

A wonderful journey and good experience in my career

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I was fortunately appointed as the associated chairman of the very first Gordon Research Seminar (GRS) on Cartilage Biology and Pathology 2015, held in Galveston, USA. GRS is a satellite meeting of Gordon Research Conference (GRC) for junior scientists and trainees to share new ideas and serve as a platform for networking among young scientists. Preparation



“Wefie” taken in the last day of GRS. “Cheers~!”

works have been started 18 months ago with another chairman, Dr. Pallavi Bhattaram. I have learnt a lot through the process of fundraising proposal writing, mentors invitation, abstract selection and budgeting. We had Prof. Bjorn Olsen as our keynote speaker and Prof. Philippe Soriano as our career-development mentor. We also had high-quality scientific talks presented by the trainees during GRS. We



“It’s fun to stay at the Y-M-C-A.” Karaoke Night in GRC.

received positively feedback from the participants and they enjoyed the discussion in a highly-stimulating and non-intimidating environment. We also had chance to build networks with the peers that may lead to a lifetime-collaboration in our scientific career. The “discussion mode” was still active in the continuous days of GRC. I enjoyed the high impact talks in GRC and met new and old friends during the meeting. Most

importantly, I discussed my recent work with the peers in the cartilage research area and got valuable feedbacks from them. Lastly I would like to thank my chairing partner Pallavi, Chairmen of the GRC, Prof. Danny Chan and Prof. Veronique Lefebvre, and also the speakers and mentors for their support and contribution to the event.



(Left to Right) Prof. Veronique Lefebvre, Dr. Pallavi Bhattaram, me and Prof. Danny Chan