

REPORT ON THE XXXIVTH CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR FLUORIDE RESEARCH, GUIYANG, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, OCTOBER 18–20, 2018

The XXXIVth conference of the International Society for Fluoride Research, held on October 18–20, 2018, in Guiyang City, in Guizhou Province, People's Republic of China, was very successful with more than 130 participants from nine countries attending. Twenty-seven oral presentations were made and 43 posters were displayed. The vibrancy of the meeting showed that fluoride research remained both important and interesting.

Professor Anna Strunecká, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, welcomed everyone to the Conference. She said,

“Honourables, Professor Guan, ladies and gentlemen, dear friends.

On behalf of participants I would like to express our thanks, pleasure, and gratitude to our Chinese colleagues for holding the 34th ISFR conference here in Guiyang. I have been participating in the ISFR for almost 20 years and I have found there several friends. We are like an international family whose members support each other and bring us a lot of new knowledge.

The flagship of the ISFR is the *Fluoride* journal and I would like to remember the Editor-in-Chief Albert Burgstahler and his skilled and responsible work for many years. Bruce Spittle continues in this responsible task and everybody can find his support and consultation. He organized a wonderful conference on New Zealand and actively helps in the organization of all the ISFR conferences.

I would also like to remember Professor Niloufer Chinoy, a past president of the ISFR, for her broad range of research activity with several researchers in India, her activities for the welfare of the general public, and her enthusiasm and friendship. I am grateful that she participated in our review on fluoride health risks till her last days.

When I submitted a call for the 6th European Framework Programme for a project called the European Fluoride and Aluminum Network of Excellence, over 350 researchers from 17 countries joined this project, which was suggested for the years 2004–2006. Unfortunately, it was not accepted by the European commission, since the danger of fluoride plus aluminum for human health has not been recognized as the hot topic in Europe.

The past 50 years have seen a dramatic increase in the volume of man-made industrial fluoride compounds released into the environment. It is evident, that the research of the health risks of fluoride is still a global hot topic, and I hope that this conference will contribute to the sharing new knowledge and ideas, and that ISFR will be broaden with new members.

Welcome to this conference and enjoy the next days of our meeting.”

At a meeting of the senior members of the Society on October 20, 2018, Dr Arjun Khandare, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, India, was thanked for his wise leadership of the Society as President during 2016–2018. Professor Zhi-Zhong Guan, Department of Pathology and Key Lab of Endemic and Ethnic Disease (Guizhou

Medical University), Ministry of Education, Guiyang Medical University, Guiyang, People's Republic of China, was elected to the position of President. Dr Amir Hossein Mahvi, Department of Environmental Health Engineering, School of Public Health and Institute for Environmental Research, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, was elected First Vice President and will host the 35th Conference in Tehran, Iran, in 2020. Professor Dianjun Sun, Chinese Research Center for Endemic Disease Control, Harbin Medical University, Harbin, People's Republic of China, was elected Second Vice President and will host the 36th Conference in Harbin, People's Republic of China, in 2022. Dr Javed Ahsan Quadri, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India, was elected Third Vice President and will host the 37th Conference in New Delhi, India, in 2024. Dr Bruce Spittle, Dunedin, New Zealand was re-elected to the positions of Editor-in-Chief and Treasurer. Professor Dariusz Chlubek, Poland, and Professor Masashi Tsunoda, Japan, were re-elected to the positions of Co-secretaries.

The Regional Editors: Professor Eli Dahi, Denmark, Professor Dariusz Chlubek, Poland, Emeritus Professor Shanti Lal Choubisa, India, Professor Vikas K Desai, India, Dr Alfredo Rigalli, Argentina, Dr Amir Hossein Mahvi, Iran, Dr Muhammad Nauman Ahmad, Pakistan, Professor Yanhui Gao, People's Republic of China, and Professor Zhi-Zhong Guan, People's Republic of China; the Associate Editors: Professor Emeritus Hardy Limeback, Canada, Christopher Neurath, USA, Associate Professor Jashwanti D Sharma, India, Professor Dianjun Sun, People's Republic of China, Professor Emeritus Andezhath K Susheela, India, Professor Masashi Tsunoda, Japan, Professor Emeritus Ming-Ho Yu, USA; the Editorial Assistant: Peter Meiers Saarbrücken, Germany; and the Members of the Editorial Board were all thanked for their valuable assistance in publishing *Fluoride*. It was also agreed to publish the conference abstracts in *Fluoride* and to give more opportunities for younger researchers to make oral presentations at future conferences.

Professor Jörg Spitz, Germany, presented a report on the meeting of the senior members at the closing ceremony and everyone was invited to attend the next conference in Tehran, Iran, in 2020.

Professor Zhi-Zhong Guan, Chairman, Conference Organizing Committee
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