

ACRE at the 8th ACS Symposium @ BCVS

Newsletter



Part I. ACRE Scientific Program

Date & Time	July 12, 2026, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location	Sheraton Boston, 39 Dalton St, Boston, MA
Hosted by	Academy of Cardiovascular Research Excellence (ACRE)
Program Focus	Featured presentations, Cardiology Discovery Young Investigator Award presentation, Junior Faculty Award presentations, leadership remarks, travel award ceremony, and networking

The ACRE Symposium, held in the Commonwealth Ballroom, opened with remarks from ACRE President Dr. Zhao Wang and Cardiac Council Chair Dr. Huabo Su, before launching into a robust scientific agenda.

Session I featured presentations from Dr. Lu Han (Medical College of Wisconsin), Dr. Xun Ai (The Ohio State University), Dr. Ying Mei (Clemson University), and exchanged speaker Dr. Bum-Rak Choi (Brown University), covering topics ranging from centrosome dynamics in cardiomyocyte maturation to engineered cardiac organoids and inflammation-driven arrhythmogenesis.

After a brief Sponsor's Presentation, the session moved into award competition presentations: the ACRE-Cardiology Discovery Young Investigator Award featured early-career researchers from the University of Washington, Boston Children's Hospital, University of Utah, and the Gladstone Institute, presenting on topics including arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy, perivascular immune niches, and cardiac defects in Down syndrome.

The scientific program concluded with the ACRE Junior Faculty Award Presentation, spotlighting rising investigators Dr. Shah Ali (Columbia University Medical Center), Dr. Chang-Ru Tsai (Baylor College of Medicine), and Dr. Ziqing Liu (the Medical College of Wisconsin), who presented on cardiomyocyte polyploidy, YAP-driven cardiac regeneration, and the role of splicing factor SF3B1 in endothelial cell function.

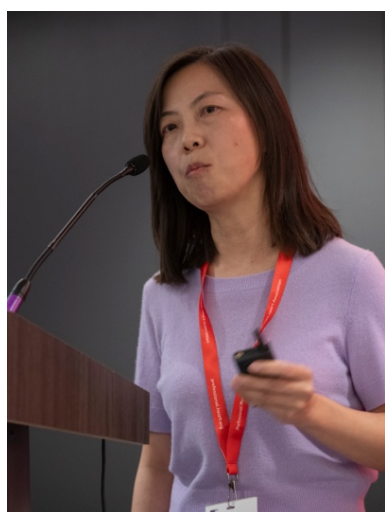
The afternoon wrapped up with ACRE's annual business reports — including membership and financial updates — followed by closing remarks from incoming ACRE President-Elect Dr. Hong Chen (Boston Children's Hospital / Harvard Medical School) and an official group photo.

The day's scientific programming culminated in a joint poster session from 5:10–6:45 PM in the Back Bay Ballroom, offering an extended opportunity for attendees to engage directly with a broader range of research from across the participating societies.

Scientific Session Highlights



Session I in progress at the Commonwealth Ballroom



Featured speaker presentations during Session I



Attendees engaging during the scientific session

2026 ACRE Travel Awardees

Travel Awardees recognized at the symposium included Wei-Ting Chang, Xiao-Yu Tian, Tian Hao, Dao-Fu Dai, Wen Pan, Sriram Ravindran, Carl Tong, Yunqiu Jiang, Edilamar Oliveira, Yanhan Dong, Yanli Xu, Yilang Li, Omar Rababh, Genaro Ramirez Correa, and Yanghai Zhang.



2026 ACRE Travel Awardees with symposium leadership

Part II. The Joint ACS Evening Award Ceremony

During the ACS Evening Session, the ACRE Education and Award Committee presented the finalists of the ACRE-Cardiology Discovery Young Investigator Award and the ACRE Junior Faculty Award with award plaques and prizes.



Award finalists recognized at the evening ceremony

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The 2026 ACRE Symposium @ ACS was organized by the Organizing Taskforce, Scientific Program Committee, and Award Committee.

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