

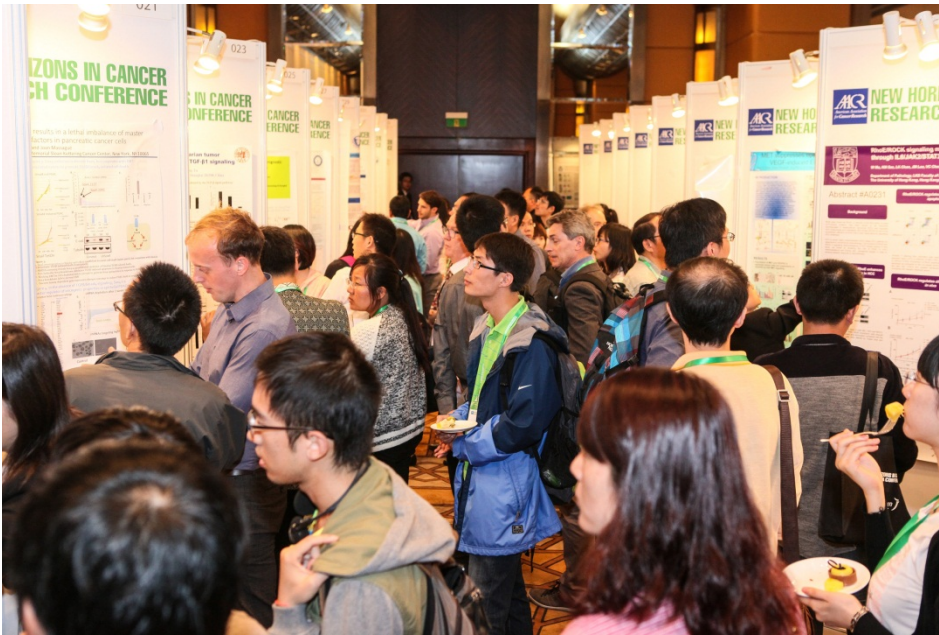
The New Horizons in Cancer Research Conference of AACR ended successfully in Shanghai

From October 9-12, the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) hosted its first major conference in China: “[New Horizons in Cancer Research: Harnessing Breakthroughs – Targeting Cures.](#)” This event is part of the New Horizons in Cancer Research Conference Series, which serves as a platform for the presentations of advances in cancer science and medicine and for the establishment of cancer research collaborations on an international scale.

The first event organized by the AACR’s new international office in Shanghai, the conference provided over 700 international attendees from 21 countries and regions with the opportunity to hear from an impressive roster of international speakers and local experts. Meanwhile, this inaugural conference highlighted some of the latest findings from the AACR Annual Meeting 2014 (San Diego, April 5-9).



The conference featured nearly 200 poster presentations of discoveries scanning the field of cancer research, and scheduled programming including nine plenary sessions on topics covering the cancer research spectrum: metabolism and cancer; epidemiology and cancer prevention; molecular mechanisms of tumorigenesis; immunology and immunotherapy; cancer models; clinical trials; drug resistance; cancer genetics and genomics; and drug discovery and development.



The opening plenary session on October 9 officially kicked off the conference, in which the AACR welcomed Dr. Zhu Chen (from Shanghai Jiao Tong University) and Dr. Frank McCormick (from the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of California, San Francisco) to do the keynote speeches: *Synergistic target therapy against human cancer in an era of "health for all": Lesson learnt from acute promyelocytic leukemia and beyond* and *Targeting KRAS in human cancer*.



The planning of the conference in China represented an exciting joint effort between distinguished cancer researchers and clinicians from China and the United States, and highlighted the potential for future opportunities in international networking and scientific interaction. The AACR is committed to supporting and promoting collaboration among cancer researchers around the world and mobilizing a global effort to defeat cancer.



In April 2014, the AACR announced the [opening of its first satellite office in Shanghai](#), with the goal of building bridges and exchanging information on the latest research developments between laboratory and clinical researchers in China, across the Asia Pacific region, and other sites around the world. Nearly one-third of the AACR's 35,000 members are now from outside of the US, with 12 percent of all members residing in Asia.

About AACR

AACR was founded in 1907 by a group of 11 physicians and scientists interested in research, "to further the investigation and spread the knowledge of cancer." Today, the AACR accelerates progress toward the prevention and cure of cancer by promoting research, education, communication, and collaboration. Currently publishes a portfolio of highly ranked peer-reviewed journals that present leading research articles: *Cancer Discovery*, *Cancer Research*; *Clinical Cancer Research*; *Molecular Cancer Therapeutics*; *Molecular Cancer Research*; *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention*; *Cancer Prevention Research*, and our newest journal, *Cancer Immunology Research*.

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