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#### Visit

#### A Delegation of Bioland Laboratory visits FHS

A delegation of Bioland Laboratory led by Prof. Tao XU, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Director of the Bioland Laboratory, paid a visit to FHS on 11 December. They were warmly received by FHS Dean Chuxia DENG, Associate Dean (Teaching) Guokai CHEN and Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) Xuanjun ZHANG. During the visit, Prof. Deng shared the latest developments, academic programmes and research achievements of FHS with the guests.



## Seminar Series Clinical Studies on Mental Health during the COVID-19 Outbreak in China



Prof. Yutao XIANG presented "Clinical Studies on Mental Health during the COVID-19 Outbreak in China" on 11 December.

In the seminar, Prof. XIANG claimed that mental health problems were common in different subpopulations during the COVID-19 outbreak. He reported that understanding the patterns of mental health comorbidities associated with COVID-19 was important to develop appropriate preventive measures and timely treatments and allocate health resources for policymakers and health professionals. He also introduced that clinical studies on mental health in different stages of the COVID-19 outbreak in China.



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# PhD Oral Defence PhD Oral Defence by Fang WANG of Prof. Chris Koon Ho WONG and Liangnan ZENG of Prof. Yutao XIANG

Ms. Fang WANG supervised by Prof. Chris Koon Ho WONG and Ms. Liangnan ZENG supervised by Prof. Yutao XIANG completed their PhD oral defences on 9 December. Their thesis titles are "Fungal spore transcription activity before dormancy drives phenotypic variation" and "The prevalence and demographic correlates of burnout and sleep disturbance and the association with quality of life among psychiatric nurses in China".



Ms. Wang reported that spores are the main infectious propagules of fungal pathogens. They can stay dormant for a long time until encountering favourable conditions. She showed that the so-called dormant spores remain transcriptionally active and responsive to the environment until leaving conidiophore. The transcriptional responses of spores can influence spore content and have far-reaching effects in subsequent fitness and capabilities after germination, including drug and stress resistance, mycotoxin production, and virulence. She has delineated how genetically identical spores achieve phenotypic variation and uncovered how spores prepare for the future by

synthesizing and storing relevant transcripts before dormancy.

Ms. Zeng introduced that burnout and related physical issues were common among Chinese psychiatric nurses. Her study was conducted to examine the rate of burnout and sleep disturbance in the Chinese psychiatric nurses and their associations with sociodemographic characteristics and quality of life (QOL). She found that significant differences between nurses with and without burnout and between nurses with and without burnout and between nurses with and without burnout and sleep disturbance were found in all domains of QOL. She concluded that burnout and sleep disturbance were common in the Chinese psychiatric nurses.



### **FHS Postdoc Student Seminar**

## Presented by Prof. Yunlu DAI's group and Prof. Xuanjun ZHANG's group

On 10 December, Ms. Wei SANG of Prof. Yunlu DAI 's group presented "Oxygen Enriched Metal-Phenolic X-ray Nanoprocessor for Cancer Radio-Radiodynamic Therapy in Combination with Checkpoint Blockade Immunotherapy" and Mr. Jun GONG of Prof. Xuanjun ZHANG's group presented "The Investigation of Reaction-Based Chiroptical Probes with Circularly Polarized Luminescence (CPL)".

The next seminar will be held on 7 January 2021, and presented by the group members of Prof. San Ming WANG and Prof. Douglas Xiaohua ZHANG via Zoom.







## UPCOMING

DEC / JAN				
Fri	Thu	Wed	Tue	Mon
18	17 <u>Oral Defence</u> Roma Pradeep BORKAR Supervisor: Prof. Ren-he XU Time: 10:30 Venue: E6-3111	16 <u>Oral Defence</u> Yaojun JU Supervisor: Prof. Kin Yip TAM Time: 10:00 Venue: E12-4004	15	14
	Oral Defence Linjing SHEN Supervisor: Prof. Garry WONG Time: 16:00 Venue: E12-G020	BCAT Meeting Speaker: Prof. Hanming SHEN Time: 17:00-18:00 Venue: E12-G004		
Holiday-	24 Holiday- Christmas Eve	23	22 Holiday- Compensatory rest day of Winter Solstice	21 Holiday- Winter Solstice
	31 Holiday (afternoon)- New Year's Eve	30	29	28

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