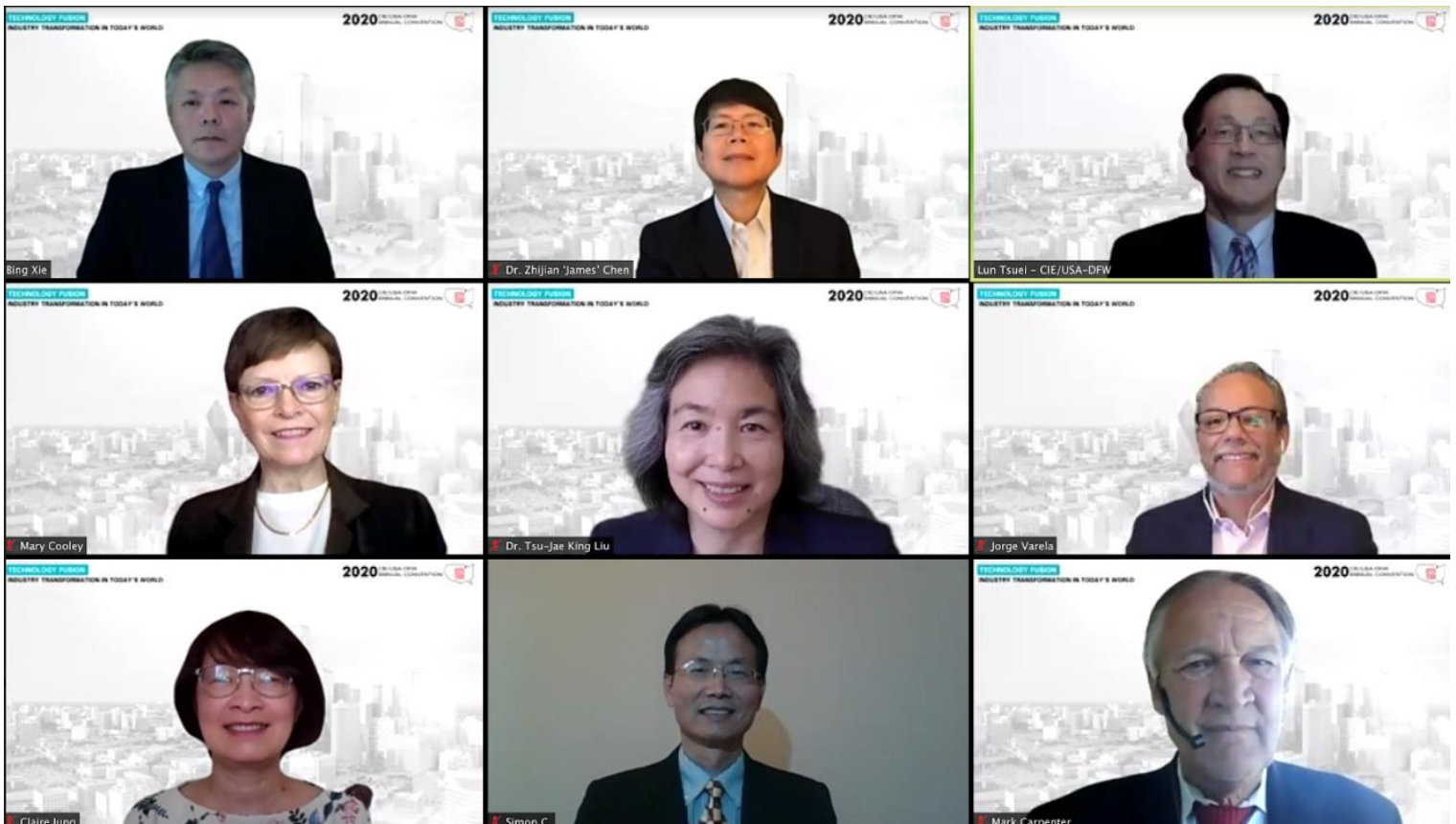


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The second CIE-DFW Technical Executive Forum was again an invitation-only event, and for the first time was entirely virtual. This year's panelists included Bing Xie, Senior VP of Sales and Applications for Texas Instruments and last year's Forum host, Dr. Zhijian 'James' Chen, Professor and Investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dr Tsu-Jae King Liu, Dean and Roy W. Carlson Professor of Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, and Jorge Varela, CEO of Bio North Texas and Managing Director of AltusVista. Drs Chen and Liu are both AAEOY 2019 Awardees.

The audience was welcomed by Claire Jung (Engineering Director at Texas Instruments and Forum Chair) and Mark Carpenter, Senior Vice President of Transmission and Distribution for Oncor Electric Delivery Company and Forum host. Dr. Mary Cooley, COO of Dynofit, moderated the panel discussion that started with questions related to therapeutics and vaccine development for COVID-19, aspects of our lives impacted by COVID-19 including changes to education, collaborative research, corporate new product development, and the impacts the disease has had on innovation and startup investment. The audience was able to participate in the Forum not only by watching and listening, but asking questions that were answered by panelists either live or typed in real time. The event was well reviewed by attendees and feedback included suggestions for next year's Forum!





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