

## ABOUT CHPAMS: FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

### CHPAMS'S PARTICIPATION AT THE WESTLAKE FORUM III



The [Westlake Forum III](#) "Healthcare Reform in China and the U.S.: Similarities, Differences and Challenges" was held on April 10-12, 2011, at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. It was a resounding success resulting from joint efforts of Emory Global Health Institute, Zhejiang University Medical School, and the China Medical Board (CMB). More than 250 scholars and practitioners from leading academic and governmental institutions in China and the United States gathered to compare healthcare reform in the two countries and its impact on cost, quality and access to care.

With generous support from the CMB (through the Emory Global Health Institute) for many of the poster presenters, there were about more than 60 young scholars (many of them being members of the China Health Policy and Management Society [CHPAMS]) who actively participated in the Forum as volunteers, participants, and presenters at the poster sessions. CHPAMS volunteers (including members from the Chinese community at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) assisted in airport greeting of international participants, conference registration, interpretation, note-taking, and tour guiding.

The Westlake Forum III provided a great opportunity for the young scholars to be cognizant of the most recent developments in health system reform in both China and the United States and to engage in health policy debates. The young scholars have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn from and to exchange with scholars from both China and the United States. The face-to-face networking promised collaboration between scholars young and established, in China and in the United States, and researchers and practitioners from different institutions and of different disciplines. A notable moment was when the best poster awards were presented to three young scholars, including two CHPAMS members, Yusheng Zhang, MD, MPH, MPA, and Chenhui Liu, MD, MPH.

CHPAMS planning committee held a meeting during the lunch break-out on Monday, April 11th. Professor Yu Hai from Zhejiang University gave an inspirational speech to young scholars. Roman Xu, MD, MPA, Director of the CMB Beijing Office, laid out the blueprint of the opportunity that might have CHPAMS engaged in the work that the CMB is currently doing or planning to focus on. Professor Zhang Liang, Dean of the College of Health Policy and Management, Tongji School of Medicine, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, expressed his well wishes to CHPAMS. Zhuo (Adam) Chen, PhD, MS, lead member of the CHPAMS planning committee, overviewed the trajectory of CHPAMS's development and further shared the mission and vision of future task/commitment with all attendants.

Healthcare reform in China is happening quickly with an ever increasing demand of talents to design, carry out, and evaluate the reform. The Forum served as a platform to showcase the potential job opportunities in China to CHPAMS members as well as to bring together scholars from China and the U.S. for future collaboration. A CMB seed grant call for proposal was announced at the closing ceremony to promote collaboration between scholars in China and in the U.S. The shared experience of healthcare reform in China and the U.S. offered useful insights to the concurrent efforts in both countries.

Lastly we want to express our sincere appreciation to the three institutions for the opportunity for CHPAMS members to engage in the Forum. Looking ahead, CHPAMS is committed to promoting the research and practice of health policy and systems sciences with a particular focus on China's health system through collaboration and professional service. We look forward to having you with us in this endeavor!

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