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About the Xiangshan Science Conference:

The Xiangshan Science Conferences (XSSC) was initiated by the former State Science and Technology Commission, now the Ministry of Science and Technology of China (MOST). It was officially inaugurated in 1993 under the joint sponsorship of MOST and the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). It also draws support from the National Natural Science Foundation of China, the Academic Divisions of CAS, the Chinese Academy of Engineering, the Ministry of Education of China, the State Commission of Science, Technology & Industry for National Defense, and the General Armament Department of the People's Liberation Army.

As a standing meeting series, which is usually held at the picturesque Xiangshan (Fragrant Hills), a famous scenic spot in the northwestern suburbs of Beijing, XSSC is mainly dedicated to symposia. We have brought it to the University of Hong Kong because this year is the University's 100th anniversary.

XSSC promotes multi- or inter-disciplinary research, overall comprehensive studies, innovative thinking and knowledge innovation by creating a relaxed environment for academic exchanges, upholding the spirit of free academic discussion, and giving priority to scientific frontiers and their future development. For more general information, please visit [The Xiangshan Science Conference](#).

Conference Theme and Executive Co-Chairs

The XSSC exercises a chair responsibility system. After defining the theme for a session/symposium, it will engage its executive chair(s). Below are our theme and Executive Co-Chairs:

Conference Theme:

Brain and Cognitive Sciences: New Frontiers and Strategic Development

Executive Co-Chairs:

Kwok-Fai So (Chair of Anatomy and Co-Director, State Key Laboratory of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, HKU)

Lin Chen (Professor and Director, State Key Laboratory of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences)

Robert Desimone (Professor and Director, McGovern Institute for Brain Research, MIT)

Li-Hai Tan (Professor and Co-Director, State Key Laboratory of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, HKU)

Confirmed Speakers

Keynote Review Reports:

Robert Desimone (MIT)

Peter Fox (University of Texas Health Science Center)

Central Topic 1: Perception and Attention:

Sabine Kastner (Princeton University)

Lin Chen (Chinese Academy of Sciences)

Doris Tsao (California Institute of Technology)

Central Topic 2: Memory, Decision and Language:

Xiao-Jing Wang (Yale University)

Aike Guo (Institute of Neuroscience, CAS, Shanghai)

William S-Y Wang (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Li-Hai Tan (University of Hong Kong)

Central Topic 3: Brain Dysfunction, Cognitive Deficits, and Neuroprotection:

Sarah Dunlop (The University of Western Australia)

Nancy Ip (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

Kwok-Fai, So (University of Hong Kong)

Program

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Conference Info

Date: April 8-9, 2011

Venue: Council Chamber, HKU