

## **ACABS Executive Committee and Adversary Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: 23 July 2015 (Saturday)

Time: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Place: 180 Browns Road, Cranbourne South

### **Attendees:**

Ruchong Ou, Zhecheng Xiao, Hongjian Zhu, Changhai Ding, Weisan Chen, Xinqing Xu, Binghui Wang, Di Yu, Junhua Xiao, Edwin Yan, Jiming Ye

### **Apologies:**

Chen Chen, Chunguang Li, Jiake Xu, Hong He, Chenxue Qin, Die Wang, Xiaojun Du, Wei Duan

### **ACABS news:**

We would like to extend our warm congratulations on:

- Di Yu's appointment as A/Professor at ANU
- Changhai Ding's appointment as professor in Southern Medical University (南方医科大学)

### **Discussions and solutions:**

1. Appreciation to Zhicheng Xiao for providing the meeting venue and initiating the inspirational discussion on R & D and collaboration
2. ACBRC2017 in Xi'an
  - Hongjian visited Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU) in June for the preparation of ACBRC2017 in Xi'an. A guideline and framework has been established for organising the conference
  - The proposed date for ACBRC is at the end of Oct 2017. The first announcement will be sent off in October this year
  - Expected conference attendees are 300+
  - The conference venue is preferably at XJTU

- The themes of the conference will be: Cancer Research, Immunology, Cardiovascular and Metabolic Disorders, Neurosciences and Degenerative Diseases, and Public Health. Each theme requires two persons in charge, one from each of XJTU and ACABS
- The International Translational Research Conference will be held in conjunction with ACBRC. More details will be provided by XJTU in due course
- ACABS will assist XJTU on the speaker invitation. ACABS will identify and invite 4-6 high profile speakers, prefer one Nobel Prize laureate and some high profile researchers including Fellows of Australian Academy of Science
- In principal the conference will be funded by XJTU, but yet to confirm. Any costs associated with the invited speakers (accommodation, airfare, local tour, etc) are covered by XJTU.
- Discussion on potential funding for ACABS members to attend the conference, aiming for supporting 20-30 ACABS members
- Four meetings have been held in Xi'an regarding the conference preparation so far. Prof. Lui Haixia and Prof. Changhai Ding will be the contact point at XJTU and ACABS respectively

### 3. Collaboration and partnership of XJTU

- Meeting agrees to strengthen collaborations with XJTU.
- Currently collaborations are existing between XJTU and ACABS members (Weisan Chen, Wei Duan, Xiaojun Du)
- We are negotiating the funding through XJTU to support ACABS members for establishing partnership with XJTU
- Zhicheng suggested to build a platform in Melbourne, and use such platform in collaboration and partnership with XJTU and others. The platform offers research collaboration, student exchange programs, staff redevelopment, international profile building and industrial engagement and seek funding from the provincial government
- To build such as platform, ACABS needs to act as a group to further maximise the capability, expertise and potential. The first step is to collect researcher profiles from ACABS members
- A SWOT (strength, weakness, opportunity, threat) analysis will be conducted to identify the existing capability and expertise and to work out ACABS development strategies as suggested by Jiming. Edwin will be responsible for member profile collection and document preparation

### 4. ACABS seminar/event in August

- ACABS seminar will be on 27 Aug 2016 (Saturday), big half day event. ACABS Annual General Meeting will be on 27 Aug 2016 following the seminar.

- Weisan, Junhua and Helena will be responsible for the program and organising work. The proposed speakers – Junhua Xiao, Changhai Ding, etc.

#### 5. ACABS promotion

- Chengxue Qin is leading ACABS promotion and member recruitment
- ACABS WeChat account is established, website information needs to be updated
- With the assistance of Xinqing and Hong-jian, Chengxue has established relationship with 浙大校友会 and drawn agreements with 博士沙龙 and 公派学联
- A MOU is in preparation and will be signed with BioClub Australia (澳大利亚贝壳社)
- ACABS agrees to support Yu Di to set up Biomedical Engagement Network (BEN) to provide a platform for information exchange among institutes, hospitals and professional societies between Australia and China
- ACABS has approved Wang Die to establish an alliance/group under ACABS to engage and link with our overseas members and associates
- Xinqing has initiated and supervised to set up ACABS Canberra branch. Documentation and launching is on the way. WeChat Canberra biomedical related group has 38 people now

We are looking forward to working together with our colleagues in Canberra!

**ACABS Secretary**

**25/07/2016**