



Midwest Regional Chapter Society of Toxicology Spring 2001 Newsletter



COME JOIN US FOR THE MRC/SOT SPRING MEETING ON MAY 18th!!!

“Case Studies for the Safety of Biotechnology in Human Health And the Environment”

**An Examination of Human Gene Transfer Experiments and the Effects of Genetically Modified
Organisms on the Environment and Human Food**

Planning for the Spring Meeting is in full swing. It is with great pleasure that I would like to extend an invitation for you to attend the upcoming Spring Meeting of the Midwest Regional Chapter of the Society of Toxicology. This meeting will be held on Friday, May 18, at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort and Conference Center in suburban Chicago.

Food Products/Agriculture Speaker List

- (1) Dr. Susan Hefle, University of Nebraska
- (2) Dr. Bruce Chasey, University of Illinois
- (3) Dr. Charles Santerre, Purdue University
- (4) Dr. Dennis Hinton, FDA
- (5) Dr. Mark Sears, University of Guelph

Human Gene Transfer Speaker List

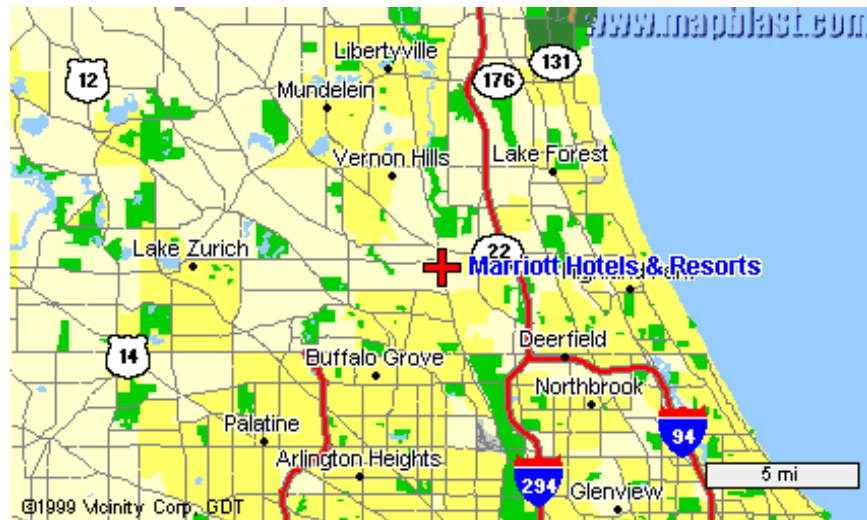
- (1) Dr. Anne Pilaro, FDA
- (2) Dr. Russette Lyons, GTI Novartis

DIRECTIONS TO CONFERENCE SITE: Lincolnshire Marriott Resort

From the North: I-94 South; Exit Half Day Road; Turn right; Turn left on Milwaukee Avenue; Turn left on Marriott Drive

From the South: I-294 North; Tri-State exit; Turn left on Willow Road; Turn right on Milwaukee Avenue; Turn right on Marriott Drive

From the West: I-90 East; I-294 North; Exit Willow Road; Turn left; Turn right on Milwaukee Avenue; Turn right on Marriott Drive



Fees (Including lunch and program): \$100.00

Students (with valid ID): \$10.00

Return the attached form with payment to:

MRC/SOT Spring Conference Registration Form

Name _____
Title/Position _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please reply with payment to:

Bill Bracken, Ph.D.
Abbott Laboratories
D468, AP13A
100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, IL 60048

Make checks payable to MRC-SOT
FALL MEETING A DELIGHTFULLY INFORMATIVE EXTRAVAGANZA!!!

See inside for photos!!!

1999-2000 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (Thanks to all for your support!)

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Chair: Stan Roberts
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Chair: Lise Loberg
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Mellisa Luther

Nominating Committee

Chair: Denise Demetral

Communications Committee

Chair: Daryl Szyska
Per Blomquist
Antonio Guy

Nominations for members of the MRC-SOT Executive Committee are being sought. The offices that are open this year are President-Elect, Treasurer, and two Council Members. The President-Elect serves as a member of the Executive Committee and Chairperson of the Program Committee, and will accede to the Presidency the following year. The Treasurer keeps an accurate record of all accounts and their status. 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 Newsletter). 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 be.

Denise Demetral
Chairperson, Nominating Committee

STILL GROWING...

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 webpage. Simply download the file and then print it out. You can then easily fill it out and return it with your dues. This application is in a PDF format, so you'll need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view and print it. For your convenience, we've included the URLs to download Acrobat Reader as well as some other goodies you may not have.

MRC-SOT WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

The membership committee consists of Lise Loeberg (chair), Mellisa Luther, and Jennifer Kozak. Please extend a warm welcome to the 6 new members that joined MRC-SOT since June of 2000:

Nicole Cueller (S.C Johnson)
Susan Desmond
Steve Hooser (Purdue)
Kathy Orstead (Pharmacia)
Ben White (S.C Johnson)
Ann Zaiser (S.C. Johnson)
Don Schmidt (Pharmacia)

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.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Toxicology Data Auditor

TAP Pharmaceutical Products Inc. combines the strength of Abbott Laboratories and Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd. of Japan through a joint venture and it's no wonder we're focused on leading the pharmaceutical industry; not just in sales, size or innovation, but also in employee satisfaction. TAP combines the security of a world leader with the entrepreneurial opportunities of an exciting company on the rise. As a professional with TAP, you can make more than just a living - you can make a difference.

