ASCO President Dr. David A. Heath was honored at a gala event at the Consulate General of China in New York in March as one of 10 of the region's past recipients of major Chinese honors. This was the first time that China's Consulate General in New York had gathered a group of major foreign honorees in one venue.

In 2010, Dr. Heath received the Friendship Award in Beijing from China's Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang. The award is China's highest honor for foreign experts who have made outstanding contributions to the nation's economic and social progress. Dr. Heath received the honor for his decades of work in China with the Wenzhou Medical University, the Ministry of Public Health and the medical education system to increase the quantity and quality of primary eye care providers.



Dr. Heath with Zhang Qiyue, Consul General of China in New York