



IN VITRO AND ALTERNATIVES

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New Name...New Vision

Recently, many of you may have participated in a ballot to amend the In Vitro Specialty Section By-laws. The amendments were proposed to help shape the Specialty Section into an organization that would be on the forefront of Toxicology. As a result of the ballot and pending acceptance of the Council of the Society of Toxicology, the In Vitro Specialty Section will be known as the **In Vitro and Alternative Methods (IVAM) Specialty Section**. This change in name reflects current trends to use and develop *in vitro* and alternative toxicology methods that **reduce, refine or replace** the use of laboratory animals in toxicology assessments.

IVAM objectives have also been changed to encompass this new vision of increasing effectiveness of testing methods and encouraging the reduction and humane use of animals in research for the development of *in vitro* and alternative methods to animal testing. As part of the new objectives, IVAM will serve as the focal point for SOT members to interact and share knowledge about *in vitro* and alternatives test methods. IVAM will also develop, propose and conduct programs and educational activities that emphasize the latest developments.

New Executive Committee Positions.

Two new positions have been created to facilitate a better representation of the members of the Specialty Section. The new positions are Vice Student Representative and Post-Doctoral/Fellow Representative. The Vice Student Rep will be elected by majority vote and then become Student Representative after one year. The Post-Doctoral/Fellow Rep will serve one year after being elected into office by majority vote.

Election Results

The votes have been counted and we are honored to announce the results of the Election ballots presented to Specialty Section members earlier this year. The following individuals have been chosen by majority vote to serve the Specialty Section Executive Committee members.

Vice President Elect - David Allen

Councilor - Renee Gardner

Vice Student Representative - Ying Fan

Post-Doctoral/Fellow Representative - Sonia Miranda

In Vitro and Alternative Methods Meeting Schedule

Sunday-

7:30pm to 8:30pm - Student/Post-Doc Mixer, Charlotte Convention Center (Tickets Required)

Tuesday-

7am to 9am - Specialty Section Officers' Meeting, Westin, Tryon Room.

6pm to 7:30pm - Specialty Section Meeting/Reception, Charlotte Convention Center, Room 203A.

In Vitro and Alternatives

To help feed your caffeine addiction.....

Raise your hand if you need that jolt of caffeinated goodness every morning before diving to the daily grind in the lab.

IVAM will be handing out at this year's Specialty Section Meeting a custom designed coffee mug. There is a limited supply and we are sure they will be in high demand, so get there early!

Student/Post-Doc Mixer

Specialty Section Student members will be presenting a booth where they will be providing information about the In Vitro and Alternative Methods Specialty Section and handing out some of the special IVAM coffee mugs to potential new student members.



We hope that all of you have a safe journey to the meeting and look forward to seeing you at the Specialty Section Reception. See you in sunny Charolette