and the clinical laboratory practice; Steven H. Wong, Pharmacogenomics and personalized medicine for addiction, pain management, and toxicology; Alan Wu, The pharmacogenomics of Warfarin; and Kiang-Teck J. Yeo, Current issues in translating pharmacogenomics to the clinical laboratory. Following these presentation, the speakers remained on stage to address questions from the audience. This was well received as there was considerable discussion regarding the implementation of pharmacogenomics into clinical practice.

NACCCA was also represented in the symposium “traceability in Clinical Laboratory Testing,” moderated by Zhenhua Yang, President of the 11th APCCB and Chair of the Organizing Committee. Stanley Lo gave a presentation titled “Traceability of bilirubin testing and its role in neonatal hyperbilirubinemia.” This symposium included presentations from: Zhenhua Yang, Laboratory medicine standardization and traceability activities in China; Gary Myers (2007 AACC President), Standardization programs to improve clinical testing for assessing chronic disease risk; and Mingting Peng, Establishment and application of reference method for blood cell count.

The NACCCA delegation was pleased to have the opportunity to represent our organization. We are grateful for the wonderful hospitality provided by Zhenhua Yang and hope that future collaborations will be as fulfilling as the 11th APBCC has been.