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再见, Xin Meng!

RETROSPECTIVE 2013

In May 2013, after many rounds of selections and countless talks with potential candidates, we finished the election of the new ICIA president. The search committee would like to thank Zuo-Yu Zhao for his valuable comments and suggestions on our candidates. The final candidate was approved during our summer picnic through our regular voting procedure .

Our most senior members, Zuo-Yu Zhao, retired and moved to Hawaii with his wife in August. We congratulated Lao Zhao's retirement and wish him and his wife a happy retirement life. However, I regret to miss the opportunity to express our gratitude to him face-to-face as we remain seeking advice from him for important decisions. Ainong Shi also resigned from our board and moved to other area in the middle of 2013. Ainong has been actively involved our ICIA activities and events and made tremendous contributions to ICIA.

2013 was also a successful year for our organization. The 2013 Chinese New Year Gala was held in the Iowa Public Television Auditorium for the first time. More than 200 members, their family members, and our special guests attended the celebration. Our talented members provided wonderful programs, including dancing, singing and talk shows.

Valley Bank will continue the sponsorship in 2014. Bruce Zimmerman had sponsored many events and activities and helped our members for financing or refinancing with low interest rates. Bruce and his family also provided a nice place, his house, and a variety of activities for our summer Picnic. Many our members enjoyed those activities, fishing in his ponds, in particular. We also identified two new sponsors: CSB Insurance group and Lihua He (a financial advisor).

In 2013, ICIA's primary mission was switched to community services and Chinese culture related events/activities to improve member's after-work life (and at-work life). This switch would also benefit our local communities and businesses to keep talents and professional experts in the Des Moines area.

We will organize more events, activities and services for our members and local communities in 2014. Lihua He had provided several seminars on how to accumulate wealth for a worry-free retirement. We are planning to invite our other sponsors to provide seminars in other areas as well, including, but not limited to, refinancing, investment, insurance, tax return, education, general health, home improvement, yard management etc.

ICIA is looking forward to serving you and your family in 2014!

NEW PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS

Qingzhang Xu was elected as the ICIA president during ICIA Summer Picnic on 6/8/2013. Qingzhang joined Pioneer in the January of 2011. He has been a very active member in ICIA in past 2.5 years. He has also served ICIA board member and executive committee member for ICIA event team since 2012. He has made significant contributions to this community through all of events. Recommended by ICIA election committee, approved by all of ICIA members during ICIA summer Picnic event on 6/8/2013.

Wengang Zhou, Yang Wang, Jianming Yu (ISU), and Jingkai Zhou were elected as new ICIA board members during Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration on August 31, 2013. Both Wengang Zhou and Yang Wang are working at Pioneer. Wengang and Yang joined Pioneer in 2011 and 2012 respectively. Since they moved to this area, they have been actively serving and contributing their personal time and effort to ICIA. Jianming is a professor in Department of Agronomy at ISU. He and his family just relocated to Ames from Manhattan, KS at the end of 2012. Jianming was a professor in Kansas State University there. Jingkai Zhou is from BASF Plant Science. He joined BASF in 2007. Jingkai has been a very active member in ICIA for many years and made significant contributions already.



Four board members retired from ICIA board this year. They are Bing-bing Wang (president 2012-2013), Bing Yang, Joe Zhao, and Ainong Shi. During Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration, a small gift was awarded to them to appreciate their contributions to ICIA. Xiaomei Shi, Yang Wang, Wengang Zhou, Wang-nan Hu, Jingru Xu, Xin Ji, Jason Qing were recognized as ICIA volunteer award winners.

Terry Hu continues his role as an executive vice president to lead the Event team. Wengang Zhou was elected as a new executive vice president to lead the Communication team (website, newsletter, and social media) and outreach activities. Meizhu Yang continues her role as the treasurer. Yang Wang acts as the secretary for administration. Zhanshan Dong leads the ICIA fund raising effort with Jingkai's assistance. All other board members act as directors to lead a variety of activities.

2013 was a difficult year for our ICIA. Bing-Bing Wang resigned from the president position due to his new job in China at the early of 2013. Terry Hu stepped up to take the acting president to run ICIA as usual. He put tremendous efforts to organize all activities and at the same time he also led a search committee to identify president candidates for ICIA. The searching process was tough too.

SUMMER PICNIC



On June 8th, the annual ICIA summer picnic was held at Bruce and Amy Zimmerman (one of ICIA sponsors from Valley Bank) residence. Thanks Bruce and Amy for their hospitality, ICIA members experienced great outdoor activities, such as fishing and horse riding, and great food at this remote rural Iowa farm.



XIN MENG MOVED TO BEIJING FOR HER NEW ADVENTURE

On October 23, ICIA organized a farewell lunch at the Bamboo Buffet for our long time member Xin Meng. Xin accepted a research scientist position in Pioneer China, and relocated to Beijing. ICIA wished her well in her new role and contribute more to the agricultural research in China.

TABLE TENNIS

More than thirty Pioneer ICIA members participated in 2013 Pioneer Diversity Network Table Tennis Tournament held in Johnston from Sept. 30th to Oct. 4th, 2013. Samuel Qi won the intermediate single champion. Zhuang Zuo, Dongsheng Feng/Yang Wang, and Jian Jin won the third place in advanced single, advanced double, and intermediate single competitions, respectively. Congratulations to all of them and other participants for their achievement in the competitions. From left to right, Samuel Qi, Dongsheng Feng, Yang Wang, Front, Jian Jin.



