

CBIS 12th Biennial Meeting, Shenzhen, China

December 21-25, 2018

Meeting summary

The 12th biennial meeting of Chinese Biological Investigators Society (CBIS) was held in Shenzhen, China from December 21 to 25, 2018. The Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech, 南方科技大学), the Chinese Society of Cell Biology (CSCB, 中国细胞生物学会), were co-hosts of this meeting. The meeting was held in Shenzhen Kylin Villa Garden Hotel (深圳麒麟山庄).

There were about 100 PIs from overseas and about 140 PIs, postdocs, graduate students from china registered for the meeting. The meeting organizers also invited students, mostly local and some from out of town, from all levels to sit in the meeting without registration and this number is estimated about 150. In addition, there were seven (7) biotech companies and publishers sponsored and participated in the meeting.

The meeting organizers invited four (4) keynote speakers to the meeting and they are Nobel laureate Dr. Yoshinori Ohsumi from Tokyo Institute of Technology, Nobel laureate Dr. Bruce Beutler from UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dr. Dinshaw Patel from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and Dr. Lieping Chen from Yale University.

There were 13 plenary presentations, 2 Ray Wu award speeches, and 3 evening panel discussion sessions with various topics ranging from Biotech entrepreneurship to scientific publication policies.

Twenty-eight (28) concurrent sessions were held in two afternoons. A wide variety of biological science subjects were discussed during these sessions. More details about the meeting program can be found at the "Meetings" page on CBIS website: <https://www.cbisociety.org/meetings.html>

The CBIS board also selected five awardees for three categories of awards. The awards were given at the meeting. The Ray Wu award was given to Dr. Zhijian "James" Chen of UT Southwestern and Dr. Xinnian Dong of Duke University. The Young Investigators award, which was sponsored by the journal Science China – Life Science (SCLS) and jointly named as "CBIS-SCLS Young Investigator Award", was given to Dr. Kun Zhang of UC San Diego and Dr. Zhihua Liu of Institute of Biophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences. The teaching award was given to Dr. Liqun Luo of Stanford University. For details of the awardees, please visit the "Awards" page of CBIS website <https://www.cbisociety.org/awards.html>

CBIS members at the meeting also elected new board members serving from 2018 to 2020. Yibin Kang of Princeton University was elected as the president and Yingzi Yang of Harvard Dental School as the vice president. Nine (9) individuals were elected or re-elected into the board. More details of the new CBIS board members can be found on CBIS webpage: <https://www.cbisociety.org/board-of-directors.html>

The meeting ended with a banquet and Karaoke entertainment. Please go to CBIS website (www.cbisociety.org) for more meeting photos.

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