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President's Message

(Submitted by Hisham Hamadeh)

The Southern California chapter of the Society of Toxicology (SCCSOT) continues to be one of the largest regional chapters in the nation, with the latest count of members totaling 269. The chapter prides itself on the diversity of its membership who represent academia, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, industrial, and regulatory bodies and continues to strive to meet the needs of all of its members.

I am pleased to share with you the results of the recent SCCSOT elections. Congratulations to Michelle Horner, PhD, DABT (Vice President-Elect) and Sudheer Beedanagari (Student Representative). We look forward to working with you over the coming year(s). I would also like to thank Dave Hovland (Amgen), whose leadership over the last year helped the chapter continue to achieve its goals and aspirations and fulfill its mission. I also want to extend my thanks to the rest of the SCCSOT council members who continue to make sure that the chapter continues to flourish and is able to deliver its messages in an effective manner.

2007 SOT Meeting Highlights

A joint reception between SCCSOT and the Mountain West Chapter was held on March 27, 2007 during the Annual SOT meeting in Charlotte. It was held in one of the headquarter hotel's ballrooms. It was a well attended affair, with dozens of members of both chapters in attendance. We look forward to future joint functions with other regional chapters.

2006 Annual SCCSOT Meeting

The 2006 SCCSOT Annual Meeting was held October 12th, 2006 at Allergan in Irvine, CA.. The meeting's theme was Innovative Technologies in Nonclinical Toxicology: Markers and Models. It was a successful and well attended meeting, with over 100 participants from academia, industry, and consulting firms.

Awards were presented for outstanding student poster presentations at the fall meeting. There were 9 student posters with participants representing UCLA and UC Irvine.

First Place (\$500): Peter Bui

Functional Characterization of an Extrahepatic Cytochrome P450 2S1. P.H. Bui, E.L. Hsu and O. Hankinson. Molecular Toxicology IDP, University of California, Los Angeles

Second Place (\$250): James Yen

Heavy Metal Regulation of the Yeast Ubiquitin Ligase SCF^{met30} James L.

Yen, Ning-Yuan Su and Peter Kaiser. Department of Biological Chemistry, University of California, Irvine

Third Place (\$100): Robert Taylor

The Role of Coactivators in the Dioxin-Induced Differential Activation of CYP1A1 R.T. Taylor, F. Wang, R. Zhang and O. Hankinson. UCLA Molecular Toxicology Interdepartmental Doctoral Program, Department of Pathology and Lab Medicine, Molecular Biology Institute, and Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles

Upcoming Events

2007 Annual SCCSOT Meeting

The SCCSOT is organizing a very exciting annual meeting for the fall of this year around the theme of Interspecies Differences and Their Effect on Differing Toxicity Outcomes. Stay tuned for more details.

Graduate Student / Postdoc Research Presentation Forum

The SCCSOT is also planning, independent from its annual meeting this fall, a new presentation session dedicated to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. It is anticipated that this meeting will be organized mostly by interested students. This forum will allow junior scientists to share their data with a relatively friendly audience and receive feedback and critique from their peers.