



**Midwest Regional Chapter
Society of Toxicology
Fall 2001 Newsletter**



**COME JOIN US
FOR THE
MRC/SOT
FALL
MEETING ON
NOVEMBER
2nd!!!**



**“Application of Genomics, Proteomics and Metabonomics
in Risk Assessment”**

It is with great pleasure that we would like to extend an invitation for you to attend the upcoming Fall Meeting of the Midwest Regional Chapter of the Society of Toxicology. This meeting will be held on Friday, November 2, at Pharmacia R&D in Skokie, Illinois.

~See inside for details~

*Application of Genomics, Proteomics and Metabonomics
in Risk Assessment*

~PROGRAM~

Registration

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Luncheon

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Welcome Introduction

12:15 PM – 12:30 PM

Michael J. Schlosser, Ph.D.
President-Elect, MRC/SOT
Pharmacia

Pharmacogenomics

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM

David Katz, Ph.D.
Abbott

Toxicogenomics

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Frank Sistare, Ph.D.
FDA

Proteomics

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

David Thompson, Ph.D.
Pharmacia

Break

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Bioinformatics

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

George Michaels, Ph.D.
Monsanto

Metabonomics

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM

Alan Breau, Ph.D.
Pharmacia

Vision for the Future

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM

Bruce Chassey, Ph.D.
University of Illinois

Closing Remarks

5:15 PM

Social Hour

5:15 PM – 6:30 PM

INFORMATION

to:

Fees (including lunch and program):

Regular Member- \$25

Full Time Students (with valid ID)- Free!

Lunch is available only to those

Pre-registered by October 26, 2001

Return the form below **with payment** by **10/26/01**

Madeline Kuhlmann (847-982-8396)

Pharmacia

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Skokie, IL 60077

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MRC/SOT Fall Conference Registration Form

Name _____ Vegetarian Meal? ____ Yes ____ No
Title/Position/Company _____
Phone Number _____ E-mail address _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make checks payable to MRC-SOT

DIRECTIONS TO CONFERENCE SITE

William L. Agre Lecture Hall

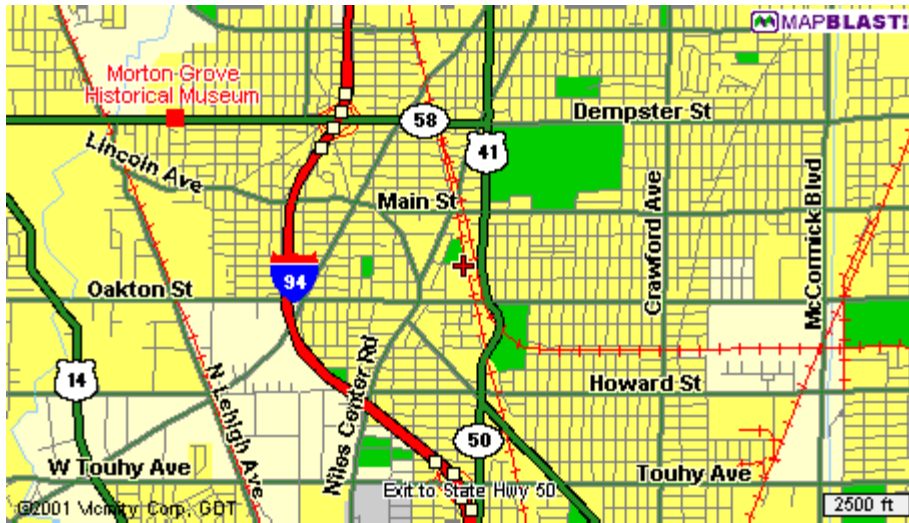
Pharmacia, Q Building
4901 Searle Parkway
Skokie, Illinois 60077

From the North: 294 South to 94 East to Chicago; Exit at Dempster (East); East on Dempster to Skokie Boulevard; South (right) on Skokie Boulevard to Searle Parkway; West (right) on Searle Parkway. Across the railroad tracks and immediately on the left is the Pharmacia Parking Garage. Please enter the garage, park on the **4th or 5th level**, and enter Pharmacia on the **4th level**.

Or: Take 41 South and merge into 94 East; Once on 94 East, follow above directions.

