

BOD and President Column

Dear NAJUA Members:

Chicago has a very important place in NAJUA's history, as our organization was conceived in this very place. Back in 2003, Xiaoping Yang (杨筱萍), Fermentation, '82, opened up her home in the west suburb of Chicago, for the 2nd time, to host Jiangnan University alumni and friends as well as the IFT delegation from our alma mater, led by President Tao Wenyi (陶文沂). During this gathering, a preparation team was formed to explore the formation of an alumni association in the North America region. Xiaoping Yang, Feng Guan (管峰) and Xingqiu Lou (楼星球) led the efforts.

From there, many dedicated alumni worked very hard to establish the association, to develop programs that benefit our members in their professional and academic careers and strengthen the bond between our members and Jiangnan University, and to help run our association. Thanks to the efforts of so many talented and enthusiastic alumni and friends, our association is well on its track to make an impact in North America and internationally. Each member should feel proud of our accomplishments and continue to get involved in the affairs of the association.

It is exciting that we are coming back to Chicago next month for our annual meeting and banquet as well as two symposia organized by NAJUA members in collaboration with JNU in conjunction with the IFT annual meeting. These symposia, for the 4th year, are great success

stories of how NAJUA and JNU work together to facilitate the academic excellence of both NAJUA and JNU professionals.

More details about our annual meeting and programs can be found in this newsletter. We encourage all the members to make time for the annual meeting and banquet as well as the NAJUA-JNU symposia. We look forward to seeing you in Chicago again.

Students, you are invited to submit your paper for the NAJUA Graduate Student Best Paper Award. Please read the newsletter further for details.

Sincerely,

Ansui Xu
Chairman of the Board

Xingqiu Lou
NAJUA President

2013 Annual Meeting and Banquet

We are pleased to announce that our 2013 Annual Meeting and Banquet will be held on Sunday, July 14, at 5:15 PM in Lee Wing Wah Restaurant (利荣华酒楼), Chinatown, Chicago. Please save the date and come to enjoy a night of good food, meet your old and new friends, and reminisce about your college days at Jiangnan University!

Attending this exciting event, we will review our association activities since last year, discuss the new plans and programs, and meet all distinguished guests from IFT top officials and our industry sponsors! We look forward to seeing you all at the event. Stay tuned for further announcement at www.najua.org.

Our Sponsors We are very appreciative of this year's sponsors and would like them be recognized: Almond Board of California, Roquette, Corbion Caravan, Proliant Meat Ingredients, and your Alma mater – Jiangnan University! Please join us to say a big THANK YOU for their generosity and long term relationships!



2013 IFT symposia

sponsored by Jiangnan University

Session 017

SYMPOSIUM: Emerging Processing Technologies to Enhance Protein Functionality:

SUNDAY JULY 14, 2013

1.5 hours (10:30 AM – 12:00 PM)

Primary track: Product development & ingredient innovations

Division/Collaborating Division: Food Chemistry/Product Development

Moderators:

Dr. Bo Jiang, State key laboratory of food science and technology, Jiangnan University, Wuxi, China

Dr. Youling Xiong, University of Kentucky (Jiangnan University Alumnus)

Session 237

SYMPOSIUM: Challenges and Opportunities for Food Enzymes

Part II: Fermentation, Gene Expression and Application

TUESDAY JULY 16, 2013

Second Session (Part II): 1 Hour and 25 minutes (8:30 AM –9:55 AM)

4 speakers

Primary track: Food Processing and Packaging: Biotechnology, Fermentation/Food Chemistry



Division/Collaborating Division: Biotechnology/Food Chemistry/International

Moderators:

Dr. Feng Chen, Clemson University (Jiangnan University Alumnus)

Dr. Min-Jie Cao, Jimei University

What's New @ NAJUA?

- Annual Meeting and Banquet – A flyer is going to be sent to NAJUA members with the meeting program and banquet menu as well as information about our sponsors. Also see Pages 1-2 for more details. Please visit www.NAJUA.org to register and make payments for the annual meeting and banquet. Those who are not yet NAJUA members can also register for a new membership for \$20. Sponsorships and donations are always welcome and appreciated.
- Graduate Student Best Paper Competition – Graduate students who are, or applying to become, NAJUA members are invited to submit an original research paper before July 5, 2013 to participate in the competition. See Page 6 for more information.
- Election Underway – NAJUA is holding its 2013 general election for BOD and Executive Committee members. Please cast your votes as soon as possible. Candidates for new directors include Peng Zhou, Jiang Jiang, Ya Liu, Cheng Qian and Jiancai Li. Candidate for President-Elect is Jiancai Li and candidate for Student Representative is Jing Jing Chen. Out-going directors include Steve Cui, Guohua Feng, Yingchang Han, Gary Hou, and Bo Jiang. Their years of valuable service to NAJUA are greatly appreciated.
- NAJUA Milestones – NAJUA has come a long way in her 7 years of history. Work is ongoing to compile a document that archives key milestones. This archival will be a living document.
- Bylaws Amendments – The Board recently approved amendments to NAJUA bylaws that included an addition of the dissolution clause and a change to the membership fee structure. All the members will pay a flat one time membership fee of \$20.
- Conflict of Interest Policy – As a non-profit organization, NAJUA needs to follow certain guidelines. One of those is a conflict of interest policy. The Board has adapted a new Conflict of Interest Policy.
- We are more connected than ever – Thanks  to Yuting Zhou, NAJUA now has a Facebook group (www.facebook.com/huan.xia/friends#!/groups/najua/?fref=ts) and also a LinkedIn group (www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4993619). If you  have not joined us, please take a look.
- We want your opinion - NAJUA Mentoring Program? – A questionnaire has been sent out to members to gauge the need of and solicit suggestions on a NAJUA Mentoring Program, under development by a team led by Guohua Feng. Taking the advantages of the extensive resources and expertise within the organization, through a mentor-mentee relationship, this program would serve the needs of members in their career transition and development, such as starting graduate study in North America, changing majors and/or institutions, searching internship or employment opportunities, or making a career development plan, etc. Please respond to the questionnaire with your input.

