

# **The 1<sup>st</sup> AEARU Medical Center Workshop**

*Synergy of Biomedical research and Clinical Application in the Development of  
a 21st Century Medical Center"*

Shenzhen, China

Organized by HKUST/Peking University/Taiwan University

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are very pleased to announce the rescheduling of The First AEARU Medical Center Workshop. On account of the out-break of Atypical Pneumonia, also known as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), in Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong and Taiwan earlier this year, the Workshop Organizing Committee decided to postpone the Workshop until further notice. We are very sorry for any inconvenience that might have caused those who planned to come to the Workshop.

With the support of the AEARU Board, the Workshop has been rescheduled for April 2004. We are now starting to plan the Workshop months in advance so that the participants and attendees can fit this event into their busy schedule. With your continued support, the Workshop will undoubtedly be both productive and successful.

The Workshop Organizing Committee's membership remains the same:

***The Theme of the Workshop remains the same: "Synergy of Biomedical research  
and Clinical Application in the Development of a 21st Century Medical Center".***

*Anyone interested in presenting a paper at the Workshop is encouraged to consider the following areas:*

- 1. How to effectively utilize available resources to integrate basic research and clinical research?*
- 2. How to effectively position one's own institution and promote collaboration among institutions in the region?*
- 3. How to effectively respond to the rapid technological changes and advances to enhance medical research and service while keeping costs under control?*
- 4. University Medical Center's responsibility and obligation in commercializing new discoveries in biotechnology.*
- 5. In addition to the above, research and clinical practice related to SARS*

Venue: Shenzhen, China

Date: April 21-23, 2004

### **Tentative program:**

April 21: Registration in the afternoon and a cocktail reception in the evening

April 22: Welcoming remarks and a keynote speech to kick off the Workshop program, and presentations

April 23: Presentations in the morning, (optional) tour of the Shenzhen PKU- HKUST Medical Center/PKU Shenzhen

Hospital or Shenzhen High-Tech Industrial Park and biotechnology companies in the afternoon

Shenzhen Municipal government leader(s) will be invited to attend the cocktail reception.

The Committee encourages as much participation as possible by the faculty and researchers in your university. The Committee is looking for about 6 presentations for each of the 3 sessions for a total of about 18 speakers. Each presentation will be about 30 minutes including a short time for Q&A. After-session informal discussion is encouraged. Chairperson and co-chairperson for each workshop session will be appointed.

**Paper submission:** Any person interested in presenting a paper at the Workshop will please complete the "Call for Abstracts" form that can be found in the attached.

**The completed Call for Abstracts form should be submitted to the following Workshop Organizing Committee Member by December 15, 2003 (preferably by email in an electronic copy in MS Word file):**

Dr. Yick Mow SHUM - Mailing address: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, School of Science, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Tel: (852) 2358-8383. Fax: (852) 2358-1464. Email: [ymslum@ust.hk](mailto:ymslum@ust.hk).

Once the Workshop Organizing Committee has collected all the submitted abstracts, the Committee will meet and make selections. Authors will be notified of the selection results by mid January 2004. Please note that the workshop language will be English. The full text of presentation should be submitted by February 29, 2004 in an electronic copy (by email), preferably prepared in MS Word file. The presenters will please specify what kind of AV equipment is needed for presentation, i.e. slide projector, overhead projector, or video projector for notebook/PC/VCR/VCD presentation.

Any person interested to attend and/or to present a paper in the Workshop will please complete the Registration form as provided in the attached. Information for ground transportation will be made available later.

Travel to Shenzhen: For travel to Shenzhen, China, one should have a valid entry visa available. In case anyone plans to come to the Workshop, and needs an invitation letter for visa application, please prepare the following:

- 1) Photocopy of his/her passport (the information page)
- 2) One copy of his/her brief resume or CV, providing information such as date of birth, nationality, education, occupation or profession, employment, home address, etc
- 3) Photocopy of his/her companions' passports

Please send (by fax) the above information to Dr. Yick Mow Shum (if and only if an invitation letter is needed) at (852) 2358-2536. The received information will then be forwarded to relevant authorities to process and issue invitation letters.

The Workshop Organizing Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued support, and look forward to our joint effort for a productive and successful Workshop. Should you have any enquiries, please contact any one of the above listed Committee members.

# Registration Form

The First AEARU Medical Center Workshop  
21-23 April, 2004 Shenzhen, China

## *Registration Form*

Name :( Prof/Dr/Mr./Ms) \_\_\_\_\_  
(First name/Given name) (Family name/Last name/Surname)

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant is required to pay a registration fee of US\$250 in cash (either in US\$, or Chinese RMB, or Japanese Yen) at the time of her/his registration at Wuzhou Guest Hotel on 21 April 2004.

To facilitate accommodation arrangement, please indicate below whether accommodation/breakfast is needed. Charges are to be settled with the Hotel by the participant.

Accommodation at Wuzhou Guest Hotel, Shenzhen

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (Total: \_\_\_\_\_ nights)

Accommodation and breakfast at Wuzhou Guest Hotel, Shenzhen

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (Total: \_\_\_\_\_ nights)

[Special workshop rate for standard/double room: RMB 660 (or US\$80), breakfast extra at RMB 50 (or US\$6) per person]

Please return the completed form no later than February 29, 2004 to Dr. Yick Mow SHUM - Mailing address: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, School of Science, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Tel: (852) 2358-8383. Fax: (852) 2358-1464. Email: ymshum@ust.hk

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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21-23 April 2004, Shenzhen, China

Name (Block Letters):	
(Prof/Dr/Mr./Ms)	
(First name/Given name)	(Family name/Last name/Surname)
Affiliation:	
Title:	
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Tel:	Fax:
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Title of Paper:	
Co-Author(s):	
Abstract:	

# **A Brief Report of THE FIRST AEARU MEDICAL CENTER WORKSHOP**

April 21-23, Shenzhen, China

With the support of the AEARU Board, the once planned for April 2003 and then postponed on account of the out-break of Atypical Pneumonia, also known as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), in this part of the world, the Workshop was rescheduled for April 21-23, 2004 in Shenzhen, China.

This Workshop was organized by Peking University, Taiwan University, and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and was sponsored by Shenzhen PKU-HKUST Medical Center and HKUST. The theme of the Workshop was to raise the awareness of "the Synergy of Biomedical Research and Clinical Application in the Development of a 21st Century Medical Center".

The Workshop was well attended with over 50 attendees and participants, including National and Shenzhen City Government Official, presidents and vice presidents from several of the AEARU member universities, such as Peking University, Taiwan University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Kyoto University, University of Science and Technology of China, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, and Seoul National University. The president of Shenzhen University was one of many invited distinguish guests.

There were two key note speeches, and a total of 16 papers (15 plus one add-on) from 6 AEARU member universities and the Chinese University of Hong Kong for presentation in 3 sessions. The 3 days Workshop offered an excellent opportunity for the attendees to exchange and share ideas and information on leading edge science and technology development, and to promote the cooperation and collaboration among the AEARU member universities.

In a show of joint effort by the Workshop Organization Committee, the leadership, researchers and faculty of the AEARU member universities, staff of the Workshop sponsor Shenzhen PKU-HKUST Medical Center and HKUST, and staff of the Wuzhou Guesthouse (Hotel), the Workshop was indeed really marvelous and a great success.

Yick Mow Shum (HKUST)  
For the Workshop Organization Committee

August 31, 2004