From the South: 90-94 West to 94 West; 94 West to Dempster (East) exit; East on Dempster to Skokie Boulevard; South (right) on Skokie Boulevard to Searle Parkway; West (right) on Searle Parkway. Across the railroad tracks and immediately on the left is the Pharmacia Parkway Garage. Please enter the garage, park on the **4th or 5th level**, and enter Pharmacia on the **4th level**.

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STILL GROWING...

The MRC/SOT is one of the largest regional chapters of the National Society of Toxicology, and we're still growing. Our Membership committee works hard to attract new members and you can help by encouraging your colleagues to join as well. To facilitate this effort, we now offer our membership application forms on our **NEW and IMPROVED WEBPAGE:** www.toxicology.org/memberservices/regionalchapter/midwest/. Check it out! Currently, application forms and newsletters are being posted here, but expect much more in the near future! To get a hardcopy of an application form, simply download the file and print it out.

2001 - 2002 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (Thanks to everyone for your support!)

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Chair: *Madeline Kuhlmann*
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Chair: *Kyle Kolaja*
John Watkins

Education Committee

Chair: *Dan Wilson*

Membership Committee

Chair: *Linda Tam*
Lise Loberg

Nominating Committee

Chair: *Denise Demetral*
Qifang Gu

Communications Committee

Chair: *Per Blomquist*
Antonio Guy

SAC Representative

Nathan Matusheski (U of I)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for members of the MRC-SOT Executive Committee are being sought. The offices that will be available at this spring's election are President-Elect, Secretary, and two Council Members. The President-Elect serves as a member of the Executive Committee and as Chairperson of the Program

Committee and will accede to the Presidency the following year. The Secretary keeps accurate records of all chapter transactions and sends out announcements and other communications to the members of the Council. Councilors assist in the governing of the affairs of the MRC/SOT and act as Chairpersons for the Standing Committees (Membership, Nominating, Awards, Audit, and Communications). It is a great opportunity to get involved and meet your fellow toxicologists! Please fill out the form in this newsletter if you are interested or know someone who might wish to join the council.

Denise Demetral
Chairperson, Nominating Committee

BRINGING IN NEW MEMBERS

Most of the new members in 2001 joined MRC-SOT after the membership applications were attached to the fall meeting announcement. Based on this success, the membership committee plans to continue attaching these applications to the meeting announcements so that our existing members can distribute these to prospective new members who may have recently joined their organization. Other initiatives planned to increase our membership base include an appeal to former members who have let their membership lapse. Additionally, we would like to have our membership application forms handy for department heads of corporate and academic institutions located in the Midwest area that have an interest in toxicology. In this manner, they could be distributed to newly hired personnel. Finally, keep in mind that these application forms are also available on our **WEB PAGE**:

www.toxicology.org/memberservices/regionalchapter/midwest/

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SURVEY ANNOUNCEMENT

The MRC/SOT is committed to providing an educational and professional networking environment for its members. The MRC/SOT Membership Committee has identified many improvements to achieve this mission. The specific areas on which the Membership Committee will focus include (1) communication, (2) the application process, and (3) data base accuracy.

- (1) Communication: the committee has designed a survey to help us learn more about our your opinions in hopes of improving our communication and enabling us to leverage our resources better.

- (2) and (3) Application process and data base: A simple application process has been established between the Membership Committee and the Treasurer to enable a smooth, prompt process and to ensure that an accurate data base is maintained.

The Membership Committee and the Executive Board members have been working diligently to provide a professional environment where we can all benefit and grow. We recognize that we cannot do it alone. Your prompt response and cooperation are important for the organization to succeed in our goals. You can help us succeed by completing the survey and returning it to Linda Tam by December 15, 2001. If we do not hear from you by this date, we will assume that your professional information remains the same. Also, by default, we will assume that your membership with the MRC/SOT began last year (2000).

A new National SOT policy is impacting the operation of our Regional Chapter. You may not be aware that the National SOT headquarters is monitoring the financial status of each Regional Chapter and has assumed a direct role in each Chapter's financial accounting and treasury. This new policy will impact how we operate and will require a greater attention to cash flow. The membership fees along with contributions from corporate sponsors are the primary sources of Chapter income and are used to support administrative and meeting related expenditures. Your cooperation in the prompt payment of dues is a critical factor in managing Chapter finances. With the expanded role of National SOT, a better-defined process is being established for notification. Your patience, input and prompt response to renewal notices are appreciated.

