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News from Taiwan

By Tjin-Shing Jap, M.D.
Taipei Veteran Hospital

It was a groovy time to meet our old buddy, coming back from far away. On Jan. 13, 1999, the board members of the Association of Clinical Biochemistry, Taipei, RPC, got together at the Japanese restaurant in Sin-Kuang Mitsukoshi Department Store, within walking distance from World Trade Center. The reception was arranged to show hospitality in welcoming Ms. Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer, the secretary and editor of NACCCA. Our beloved president, Ching-San Huang, M.T. delivered a brief welcome address. Hsiao-Mei reminded the members that the objective of NACCCA is to unite all the ethnic Chinese around the world who work in clinical chemistry fields to establish networking and help each other. Should any Chinese in this field have any questions, they should not hesitate to contact NACCCA members. Unfortunately, the majority members from Taiwan do not attend AACC meetings regularly; hence, cannot participate in NACCCA activities easily. It is a good idea, therefore, for any NACCCA members who are visiting Taiwan to get together with us to exchange ideas and discuss job opportunity, business, education and research. Hsiao-Mei suggested that members from Taiwan should continue to keep in touch with her and provide the NACCCA newsletter with the latest activities in Taiwan.

Hsiao-Mei enjoyed the friendship and a good meal with members of Assoc. of Clinical Biochemistry in Taipei

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Biographies of Candidates

Michael Ip, President-Elect

Michael. P.C. Ip, Ph.D DABCC, graduated from McGill University and obtained his M.Sc. from McMaster University and Ph.D from University of Windsor. He was trained at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York and currently is the Head of Chemistry, Endocrinology Lab and Toxicology at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Between administrative and technical duties within the laboratories, he spends a lot of time teaching Pathology residents on rotation and graduate students. He also holds a faculty appointment at Case Western University (Assistant Professor of Pathology) and Clinical Professor of Chemistry at Cleveland State University. Ip was the Chairperson of the Northeast Ohio AACC section, and is currently the Legislative Liaison Officer and member of the House of Delegates for the national AACC. Dr. Ip feels that the most important thing about leadership is to have vision, set goals to meet new challenges, and lay the groundwork to achieve these goals.

Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer, Secretary

Hsiao-Mei is a graduate from Taipei Institute of Technology and the University of Detroit. She currently is the project director for the Diabetes Diagnostic Laboratory at the University of Missouri and the data manager for the National Glycohemoglobin Standardization Program (NGSP). Hsiao-Mei has served one term as the secretary and editor for NACCCA. Her first year experience showed her the importance of networking with fellow Chinese Clinical Chemists. She enjoys working with the NACCCA board and admires the dedication and commitment shown by the board members and past presidents. Her goal for this year is to improve the content and the circulation of the NACCCA newsletter. She wants to make NACCCA newsletter an open forum for all members to share their professional and/or personal experiences.

Qingping Jiang, Treasurer

Dr. Qingping Jiang is a Sr. Staff Scientist in the Lab Testing Systems of Bayer Diagnostics (formerly Chiron Diagnostics). Since joining the company in 1990, Dr. Jiang has worked in the Rare Reagents Group located in Walpole, Massachusetts, involved in the advancement of the company's core technology – chemiluminescent detection chemistry - and the development of new technologies. Dr. Jiang received his B.S. degree in Pharmacy from China Pharmaceutical University in 1982 and Master's degree in Medicinal Chemistry from Institute of Materia Medica, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences in 1984. He obtained his Ph.D. degree in Organic Chemistry from University of Georgia in 1990, where his study was focused on the isolation, structural elucidation and total synthesis of natural products. He is a member of American Chemical Society. He has 4 patents, 3 pending patents and 13 publications on the subjects of chemiluminescent compounds, natural product synthesis and structural elucidation

