

Annual Meeting Proposal Guidelines for Informational and Education-Career Development Sessions

The SOT Annual Meeting includes high-quality, competitively-selected sessions of various types to provide the latest science in toxicology and other learning opportunities to address the interests and needs of toxicologists. In addition, there are Informational Sessions that are not based on the outcome of scientific research, such as Career Development, General Information, and Planned Scientific Activities.

These sessions can be in Platform, Platform-Discussion or Poster format and would generally be 80-minutes in length. All proposals, no matter the type, will be submitted through the online Proposal Submission system <http://sot2011.abstractcentral.com> by April 30th. Both Informational and Education-Career Development Session proposals are reviewed by the Scientific Program Committee.

These session types include:

- Career Development Sessions
- General Information Sessions
- Planned Scientific Activities

Education-Career Development Sessions

Concept:

- These sessions identify future training needs and employment trends and provide practical, applicable information for toxicologists who are early career (students and post-docs transitioning into careers), employed, unemployed, self employed, or retired.
- These sessions may be focused on increasing the number of scientists in other disciplines who recognize the value of toxicological sciences.

Criteria:

- These sessions will be evaluated as to alignment with SOT's Long-Range Plan to provide tools and resources to toxicologists that will enhance their professional and scientific development.
- Among the key objectives of these sessions are to:
 - Facilitate the recruitment and retention within SOT of outstanding students pursuing careers in toxicology.
 - Provide information indispensable to the scientific and professional development of toxicologists
 - Enhance networking and increase involvement of members with SOT at every stage of their career
 - Increase the number and scope of diverse scientific disciplines represented within SOT
 - Increase the recruitment and participation of members from under-represented groups
 - Broaden the representation and participation of international members.

General Information Sessions

Concept:

- These sessions provide tools and resources to members that will enhance their professional and scientific development but feature non-scientific topics not directly related to career development.
- These sessions demonstrate how to ensure that the value of toxicology as a scientific discipline is widely understood and accepted and utilized in enhancing human, animal, and environmental health.

Criteria:

- These session topics may focus on outreach and communication to increase public awareness and understanding of toxicology in alignment with SOT's objectives.
- These sessions may include practical and applicable information that provide educational opportunities in toxicology and facilitate exchange of ideas
- Finally, these sessions may help address the need to promote the development and utilization of appropriate and relevant science in risk assessment and regulatory decision-making.

Planned Scientific Activity**Concept:**

- This session type will provide a forum for the dissemination of information regarding large scale multi-organization research plans prior to the stage of significant data development.

Criteria:

- The planned research activity should be in an early development stage and not be an ongoing research effort. Ideally the project will be at an early stage where feedback is being sought to improve the plan prior to implementation.
- Activities representing sponsorship of multiple organizations will be given preference.
- The development of the research activity should include an opportunity for comment and input from toxicologists outside of the sponsoring organization and outside of the SOT session.
- The planned research effort should be designed to produce publicly available information in the future.
- The planned activity cannot be designed to provide a competitive commercial advantage to the participants at the exclusion of non-participants.
- Multiple presenters addressing different areas of the activity are preferable to a single presentation.
- Time should be available for audience comment during the designated time period.