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Message from the NACSN President

Dear NACSN Members and Friends:

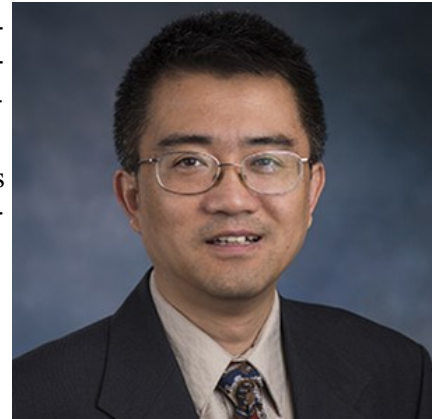
On behalf of the new leadership group, I would like to thank the group led by **Libo Tan** (University of Alabama) that conducted the election in a fair and transparent fashion. I am also grateful that **Shu Wang** has accepted my invitation to serve as the Secretary, with the approval of the Board of Directors according to NACSN bylaws. The Board of Directors comprises the President (Huanbiao Mo), Vice President (Jay Cao), Past President (Youfa Wang), and two elected members, Drs. **Hong Chen** and **Leslie Shen** (see their profiles in this newsletter). **Ling Zhao** graciously chaired the new Election Committee that conducted the election of board members. The Board will oversee the clarification and amendment of the bylaws that will help guide NACSN forward.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the past leadership group led by the past president Dr. **Youfa Wang** for their achievements in membership growth and initiatives such as the well-attended webinars. NACSN was founded four years ago to provide a platform for networking, scientific exchange, collaboration and career advancement for its members. We are glad to see that NACSN has now grown to an organization with a network reaching 200+ colleagues in the US, China and other countries. I am extremely humbled to have this opportunity to serve and lead this society knowing many distinguished and talented members will help move the society forward with collective efforts. I hope NACSN will play an even bigger role in members' professional growth in the coming year.

I also want to invite our members to continue your active participation in our society and to push NACSN to the next level. I particularly want to thank those who expressed their interest in serving the society by participating the recent election. Please continue to volunteer for the various committees and other activities.

Please note the official email address for NACSN is **nacsn.usa@gmail.com**. This is the only e-mail account that all official NACSN messages will be sent to the members.

Sincerely,
Huanbiao Mo
President (2016-2017)
NACSN



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Excerpt of Minute of the first leadership meeting

The first leadership meeting was held at 12pm to 1pm on August 26, 2016. The president, Dr. Mo introduced the composition and the duty of each committee, and suggested to have such meeting every two months unless a special meeting is called for. The leadership assigned China International Forum to the Award Committee. Dr. Xingen Lei suggested balancing basic and community nutrition talks in the China International Forum. We decided that the award special committee is composed of Shu Wang, 2 NACSN members and one member from CNS, whom Xingen Lei will invite. The membership and Communication Committee will be responsible to updating website and editing the newsletter. The Trainee/Student committee will continue on the Mentor/Mentee program. We also decided that the Public Relationship Committee will continue to hold webinars. Finally, the leadership decided that CNS will provide assistance to CNS in its effort to establish World Chinese Nutrition Association.

Nutrition and Chronic Disease Conference in Guang-Zhou, China NACSN will be represented at this conference in November, 2016. Members who are interested in being introduced at the conference are requested to provide one slide including photo and brief introduction of research interest to Dr. Huanbiao Mo. A template for the slide will be provided.

Two new members of the Board of Directors



Dr. Hong Chen is an Associate Professor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition and a member of the Division of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Chen received her BS degree in cell biology from Lanzhou University in China and both of her MS degree and PhD degree in nutrition from Virginia Tech. She completed her postdoctoral training in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at University of Florida. Her research focuses on epigenetic regulations of signaling pathways related to diet and cancer development. The long term goal of her research is to apply the fundamental knowledge learned from mechanistic research to clinical areas for cancer prevention, early diagnosis of cancer, and better post-diagnosis quality of life for cancer patients. Dr. Chen serves the nutrition community by participating in nutrition and cancer conferences, cancer grand rounds at community cancer centers, and activities related to ASN and Experimental Biology annual meetings.

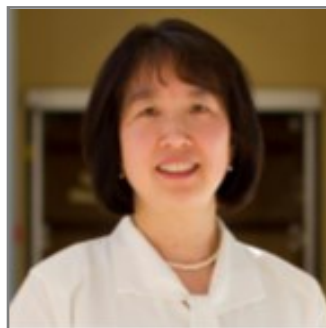
Excerpt of Minute of the second leadership meeting

The second leadership meeting was held at 12pm to 1pm on October 21, 2016. The president, Dr. Huanbiao Mo went over the agenda. Jay Cao committed to write an annual report to the State of North Dakota for NACSN as a non-profit organization. As the treasure of year 2015-2016, Jay reported the current financial status of NACSN and the leadership discussed plans to recruit more funding for NCSN. The leadership groups discussed the content of the 1st newsletter. It is determined that one newsletter will be issued before EB2017, and another Newsletter will be issued right after the EB2017 meeting. The NACSN leadership discussed to invite additional members and special guests to the leadership committee. The Leadership Committee would like the PR Committee chaired by Liang Wang to start Webinar series.