Tai Kwong, Board Member

Tai Chiu Kwong, a native of Hong Kong, emigrated in 1965 to Canada where he obtained his B.Sc. from McMaster University and Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Toronto. Following a postdoctoral stint in molecular biology at Yale, he returned to Toronto for the diploma program in clinical biochemistry. In 1979 he joined the University of Rochester faculty where he is currently Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Director of the Toxicology and Immunoassay Laboratories. Tai's interests are in the areas of toxicology and drug analysis. He is active in the AACC, having served as member of TDM-Clin Tox LIP Committee (twice) and the Standards Committee, liaison to the CAP TDM-Endocrinology and Toxicology Resource Committees, co-director of the Toxicology Review Course, and Chair of the Clinical Breath Alcohol Testing Task Force. Tai is a Past President of NACCCA.

Tao Wang, Board Member

Tao Wang graduated from the Guangzhou College of Traditional Chinese Medicine in China in 1982. In 1985, he went to McGill University in Montreal, Canada, to start his postgraduate study. After receiving his Ph.D. in experimental medicine, he attended the clinical chemistry training program at the University of Toronto between 1992 and 1994. He then joined Pacific Biometrics, Inc. in Seattle as a senior scientist in late 1994 before taking the current position at Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc. as the manager of clinical laboratory services.

Chinese Congress of Clinical Chemistry & Laboratory Medicine 2000 (CCCCLM 2000)

By Anna Zhou, Michael Ip and Hsiang Ju Lin

The Chinese Congress of Clinical Chemistry & Laboratory Medicine 2000 (CCCCLM 2000) is the first global major conference to be held in Hong Kong for Chinese medical laboratory professionals. The meeting dates are June 11-15, 2000. Its special focus is the health care scene in Hong Kong, China and other Asian-Pacific regions. It will also work as a forum where clinical laboratory professionals from the United States and Asian countries can share their expertise and experience.

This meeting is organized by the Hong Kong Society of Clinical Chemistry and the Chinese Society of Clinical Chemistry under the auspices of the North American Chinese Clinical Chemists Association (NACCCA), the Asian Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry, Association for Clinical Biochemistry, Taipei, China, and the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine. This meeting is sponsored by major international corporations such as Abbott Laboratories, Bayer Co., Beckman Coulter Corp., Johnson & Johnson, and Roche Diagnostic Systems.

Working hard with our hosts to plan topics and speakers for the symposia and training programs are the members of NACCCA Coordinating Committee, including Daniel Chan

By Anna Zhou , M.D. Ph.D

It is a great pleasure and honor to welcome our 50 new members from Mainland China. To get acquainted with our colleagues from the other side of the Pacific Ocean, we need to start with **Prof. Zhenhua Yang**, Chairman, Chinese Society of Medical Laboratory Science (CSMLS). Dr. Yang is the Director of National Clinical Center of the PRC Health Ministry, and the Co-Chair for the first and second Sino-US Clinical Chemistry Management Conferences (CCMC) in Beijing and Shanghai. Prof. Yang led the 50 Chinese Delegates to the 1998 AACC/NACCCA and the 3rd CCMC in Chicago. He gave us an enthusiastic and unforgettable speech during the NACCCA annual banquet.

Some of our new Chinese members are old acquaintances. Since their initial visit to the USA 10 years ago , many of them have established close collaboration with NACCCA members. **Prof. Yang** studied with Dr. Daniel Chan in Johns Hopkins in mid 1980s; **Dr. Peisheng Mo**, former Director of NCCC (National Clinical Chemistry Center), visited Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; **Peking Unite Medical Center Prof. Qi Sui Lin**, (Executive of CSMLS) and **Prof. Yiao Hong Song** of Beijing Union Hospital both joined NACCCA in 1987 while attending AACC meeting in the US. NACCCA President Dr. Edward Kang, and Past Presidents Drs. Tai Kwong, Pauline Lau, Ching-Nan Ou, Steven Wong, Alan Wu, James Wu, Jennie Wu, and many of our members have actively interacted with CSMLS principal members, including **Prof. Gefei Kang** of Chongqing Medical University, **Prof. Linyun Kou** and **Lihua Zi** of 3rd Hospital at Beijing Medical University, **Yixing Tao** of 2nd Shanghai Medical University and **Dr. Fei Sun** (CSMLS Secretary),

