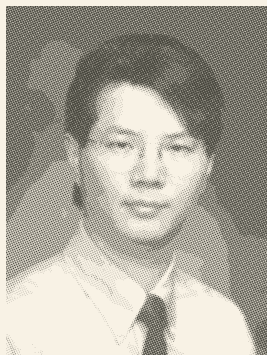


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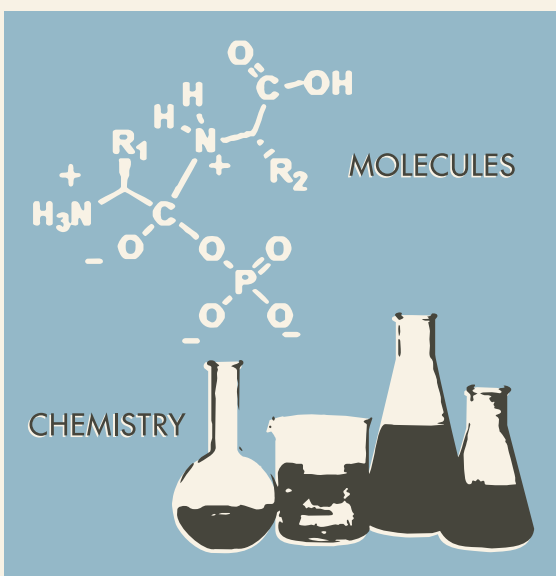
Jianpeng Ma

HOMETOWN Shanghai, China

TSRC Since 2007. Organizer Extraordinaire and Participant

I KNEW I WANTED TO BE A SCIENTIST WHEN When I was a child, very early on. Both my parents were science professors.

HIS STORY Back in 1984, TSRC was born. One workshop, eighteen scientists. This summer in its 25th year, TSRC is facilitating 21 meetings for 500 scientists, its biggest year in history. How did we



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grow? Much of the credit lies with the organizers themselves, who are simply scientists with an idea about a problem they believe warrants intense discussion among the best researchers in the world. It is their energy that creates the purpose and draws the participants. “The community had been talking about the need for a meeting on ‘Method Development for Protein Structure Prediction and Design,’ for some time, but only TSRC could make it happen in six short months. I sent a proposal in December of 2008 and we are meeting in June of 2009.



“Somebody deserves a medal for creating the concept of TSRC.”

Nowhere else in the world could you organize a meeting on a brand new science that quickly.” He also notes that TSRC makes a huge impact on young scientists. “In too many science-meeting venues, young scientists are shut out. Not in Telluride.” Jianpeng is organizing three workshops in 2010 – a record.

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