

Opening Ceremony to Create PNIRSChina at Dalian Medical University on April 23, 2013

Professor Quentin Liu, Vice-president of Dalian Medical University and Director of their Institute of Cancer Stem Cells, organized an academic forum to create and officially recognize the establishment of PNIRS in China. This academic forum was held on April 23, 2013 in conjunction with the Dalian Psychoneuroimmunology Medical Society. Professor Liu summarized the three main goals of PNIRSChina as: (a) Conduct basic research that can be translated into clinically relevant health applications; (b) Promote the study of interrelationships among scientists of different scientific and medical disciplines; and (c) Build a platform of academic communication for researchers engaged in psychoneuroimmunology research and teaching. Professor Kelley, other scientists and university leaders made presentations during the ceremony in front of ~250 registrants. Dalian Medical University created a commemorative plaque that was unveiled at the meeting, to the applause of the entire audience. Plans are already in progress to organize a second official PNIRSChina symposium in Shanghai next year.

