

ANNUAL REPORT: 2008-2009

May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009

I. Officers/Committees:

Officers:	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
President:	Stacie Wild	Laura Andrews
President-elect:	Laura Andrews	Suzanne Fitzpatrick
Vice President:	Suzanne Fitzpatrick	Brinda Mahadevan
Secretary/Treasurer:	Frances Crofts	Frances Crofts
Councilors:	Kristina Chadwick Melissa Rhodes	Melissa Rhodes Leigh Ann Burns-Naas
<i>Past-President</i>	Maryka Bhattacharyya	Stacie Wild
SAC Representative:	Jennifer Cohen	Courtney Kozul
PDA Representative:	Sarah Campion	TBD

II. Financials

The WIT SIG incurred expenses associated with hosting the WIT activities at the 2009 SOT Annual Meeting. At the beginning of the year the WIT recorded net assets of \$10,302. For the nine months ending March 2009 WIT had a total income of \$3,388, total expenses of \$4,808. The current net assets for the WIT are \$8,883

III. Activities

2009 SOT Annual Meeting Reception was held Wednesday March 18, 2009 in Baltimore, MD with approximately 150 people attending. The WIT SIG chose a slightly earlier time to hold the reception in hopes of getting a higher participation. Dr. Wild called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM on March 18, 2009. A brief networking exercise was conducted with the goal that everyone made four new connections in ten minutes. This was great opportunity to network within the SIG. The business meeting covered the introduction of the new officers, the activities from the last year and plans for the next year's activities. Highlighted in this presentation was the support that the WIT SIG gave to SOT proposals including a brief recap of the sponsored programs for 2009 and a discussion of proposals for the upcoming SOT meeting in 2010. During the general meeting a "pass the hat" was done for anyone to make contributions to the Hudson Weisburger Endowment fund. A total amount of \$267 dollars was collected and put toward the Endowment. Following the business meetings several awards were given and the meeting was adjourned.

WIT Sponsored/endorsed presentations at 2009 SOT:

Stress as a Confounding Factor in Toxicology Studies

Date: Sunday, March 15, 2009

Time: 1:15 PM–5:00 PM

Sponsor: Toxicologic and Exploratory Pathology Specialty Section

Endorsed by:

Immunotoxicology Specialty Section
Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section
Women in Toxicology Special Interest Group

National Children's Study: Opportunities and Challenges for Toxicologists

Roundtable

Date: Tuesday March 17, 2009

Time: 12-1:20

Sponsor: Women in Toxicology

Endorsed by:

Reproductive and Developmental

Risk Assessment

Occupational and Public Health

Setting a Safe Starting Dose in Initial Clinical Trials with Biotherapeutics: Do I use the NOAEL or the MABEL?

Roundtable

Date: Tuesday March 17, 2009

Time: 12-1:20

Sponsor: Women in Toxicology

Endorsed by:

Regulatory and Safety Evaluation

Drug Discovery Toxicology

Risk Assessment

Lead: Children's Exposures and Current Regulatory Standards Informational Session

Date: Thursday March 19, 2009

Time: 7:30-9:15

Sponsor: Women in Toxicology

Endorsed by:

Metals

Occupational and Public Health

Awards:

Student Achievement Awards for outstanding achievement in academics, leadership and community service were presented to:

Graduate Student Awards:

Elizabeth Vancza who is a doctoral candidate at the School of Medicine at New York University. She works in the laboratory of T. Gordon, PhD.

Post Doctoral Award:

Betina Law who is doing her postdoctoral Research at the University of Rochester in the Department of Environmental Medicine in the Laboratory of P. Lawrence, Ph.D.

Endowment Fund Award:

The first Vera S. Hudson and Elizabeth K. Weisburger Scholarship fund award was given at the annual meeting. The WIT SIG was honored to have Elizabeth Weisburger there to give a brief speech and present the award. The fund was established to honor Vera W. Hudson and her contributions to the field of toxicology. The recipient of the award was Courtney Kozul, doctoral

candidate in Experimental and Molecular Medicine at the Dartmouth School of Medicine. Courtney's advisor is J. Hamilton, Ph.D.

Elsevier Mentoring Award:

The second Elsevier mentoring award was given to Yvonne Wan from the University of Kansas. This award recognizes individuals who, by their outstanding roles as mentors, have made important contributions to women in the field of toxicology.

WIT Executive Committee Meeting

This meeting was held on Tuesday March 17 from 3-5 pm. There was a brief review of the reception plans and agenda, an introduction of the newly elected officers and discussions of proposals for 2010.

SIG (Special Interest Group) President's and Officer's Meeting

Executive Committee members Stacie Wild and Laura Andrews attended this meeting. There was a lot of discussion around support for SOT applicants and how to better support those people associated with the special interest groups.

Graduate Student Poster session

WIT presented a poster at the student poster session at SOT on Sunday night and encouraged male and female students to join our group.

Newsletters:

The newsletter for 2008-2009 is being finalized for distribution.

Other Special Interest Group 2008-2009 activities:

Regularly scheduled conference calls of the executive committee are held on the first Friday of the month.

Stacie Wild participated in the Sally Ride Science Fair where toxicology was demonstrated through simple experiments.

Proposals for Programs for 2010

WIT suggested three topics for the 2010 program. One was in collaboration with the Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists Special Interest group.

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- Embracing diversity: minorities and women in the workforce, what has worked and why?
 - Toxicological considerations of pharmacotherapy during pregnancy
 - Women's Health: Toxicology and Safety of Complementary and Alternative Medicine
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