



海外华人微生物学会
Overseas Chinese Society for Microbiology

Sino-Micro President's Message and Ballot for 2020-2022 Officers

August 2020

Dear Sino-Micro members,

It is with mixed feeling that I write to you again at the end of my 2-year term as President of Sino-Micro. Since late 2019, we have experienced the worst public health disaster in the past century, in China and all over the world, due to Covid-19. Meanwhile, the U.S. and China have entered the toughest relationship since the 1970s. As the unique professional society with expertise in microbiology and with members from both overseas (most in the U.S.) and China, I cannot imagine a more difficult time for our members, personally and professionally.

Nevertheless, our members deserve the proud recognition for your professional contributions by working in the frontline directly saving lives, organizing webinar and publishing papers on the topic, sharing information, expert input and experience with colleagues, to address the mega public health challenges. Following the early PPE shortage in Wuhan, I was also prepared and able to recommend cotton mask wearing in March to institutional leaders, federal legislators and public media with solid evidence on its effectiveness in blocking virus spread, as well as strategies for practical implementation, which facilitated the rapid change on mask wearing policy in late March nationwide. Since, cloth mask wearing has proved to be a key, productive and sustainable strategy combating the pandemic.

While caught in the middle of the turbulent relationship between the U.S. and China, it becomes even more important for all of us to operate with the highest standard of integrity and ethics, to voice the importance of healthy U.S.-China interactions to science and the world, to demonstrate the values of positive collaboration on fighting global public health challenges, and to be a cornerstone for a constructive relationship. We are proud to partner with Committee 100, and support the Committee's leadership in advocating the exceptional contributions of immigrants including Asian and Chinese Americans to this country and the world (<https://www.committee100.org/conference/2019-silicon-valley-conference/>), and the strategies to protect and advance Asian and Chinese Americans against racial profiling. It is the responsibility of all of us, whether overseas or in China, to continue discoveries and to protect human health. Your expertise and creative work, as well as courage against pushbacks are greatly needed and appreciated. I have full confidence, that science will prevail.

Please join me to welcome our incoming President for 2020-2022 Dr. Yiwei Tang, and please also vote to choose our President-elect and board members (we have 5 spots for board members to fill this year). The candidates were nominated and supported by the board following the bylaw. The instruction for voting is provided below. Please vote by Aug 15, 2020.

I will move forward as Chair of the Board according to the bylaw and continue to serve our society. It's been a pleasure to work with you all!

Sincerely,

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Sino-Micro 2020 voting instruction:

Please use your computer or cell phone to enter the website for voting for president, president-elect, and five board members.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KX7ZM6X>

Or you can scan for the following QR code to access the voting website:



Each one can only vote once.

Below are the candidates and their web links:

President-elect: Yongqun (Oliver) He: <http://hegroup.org/>

Board members

Zhaoqin Luo: https://www.bio.purdue.edu/People/faculty_dm/directory.php?refID=177

Ping Xu: http://skmml.sjtu.edu.cn/Keyanduiwu_Content.aspx?id=60#

Jinren Zhang: <http://www.med.tsinghua.edu.cn/Person?method=102&perId=31>

Qijing Zhang: <https://vetmed.iastate.edu/users/zhang123>

Jizhong Zhou: <https://www.ou.edu/cas/mpbio/people/faculty/zhou>