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CS-SOT 2006 Annual Meeting

The Central States Chapter of the Society of Toxicology held its annual meeting on October 5-6, 2006, at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, KS. A catered buffet dinner was held on Thursday (October 5). On Friday (October 6), meeting attendees enjoyed an exciting program of seminars by leading toxicologists and oral and poster presentations by students and postdoctoral fellows. Dr. Andrew Parkinson, CEO of XenoTech, Inc., provided a presentation entitled "Drug-drug interactions: Identifying perpetrators and victims during pre-clinical drug development." Visiting from China, Dr. Xinru Wang, Vice President, Nanjing Medical University, Director, Institute of Toxicology, gave a seminar on "Mechanism of Bladder Cancer Induced by Teraphthalic Acid." In the afternoon, Dr. Diane Birt, Distinguished Professor at Iowa State University, was awarded the John Doull Medallion for her outstanding achievements and presented her work, entitled, "Understanding bioactivity of complex mixtures using Echinacea and Hypercium." Overall, the meeting was a success thanks to all of you. A special thank-you is in order to Dr. Yvonne Wan and Dorothy McGregor for their hard work and tireless efforts in planning and preparing. Below are a few pictures of the exciting event.



2006 Student and Postdoctoral Award Winners

There were a number of outstanding oral and poster presentations by our students and postdoctoral fellows, demonstrating the strong scientific training provided by academic institutions in the Central States region. The 2006 Award Winners were the following.

Platform

Postdoctoral: Dr. Maxwell Gyamfi – University of Kansas

Role of Retinoid X Receptor Alpha (RXR α) in Alcoholic and Non alcoholic Steatohepatitis

Student: Yue Cui – University of Kansas

Tissue Distribution, Gender Difference, Ontogeny and Chemical Induction of Multiple Drug Resistance Genes (*Mdr1a*, *Mdr1b*, *Mdr2*) in Mice

Poster

Postdoctoral: Dr. Yuji Tanaka – University of Kansas

Kupffer Cell-Mediated Downregulation of Hepatic Transporter Expression in Rat Hepatic Ischemia-Reperfusion

Student: Tiana Curry-McCoy – University of Nebraska

The Effects of Nitration Using Peroxynitrite on Protein Function and Degradation

Congratulations to all the winners! Keep up the good work!



Shown is Dr. Yvonne Wan with the 2006 Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Award Winners. From left to right: Dr. Yuji Tanaka, Yue Cui, Dr. Yvonne Wan, Tiana Curry-McCoy, Dr. Maxwell Gyamfi

CS-SOT Reception at the National SOT Meeting

A CS-SOT Luncheon/Reception will be held March 26, 2006, from 12:30 – 1:30PM, in the Westin Hotel (Queens Meeting Room) during the National SOT meeting in Charlotte, NC. Note that the Westin Hotel is just across the street from the convention center. Student and postdoctoral award winners listed above will receive their cash prizes and plaques. Your presence at this exciting event is requested!

News and Announcements

For news and announcements to be posted in future CS-SOT Newsletters, please contact Jon Doorn (jonathandoorn@uiowa.edu).