As a Toxicology Data Auditor, you will perform internal quality control audits of raw data and reports for all drug safety studies and GLP studies, provide necessary quality control support to ensure that IND and NDA applications are completed and filed per management goals. You will assist senior drug safety staff with study management duties. In addition, you will review raw data sets for completeness, internal consistency and GLP compliance and assure the raw data supports information and conclusions contained in the final reports.

Successful candidates must possess a Bachelor of Science with at least one year of experience in the pharmaceutical-related industry. A minimum of 1 year of experience in a GLP toxicology lab required and previous quality control or quality assurance experience desirable.

For immediate consideration, please fax or email your resume to:

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Fax: 847-236-2239; Email: ramesh.garg@tap.com

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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're involved in community education (and we hope you are), this in a really good place to start.

2001 Undergraduate Student Research Award Recipients

The Midwest Regional Chapter is pleased to announce the 2001 Undergraduate Student Research Award winner. This individual will receive \$1,500 to support their research efforts. The award will be presented after the poster session at the spring meeting.

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How to be a Member of AALAS

There are three different types of memberships for AALAS (Bronze, Silver and Gold), each having different price ranges and different privileges accordingly. If you are interested, contact the National AALAS office at the address listed below.

Fees for Certifications:

The cost of the examination is \$125.00, ALAT; \$150.00, LAT; and \$175.00, LATG, for members of AALAS, and \$250.00, ALAT; \$300.00, LAT; and \$350.00, LATG, for non-members.

Training:

The National AALAS office distributes training materials, but there are no AALAS sponsored training courses to prepare people for the examinations.

Examination Process:

- Contact the AALAS national office about becoming certified.
- Prepare for the examination.

- Contact the computer testing service to schedule the exam date and time. Currently, one has six months from the time of application approval to take the exam.

The examinations for each certification level contain a different distribution of questions as indicated by the following table:

	ALAT (100 questions)	LAT (125 questions)	LATG (150 questions)
Animal Husbandry	49%	42%	27%
Facility Management	14%	18%	31%
Animal Health and Welfare	37%	40%	42%

If you have any questions or would like information about becoming certified, please contact AALAS at:

70 Timber Creek Drive
Cordova, TN 38018-4233
Phone (901) 754-8620
Fax (901) 753-0046
E-mail: info@aalas.org
WWW:<http://www.aalas.org>

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 7, 2001 to:

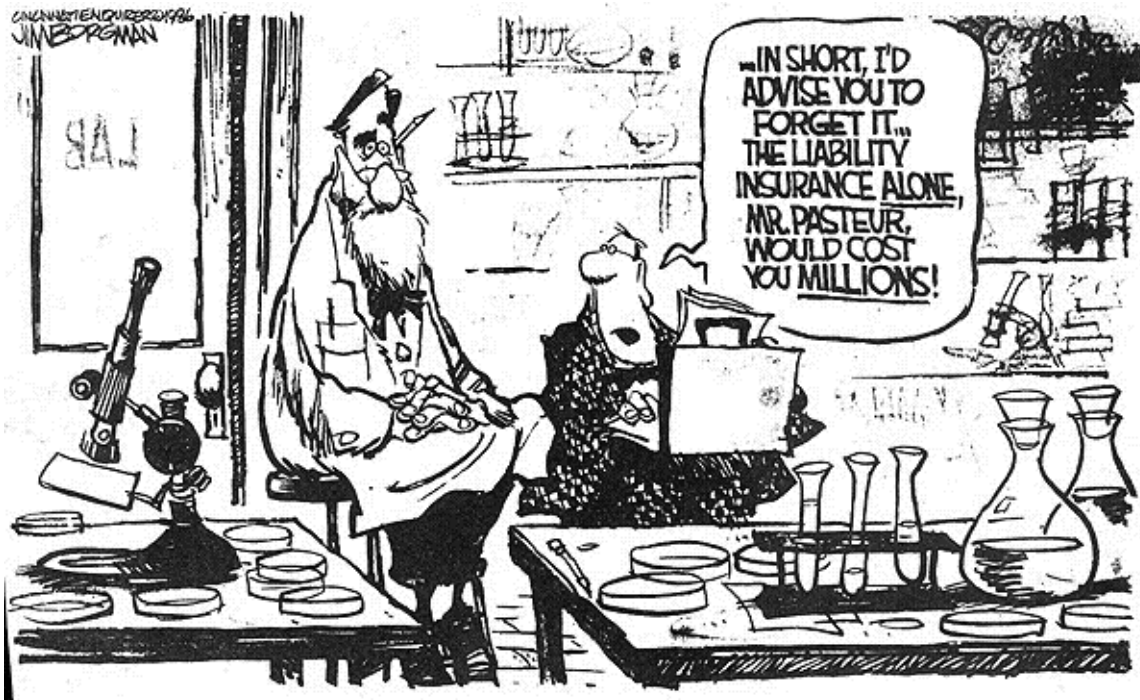
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**CAPTURED IMAGES FROM THE FALL 2000 MRC/SOT MEETING AT
ABBOTT LABS**





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