

Student's Message

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Michigan SOT (MISOT) is a great way to learn about the current toxicology research that is going on in the state. Student membership is inexpensive and looks great on your CV! Membership is open to all graduate and undergraduate students who are interested in the field of toxicology, and you do not need to be a member of National SOT to join! The Fall Meeting is a great opportunity to meet other students and researchers from academic, industry and government labs. It is also a great networking event, where you can showcase your own research and even explore potential collaborations! **You never know who you may meet at MISOT, and I look forward to seeing you there!**

The MISOT Fall Meeting will be held November 14, 2008 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, at the facilities of NSF International. The topic of the fall meeting is "Epigenetics in Toxicology" and will feature four excellent speakers. We will also host a poster competition, with awards for Best (1) Undergraduate, (2) Graduate, and (3) Post-Doctoral or Research Associate Poster Presentations. The prize is a generous **Travel Award** to help the winner attend the SOT Annual Meeting in Baltimore next March. You must submit an abstract by **November 7, 2008** for consideration for this prize. If you do not submit your abstract prior to this deadline, you may still present your poster however will be ineligible for the competition. The meeting registration form is available in this newsletter as well as on-line at <http://www.toxicology.org/isot/rc/michigan/misot.html>.

If you have any questions about membership in MISOT or National SOT, or events and opportunities for students, don't hesitate to contact me at sparkenb@msu.edu. At the Annual Meeting, the Student Advisory Council hosts many student events including Lunch with an Expert and the Student/Post-Doc Mixer! Visit the **Student Page** of www.toxicology.org for more information about these, and other, opportunities!