In the next three months, the leadership group will be focusing on organizing the China International Forum during EB2017 meeting.

Announcement of China international forum

We are pleased to announce the China International Forum is in the plan for EB 2017. Details will come from the Award Committee led by Dr. Shu Wang.



Dr. Leslie Shen, past-president of NACSN, is a full professor of Pathology and Physiology, School of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX. Dr. Shen's research include a wide spectrum of interventions such as dietary nutrients, bioactive components, functional food, phytochemicals, herbal supplements, exercise, and various mechanisms related to management of chronic diseases, including osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, diabetes, and obesity. Dr. Shen's translational research program has been funded by NIH to study impacts of green tea on bone health. She has successfully translated her animal study results into human clinical trials. Her research and presentations are well received by funding agencies, national scientific societies, and public media.

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Members' Corner

Job Promotion:

Dr. Minghua Tang, has started his Assistant Professorship since 09/01/2016, in the Section of Nutrition, Department of Pediatrics at University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Dr. Chwan-Li (Leslie) Shen, Ph.D., past-president of NACSN, has been promoted to full professor of Pathology and Physiology, School of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX.

Dr. Youfa Wang, past president of NACSN was recently appointed as the founding Dean of the Global Health Institute (GHI) at the Xi'an Jiaotong University, China.

Awarded Grant:

Dr. Minghua Tang, in the Department of Pediatrics at University of Colorado School of Medicine has received a NIH NIDDK K01 on studying how protein intake during infancy impacts on the risk for later onset of obesity.

Dr. Long Wang at Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, California State University, was conferred as a Fellow of Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in 2016.

Invited Speak and Selected Talk:

Dr. Jay Cao, USDA ARS Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center, was invited by Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, University of Florida to share his research findings on "Calcium homeostasis and bone metabolic responses to high protein intake in humans" at the Nutritional Sciences Seminar Series.

Dr. Leslie Shen, professor of Pathology and Physiology, School of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center was invited by the department of Nutrition at the Georgia State University to present her research, entitled on "Tocotrienols in bone protection: from animals to humans".

Dr. Long Wang, Assistant Professor, at Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, California State University, presented on Student Research: Experiences that Equip and Inspire at FNCE 2016 in Boston in October 2016. He spoke about his experience mentoring undergraduate students in research in the NIH-funded BUILD Initiative as a mentor as well as a member of the Internal Advisory Board.

Study Section:

Dr. Jay Cao, USDA ARS Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center, was invited to be a member of Endocrinology-B panel by the Department of Veterans Affairs to perform grant review in Washington DC on Thursday, December 1, 2016

New publication:

From Dr. Linglin Xie, Department of Nutrition and Food Science, Texas A&M university

1. K. K. Zhang; M. Xiang; L. Zhou; J. Liu; N. Curry; D. H. Suner; P. Garcia-Pavia; X. Zhang; Q. Wang; **L. Xie**. Gene-network and familial analyses uncover a gene network involv-

ing Tbx5/Osr1/Pcsk6 interaction in the second heart field for atrial septation *Human Molecular Genetics*, 25 (6): 1140-51, 2016

2. Fu, P. Olson, D. Rasmussen, M. Williamson, B. Keith, K. K. Zhang, **L. Xie**. Hasty Reverse from a High-Fat Diet to a Normal-Fat Diet Before Pregnancy Exacerbates Female Mouse Offspring Obesity. *Int J Obes (Lond)*. 40(4): 564-72 2016

Job Information:

The Global Health Institute (GHI) at the Xi'an Jiaotong University was formally established in September, 2016, and is the first global health research institute in Western China.

With a global perspective, GHI focuses on important global health issues such as prevention and control of non-communicable chronic diseases (NCDs), systems science and big data in medical research, drug safety and policy, health system and health policy, food safety and nutrition, child development and health, mHealth, individualized health service. GHI has multiple open faculty positions with attractive salary and benefit packages. If interested in applying, please contact Dr. Yaling Zhao (zhaoyl666@xjtu.edu.cn).

Featured member:



Dr. Jay Cao, vice-president of the NACSN, is a research nutritionist at the USDA ARS Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center. Dr. Cao has been conducting basic and translational nutrition research with multiple animal species and human subjects for over two decades resulting in authorship of about 70 peer-reviewed research papers and re-

views with 27 of those are primary-authored publications. Dr. Cao has working experience in academia, government, and nutraceutical industry. In scientific field, Dr. Cao has been known for his contributions in the following four major research areas: (1). Trace (organic and inorganic) mineral bioavailability in animals; (2). Biomarkers of zinc status in humans; (3). Mechanisms of bone metabolism in aging and obesity; (4). Protein, acid-base balance, and bone health in humans.

Mentor-Mentee Program (2016-2017)

NACSN will continue to have this program serving our members. Currently, we are recruiting volunteers to serve as mentors for 2016-2017 academic year. Faculties at all levels, industrial friends, post-doctoral fellows, and Ph.D. students are all welcome to be mentors. If you would like to participate as a

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