

Dear CAHON Members and Friends:

At the first weekend of December 2014, ASH (American Society of Hematology) held its 56th annual meeting full with exciting clinical advancement and research breakthrough attracting record attendees from all over the world in San Francisco, CA. CAHON held its 9<sup>th</sup> semi-annual meeting and reception for our CAHON members and invited guests from 7:30pm to 10:30pm on Saturday December 6, 2014 at Marriott Marquis, San Francisco, CA.

More than eighty CAHON members and friends attended the reception and meeting. Our honored guests included representatives from ASH International Department, Michelle Lara Dr Saijuan Chen (Director of Shanghai Institute of Hematology), Dr. He Huang (Zhejiang University) and others from United States, China, Europe, Taiwan and South Korea. It was a great time and place to network, to meet old and new friends and to find potential collaboration in research or business. It served the mission of CAHON.

CAHON also honored five Chinese American young investigators for Young Investigator Award (YIA) selected from presenters at ASH meeting to recognize and promote promising young physicians or physician scientists in research. The YIA recipients are:

Jiao Bo, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Shanghai Institute of Hematology, Ruijin Hospital, Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine

Wu Min, MD, Master-Doctoral Program, School of Medicine, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Yucui Wang, MD, PhD, Resident, Internal Medicine, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ

Bing Zhang, MD, Resident, Clinical Pathology, Stanford Hospital & Clinics

Ke Zhao, MD, PhD, Resident, Department of Hematology, Nanfang Hospital, Southern Medical University, Guangzhou, China

Jing-Zhou Hou, and Wenru Song briefly presented CAHON's update. Delong Liu, MD PhD, Editor in Chief of Journal of Hematology and Oncology (JHO), the official CAHON journal updated the current status of JHO, and proudly announced that the impact factor of JHO in 2013 is 4.93.

Most of current CAHON executive team members attended the meeting and reception.

We thank our CAHON members and friends for your continued support. We are very grateful for the Benefactors of CAHON who donated their time as well.

Finally, on behalf of CAHON, we would like to call for more support from you, and wish you and your family a happy holiday season and happy New Year!

Jing-Zhou Hou, and Wenru Song