News from Alumni in USA

→ June 8 - NAJUA members in the Chicago area met at a restaurant in Naperville, IL. Many other members planned to attend but regretfully they had to miss this gathering at last minute because of their busy schedule. We had a really good time, getting to know each other and our families. We had lots to talk about our university and the good old days as well! We hope that next time more alumni and friends can join us! In the photo from left to right are Zhu, Shuiping; Liao, Yue; Min, Xiaoyu; Xia, Huan with her daughter.



News from Jiangnan University



← May 30 - The 10th International Conference on Food Science and Technology in conjunction with The Forum of International High Education for Food was held at Jiangnan University, Wuxi, China. The forum was co-chaired by Dr. Jian Chen, President of Jiangnan University and Dr. William Lacy Vice President of UC Davis. Dr. Feng Chen (陈峰), President-Elect of NAJUA was among the speakers. For more details, visit <http://xinwen.jiangnan.edu.cn/news/2013/0531/11857.html>.



↑ May 31 - A special symposium in memorial of Professor Wang Zhang (王璋) was held at Jiangnan University. Prof. Wang's friends and former students from all over the world and students and professors from School of Food Science and Technology attended the symposium, including NAJUA members Dr. Hongda Chen (陈宏达), Dr. Yingchang Han (韩应昌), Dr. Feng Chen (陈峰) and Dr. Bo Jiang (江波). For more details, visit <http://xinwen.jiangnan.edu.cn/news/2013/0603/11876.html>.

Obituary

Professor Wang Wensheng (王文生), the former chairman of Food Engineering Department at Jiangnan University, was passed away on 6/19/2013 at the age 82. A memorial wreaths and a condolence letter from NAJUA were arranged or sent to our Alma Mater and professor Wang's family. And also, on the behalf of NAJUA, Dr. Bo Jiang gave a eulogy at professor Wang's funeral to express our deepest empathy and grief.



← 9/27/2012 – NAJUA Former President Dr. Steve Cui (崔武卫) receives the 2012 Jiangsu Friendship Award from Deputy Governor Li Yunfeng in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province. Dr. Cui was one of the 14 overseas experts who had such an honor.

NAJUA Graduate Student Best Paper Competition 2013

Dear NAJUA Graduate Students and Professors:

We are calling for NAJUA graduate students in North America and Jiangnan University to submit an original research paper for the 2013 NAJUA Graduate Student Best Paper Competition. Please read the guidelines in this email for details.

Contestants need to be a NAJUA member or applying for NAJUA membership.

The deadline for paper submission for the competition is July 5, 2013 (based on time stamp in the email with the paper attached).

Note that we have made a few changes:

1. Monetary award:

- 1st Prize: \$300
- 2nd Prize: \$200
- 3rd Prize: \$100

2. Semi-finalists will not have to present their posters at the NAJUA annual meeting if they are not presenting the same research work at the IFT meeting. Those who post their posters will NOT make a live presentation to judges. The posters will be for NAJUA members to view the research work.

3. Judges will evaluate the submitted papers based on the originality and quality of the research work as well as the quality of writing (English only). If necessary, judges may ask questions via emails or other communication means. Quality and clarity of the answers to

judges' questions may also be considered as one of the criteria.

4. Students who are not attending the IFT meeting this year can also submit their papers for the competition. Non-attendee winners will also be announced at the NAJUA annual meeting and the certificates and monetary awards will be mailed to the winners after the meeting.

If you have any questions, please email or call me. Thank you very much.

Ansui Xu
Chair, NAJUA Graduate Student Best Paper Competition 2013

Instructions for preparation of competition papers (extended abstracts):

a. Each paper must consist of a total of four (4) pages, including the title page, all written in English and double spaced.

b. On the title page (first page), provide the title of the paper, names of all authors and their affiliations, and the contact information (phone, email) of the graduate student.

c. Each paper must contain the following five components. Tables and graphs are optional but if presented, they must fit in the 3-page limit.

- Introduction
- Methodology
- Results and Discussion
- Conclusions
- References

d. Submit papers through email to the Chair of the Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee: Ansui Xu email:

ansuixu@yahoo.com.