We met many CSMLS guests during the 1998 banquet - **Prof. Jin Liang Wang** (Vice Chairman), **Prof. Xiantao Kong** (Executive Chair for CSMLS and the 2nd CCMCS), **Prof. Yulong Cong** (Executive), **Dr. Oimin Tao**, professor of Beijing Medical University, **Xiaohang Wang** of Beijing Clinical Laboratory Center, **Jiahua Ding** of Jilin, **Dr. Fan Chen** of Chongqing University Medical School, **Prof. Renjun** of Jiangxi College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, **Mr. Shunyi Li** of the 2nd Hospital, Hebei Medical University, **Yong Chen** of Xian Clinical Lab Center, **Duishan Guo** of 2nd Hospital of China Medical University and **Prof. Hongli Wang**, of Shanghai Ruijin Hospital. Most of our new members are directors of their respective clinical laboratories and joined NACCCA to work toward our common interest in promoting clinical chemistry and the Sino-US exchange.

1999 NACCCA Official Ballot

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Completed ballot must be received by May 15, 1999. Please fax (573-884-8823) or mail to:

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A special thanks to **Mr. James Fong**, General Manager of Bayer Diagnostics-China/Hong Kong, who contributed generously all the membership dues for the members from China

Do not forget to meet all your old and new friends on Wednesday July 28 at the Imperial Room, New Orleans for the fantastic NACCCA banquet. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Pre-Registration form on page 6!

**Jian Ho (r r r oinr r r ar
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NACCCA President Dr. Edward Kang recently appointed Dr. Jian Ho as the new Membership Committee Chair. Dr. Ho's appointment is enthusiastically endorsed by many NACCCA members. The following is biography Dr. Ho wrote to introduce himself to all NACCCA members.

I am currently Medical Director, Clinical Chemistry Section, Department of Pathology and Area Laboratory Services, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington DC. Prior to Walter Reed, I did my clinical chemistry fellowship for two years at Mayo Clinic, Rochester MN. Prior to Mayo Clinic, I went to Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC for four years and received Ph.D. in Chemistry. I also held MD degree from

Beijing Medical University. I joined NACCCA in 1995. Since then, I have observed the growth of the organization. I admire the leadership of the association and I am impressed by the wide support of members to NACCCA activities. As I open the current membership directory every time I have strong feeling for just being associated with so many outstanding clinical chemists. With deep gratitude for your trust, I accept the appointment as the membership chairman of NACCCA. My main duty is to increase the membership of NACCCA. This means that I shall recruit new members while maintaining old memberships. I believe to keep old members on board is critical for recruiting new members. I am open for suggestions from all the members on how we can better serving our members. As I receive the AACC membership directory, I realize that most of the members, including NACCCA members, have e-mail addresses. I would like to use e-mail to connect as many members as possible. Once we have good network through e-mail, it will be very easy and inexpensive to disseminate information among our members. I would like to work with each section to build a better network. I shall also work closely with the Executives/Officers to promote other functions of the NACCCA. We will convene our annual meeting during AACC annual meeting in New Orleans this year. As membership chair, I have to always remind you: **Pay Your Dues**. The membership fee is \$15 per year. You may pay at our meeting in New Orleans or send it to me by check (pay to NACCCA) at 17200 Vestry Ct, Rockville, MD 20855.

Membership Directory

Mail the payment and form to: Dr. Jian Ho, Membership Committee Chair, 17200 Vestry Ct. Rockville, MD. 20855 , Fax: (301) 869-4771

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NACCCA Banquet Pre-Registration Form

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