



Editorial

Chinese Special Issue – 1st International Symposium of Chinese Comparative Endocrinologists



To promote comparative endocrinology and recognize the contributions made by Chinese comparative endocrinologists in recent years, Dr. Deborah Power, Editor-in-Chief of General and Comparative Endocrinology (GCE) proposed that a GCE special issue should be published with contributions by Chinese scientists. At beautiful Lake Louise during the 18th International Congress of Comparative Endocrinologists in June 2017, Dr. Power discussed the idea with Dr. Yong Zhu, a professor at East Carolina University in USA, who also holds a visiting professor position at Xiamen University in China. Thereafter, the idea was discussed further and was well received by a group of well-known Chinese comparative endocrinologists, Drs. Haoren Lin, Weimin Zhang, Wensheng Li (Professors at Sun Sat-Sen University, Guangzhou), Dr. Weiqun Lu (Shanghai Ocean University), Dr. Bon-chu Chung (Academic Sinica, Taiwan), Dr. Yun-bo Shi (NIH, USA), Dr. Cunming Duan (University of Michigan, USA) and other colleagues. At their recommendation, it was decided that an International Symposium for Chinese Comparative Endocrinologist (ISOCCE) should be held jointly with the biannual conference of the Chinese Society for Comparative Endocrinology (CSCE). The present SI

is a compilation of MS arising from the contributions of Chinese comparative endocrinologists and invited speakers at the meeting.

The first International Symposium of Chinese Comparative Endocrinologist (1st ISOCCE) was held jointly with 12th Academic Conference of Chinese Society for Comparative Endocrinology from June 30 to July 3, 2018 at Shanghai Ocean University, Shanghai, China. The chair of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), Dr. Weiqun Lu worked enthusiastically with other members of the LOC and program committee to successfully organize the 4-day meeting. About 300 attendees, mainly from various institutes in mainland China and also from the United States, Canada, Taiwan, England and Japan, presented and discussed their recent research progress. The meeting also invited a small number of well-known non-Chinese experts to present their research in the field of comparative endocrinology. Drs. Yudong Cheng (The President of Shanghai Ocean University), Kazuyoshi Tsutsui (The President of the International Federation of Comparative Endocrinology Societies), and Haoren Lin (The President of the Chinese Society for Comparative Endocrinology) made the opening remarks. Drs. Kazuyoshi Tsutsui (Waseda University, Japan), Chun Peng (York



Fig. 1. The participants at the 1st ISOCCE provided by Shanghai Ocean University.

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University, Canada), Cunming Duan (University of Michigan, USA), Sheng Li (South China Normal University, China), and Deborah Power (University of Algrave, Portugal) gave plenary lectures followed by 53 oral talks, and 56 poster presentations. The presentations covered a wide range of topics in comparative endocrinology and various model or non-model animals from invertebrates to mammals. The conference was a great success and revealed important progresses made in comparative endocrinology by Chinese scientists (see Fig. 1).

Prior to the meeting, Drs. Bon-chu Chung, Pung-Pung Hwang, Wensheng Li, Haoren Lin, Xiaochun Liu, Weiqun Lu, De-Shou Wang, Weimin Zhang and Yong Zhu agreed to serve as guest editors for the special issue. A total of 35 submissions of original research or review articles have come from the meeting and are compiled in this SI with some also being integrated into subsequent regular GCE issues. Among these submissions, 17 manuscripts went through a rigorous reviewing and revision processes and have been accepted for the publication in this special issue, 13 manuscripts are in the processes of revision and 2

manuscripts are still under the review.

The guest editors would like to take this opportunity to thank all the participants of the 1st ISOCCE and the biannual conference of CSCE for their exciting contributions to this special issue. Special thanks go to the Shanghai Ocean University for hosting the meeting and making it and this special issue a great success and we look forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones at the 2nd ISOCCE (<https://www.isocce.org/>), which will be held in Keelung in 2020.

Guest Editors of Special Issue: Bon-chu Chung, Pung-Pung Hwang, Wensheng Li, Haoren Lin, Xiaochun Liu, Weiqun Lu, De-shou Wang, Weiming Zhang and Yong Zhu.

Appendix A. Supplementary data

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