



## 2024 CAHON Summer Symposium and Reception at ASCO Annual Meeting Report

June 8, 2024

The annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), recognized as the most prestigious and influential clinical oncology conference globally, once again gathered top experts from around the world. Continuing our tradition, the Chinese American Hematologist and Oncologist Network (CAHON) hosted its summer symposium and reception during the ASCO annual meeting, drawing a record turnout with over 180 participants from diverse backgrounds on June 1st.

Dr. RuiRong Yuan, board chair of CAHON, opened the event with warm remarks, highlighting the organization's mission and notable achievements. She expressed heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing board directors, Drs. Wenru Song, Tianhong Li, and Yiwu Huang, for outstanding service to CAHON, and warmly welcomed the new board directors, Drs. Liang Deng, Sen Zhong, and Zihai Li. Dr. Yuan also unveiled CAHON's strategic plans for the next three years. Following her, Dr. Bo Zhao, CAHON's President, acknowledged the executive committee members' contribution, provided a summary of the significant accomplishments over the past year, as well as a plan of membership expansion. Dr. Delong Liu, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Hematology and Oncology (JHO), shared updates on JHO's Impact Factor, proudly noting its estimated rank as #1 in hematology and #5 in oncology.



The symposium featured an impressive lineup of distinguished speakers. Dr. Lillian Siu, a senior medical oncologist at Princess Margaret Cancer Center, President-Elect of American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), and the 2024 ASCO David Karnofsky Memorial Award winner, delivered a captivating presentation. Joining her were Dr. Johnson, a leading lung cancer expert and director of the Sarah Cannon Research Institute, and Dr. Lin Shen, a renowned Gastrointestinal Oncology expert from Beijing University, Beijing, China. Their talks covered recent advancements in cancer treatment, strategies to enhance community cancer research, and the AACR taskforce on Asian/Asian-American issues. The presentations sparked lively discussions among the speakers and attendees.





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In line with tradition, CAHON honored five outstanding members with the Young Investigator Award (YIA): Drs. Zhaohui Arter, Jennifer Huang, Vincent Ma, Xin Kevin Wang, and Yuhang Zhou, recognizing their exceptional abstracts accepted for oral or poster presentation at the ASCO meeting.



In a ceremonial moment, Dr. Yuan and Dr. Zhao invited Dr. JingZhou Hou and Dr. Liang Deng to the stage, formally handing over the CAHON board chair gavel, marking the transition of leadership to the new team. Dr. Hou, the new Board Chair, and Dr. Deng, the new President of CAHON, shared a glimpse into the exciting events for 2024, highlighted the exciting initiatives ahead in line with CAHON's three-year strategic plan and announced the beginning of a new chapter for the organization.





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After the formal presentations, the event transitioned into a vibrant networking session. Attendees from various corners of the globe engaged in lovely conversations, captured memorable moments through photographs, shared their achievements, and looked forward to future successes. The evening was a testament to the enduring spirit and collaborative ethos of the CAHON community.

