

Preface

The 10th Chinese International Peptide Symposium (CPS-2008), hosted by Tsinghua University and Northwestern Polytechnical University, was held at Xi'an, China, July 1–5, 2008 with more than 200 participants. The four-day conference was both intense and spiritually rewarding. Our goal for CPS-2008 was to provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge, cooperation and friendship between the international and Chinese scientific communities in peptide sciences.

The symposium consisted of 14 sessions with 68 oral and 90 poster presentations, including synthetic methods, molecular diversity and peptide libraries, structure and conformation of peptides and proteins, bioactive peptides, peptide immunology, denovo design and synthesis of proteins and peptides, ligand-receptor interactions, the chemistry-biology-interface and challenging problems in peptides.

The enthusiastic cooperation and excellent contributions were gratifying and the active response of the speakers contributed to the success of the symposium. The presentations were of excellent caliber and represented the most current and significant aspects of peptide science.

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