

The Chinese Society for Microbiology and the Medical Mycology Society of China held their Annual Meeting 20-23 June, 2008 on a cruise ship trip from Chongqing (Sichuan province) to Wuhan (Hubei province) through the world famous Three Gorges. The Congress title was “New Advances in Medical Mycology in 2008”. More than 200 physicians, researchers and technical peoples were on board for the journey, which included sightseeing and scientific sessions.

Out of country guest lecturers were JP Latge, Institute Pasteur in Paris (authority on *Aspergillus fumigatus*) and Xu Jianping (authority on *Candida* spp.) from McMaster University in Canada.

The meetings were organized by Professor Zheng Yuechen and her colleagues from the Tongji Medical College in Wuhan, Hubei province.

The president of the Society is Professor Li Ruo Yu, Peking University (Beijing), First Hospital, the chairperson of ISHAM 2009 satellite symposium in Beijing.

One of the highlights was the presentation of their highest award (Certificate of Honor) to four senior professors who have made great contributions to the development of medical mycology in China: Professor Qin Qixian, Wang Duanli, Wu Shaoxi and Glenn S. Bulmer from Manila and Beijing. Prof. Bulmer is the first non-Chinese to receive this special award.



Officials and organizers at the Three Gorges Dam.



Zheng Yuechen, organizer of meetings, Prof. Bulmer receiving Award, Li Ruo Yu, Chairman Chinese Medical Mycology Society. L/R.