ICIA MEMBERS HAD LUNCH WITH GUOHUA MIAO ON JUNE 27

Guohua Miao, Director and General Manager of DuPont China Research and Development Center, visited Johnston on June 27, and met with ICIA members for an informal lunch discussion at Bamboo buffet. The program started with a few remarks from Jijun Zou and followed by a round of self introductions from all ICIA members and guests from DuPont China. After the lunch, Guohua introduced the current focus and status, extraordinary expansions, and strategic directions of the DuPont R&D team in China. Jun Wei presented a gift to Guohua, and welcomed him back home. Guohua worked at Pioneer a couple of years ago, and was a former ICIA member. He came back in June to attend the DuPont TechCon conference hosted in Johnston.



DINNER PARTY WITH SCIENTISTS FROM KTDNA

On July 26th, 2013, ICIA held a dinner party with our old friend Guihua Lu and four scientists from KTDNA in Beijing, China. More than 50 ICIA members attended the party at Bamboo Buffet and Grill. During the party, Guihua briefly introduced the scientists from KTDNA and his own life in Beijing. It was a great opportunity to chat with our old and new friends. Guihua and his team visited DuPont Pioneer headquarters at Johnston in Iowa in the week of July 22nd. They visited DuPont Headquarter at Wilmington in Delaware before they came to Iowa and headed California for their last stop of the US trip.

ZUO-YU ZHAO'S RETIREMENT FAREWELL AND MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Zuo-Yu Zhao's Retirement Farewell and Mid-Autumn Festival Party was held at Crown Point Community Service Center on August 31st, 2013. More than 200 people attended the celebration including ICIA members and their families, Dr. Yuh-Yuan Shyy and his Chinese visiting scholars at ISU, and Dr. Shihuang Zhang and his delegates from China.



Yang Wang showed Lao Zhao's photos with humor expressions and music to recall Lao Zhao's involvement in our ICIA events and other activities and contributions to our community. Xiaomei Shi imagined Lao Zhao's retirement life using humor pictures and poem. ICIA also made a photo album which included Lao Zhao's photos from major events and ICIA member's signatures. Small gifts were given to Lao Zhao and Lao Han, Zhao's wife, to wish them a good retirement. A dance with Zhao ended his retirement celebration.

Deping Xu, a senior ICIA member, presented Zuo-Yu Zhao's major achievements on scientific research and contributions to our communities including

ICIA, PAAN, and Chinese school, and role model impact on Chinese employees and people around him. Emily Wu, Gusui Wu, Zhanshan Dong, Terry Hu and many others talked their own examples about Zhao's impact on company business and their own growth. The party continued with interactions between ICIA members, Chinese visiting scholars at ISU and delegates from China. All attendees also enjoyed Lao Zhao's retirement cake and moon cake to celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival.

NEW MEMBERS

Chunquan (Tom) Tang graduated from Iowa State University with a PhD in Applied Mathematics. He joined Pioneer in Dec. 2012 to do statistical analysis and mathematical modeling. His hometown is Putian, Fujian. He likes hiking and reading in his spare time.

Mr. Chichun Yang, an expert in molecular biology, graduated from Iowa State University and joined Pioneer in the summer. His hometown is Chenzhou, Hunan. He likes fishing and billiards in his spare time.

Miss Ningxia Du, Major in plant genetics, graduated from Purdue University and joined Pioneer, Indiana station in 2009 and moved to JH Iowa in this past Fall. Her hometown is Shizuishan, Ningxia. She likes delicious food and travelling.

Dr. Weiguo Liu, a technology leader in doubled haploid (DH) and transformation, graduated from Washington State University, joined Pioneer-Hawaii in 2006 and relocated to Johnston in 2013. His home town is Hubei, and he enjoys all entertainment and nourishing of life activities (养生).

Miss Yiwei Wang, graduated from University of Alabama with statistics and biology background, and joined Pioneer in December 2012. Her hometown is Chizhou, Anhui. She likes sports and movie in her spare time.

杨翅春, 专攻分子生物学, 毕业于衣阿华州立大学, 秋季加入先锋公司, 祖籍湖南郴州, 喜爱钓鱼和桌球.

杜宁霞, 专攻植物遗传学, 毕业于普度大学, 2009年加入先锋公司印第安那育种站, 秋季搬到爱荷华, 祖籍宁夏, 爱好美食和旅游。

汪一玮, 毕业于阿拉巴马大学, 统计和生物学背景, 2012年12月加入先锋公司, 祖籍安徽池州, 喜爱电影和运动。

WHAT'S COMING**活动预告**

2014 Chinese New Year, the Year of Horse, is approaching us. The ICIA-ICLS joint Chinese New Year Gala will be held at Indian Hills Junior High School on Saturday, February 1, 2014. Our talented members and some invited performers will provide you wonderful programs including dancing, singing, talk shows and instrument. We will distribute red envelopes to our wonderful kids and small prizes during our celebrations. ICIA members, their families and special guests are welcome to attend our party.

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