On behalf of the Membership Committee and the Executive Council, I welcome both old and new MRC/SOT members. The organization has planned exciting programs for you and we are looking forward to see you at both the Fall and Spring Meetings.

Please fill out and return the enclosed survey as soon as possible

Thank you,

Linda Tam

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Toxicologists Needed for AAAS Risk Policy Opportunities, 2002-2003

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) invites scientists and engineers to apply for one-year risk policy fellowships beginning in September 2002. Qualified Fellows serve in the U.S. Department of Agriculture or the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, applying scientific and technical input on issues relating to human health, environmental, and economic aspects of risk assessment and risk management.

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The AAAS Risk Policy Fellows Program has been designed to provide each Fellow with a unique public policy learning experience and to bring technical backgrounds and external perspectives to decision-making in the U.S. government.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral-level degree by the application deadline (January 10, 2002). Candidates must also be U.S. citizens; demonstrate exceptional competence in some area of science or engineering; and have an interest in applying their expertise to the economic and technical assessment of problems relating to human health or the environment. Underrepresented minorities and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

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KENNETH P. DUBOIS AWARD

Call For Nominations

Each year, the Midwest Regional Chapter of the Society of Toxicology presents the Kenneth P. Dubois Award to an outstanding toxicologist in the Midwest. The award consists of an engraved plaque and an honorarium, both presented at the Annual Spring Meeting of the MRC/SOT.

This announcement is to invite the membership of the MRC/SOT to nominate appropriate candidates for this important award. Guidelines used in the selection are:

1. The proposed candidate should have worked for most of his/her career in the Midwest.
2. Membership in the MRC/SOT is not required.
3. The proposed candidate should currently be active in the field of toxicology. This is defined as performing, directing or managing in the area of research, testing, teaching, clinical practice or regulatory affairs.
4. The proposed candidate must have demonstrated a sustained and high level of activity in toxicology, such as unique research achievements, special teaching proficiency, and/or promoting the interest and concerns of toxicology.

Nominations should be in the form of a one to two page letter that describes the accomplishments of the candidate. The letter and supporting documentation (e.g., curriculum vitae) should be submitted by May 1, 2002 to:

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Skokie IL 60077
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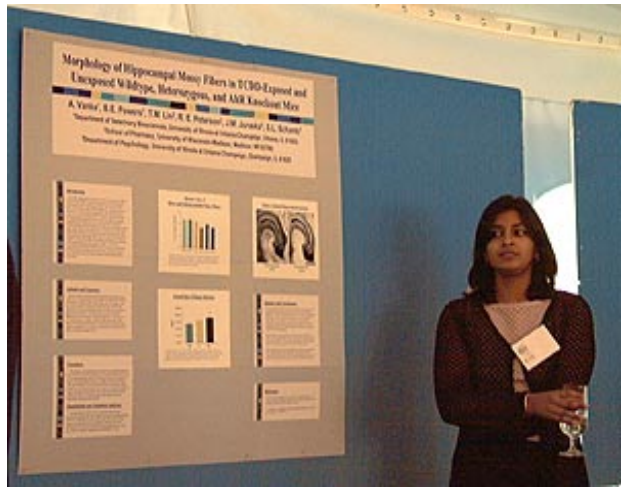
INFORMATION FOR NEW TOXICOLOGISTS

Free Educational Materials Available

Well, not exactly free since your tax dollars paid for them. Regardless, the National Cancer Institute offers a number of publications and other educational and outreach materials through two catalogs entitled "Materials for Community Outreach Programs and Health Professionals" and "Publications for Cancer Patients and the Public." The catalog listings are too extensive to cover here, but you're sure to find some useful and information.

You can order these catalogs from the NCI's Cancer Information Service by calling 1-800-4CANCER. If you are involved with community education (and we hope you are), this is a really good place to start gathering information.

PICTURES FROM THE SPRING MEETING (Lincolnshire Marriott on 5/18/01)







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