Summary of May – June 2006 professional activities

A. Paper in print/in press: (highlight = 1st draft writer)

B. Paper submitted or in revision: (highlight = 1st draft writer)
   9. Li Q, Ren J. Cardiac overexpression of metallothionein rescues chronic alcohol intake-induced cardiomyocyte dysfunction: Role of Akt, mammalian target of rapamycin and ribosomal p70s6 kinase. Alcohol Alcoholism in review.

Proposal submitted: None.

Meeting Abstract Submission and Presentations:
The following abstracts were submitted to American Heart Annual Meeting in Chicago (November 2006):
   13. Doser TA, Li SY, Epstein PN, Ren J. Transgenic overexpression of mitochondrial aldehyde dehydrogenase (ALDH-2) alleviates chronic alcohol ingestion-induced cardiomyocyte contractile dysfunction and oxidative damage.

Dr. Sreejayan presented “Insulin potentiating properties of Novel chromium complexes” by Sreejayan N, Yang X, and Ren J at the 4th Annual Congress of International Drug Discovery Science and Technology, May 25 -28, 2006, Dalian, PRC. Dr. Culver attended WWAMI meeting held during June 4-6 in Seattle, WA. Catherine, Shi-Yan, Bonnie and Jun will (or has already) travel to China to attend international meetings in June/July with multiple presentations. Shan Wu, a former visiting scientist of C-CRAM, will meet with Jun and Bonnie in Hangzhou.

Other business and miscellaneous:
   (1). Welcome our high school summer SRAP students Jessica Capps from North Carolina and Katharine Bierman from Wyoming. They are working with Dr. Sreejayan and Dr. Feng Dong respectively. Jennifer Nunn serves as their student assistant/mentor on projects related to diabetes and hypothermia.
   (2). Michael Burnett, a McNair Scholar, Lindsay Huchakstaudt and Jamie Hexem, EPSCoR summer research fellows are working here at C-CRAM this summer with Drs. S-Y Li, Ren and Culver, respectively.
   (3). Feng Dong and Susan Zhang’s family welcomed their second child, a baby girl Sarah on May 19, 2006. Congratulations!
   (4). Bruce and Cheryl welcomed their granddaughter Caylee Culver on 6/6/06, what a special date (triple 6)!
   (5). Cindy Fang & Matt Stratton both graduated with a M.Sc. in May and June 2006, pending on final paper work.
   (6). C-CRAM was featured/highlighted again in June’s issue of CHS newsletter written by Virginia Cole.