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Wexler Receives Public Communications Award from Society of Toxicology

Reston, VA (January 12, 2010)—Philip Wexler is the 2010 recipient of the Society of Toxicology's (SOT) Public Communications Award for his contributions to the public awareness of toxicology.

His extensive career at the U.S. National Library of Medicine's (NLM) Toxicology and Environmental Health Information Program, coupled with his other professional affiliations, collaborations, and independent projects designed to make toxicology more accessible to the public, uniquely qualify him for the Society's Public Communications Award. He currently serves as Editor-in-Chief of Elsevier's *Information Resources in Toxicology* (4th ed., 2009) and the 4-volume *Encyclopedia of Toxicology* (2nd ed., 2005). He has managed the fine balance of communicating with both scientific audiences and the public. An author of numerous papers, Mr. Wexler is currently preparing *Toxicology: An Evolving Informatics Framework* for Critical Reviews in Toxicology. His public policy orientation will be featured in another book he is co-editing, *Chemicals, Environment, Health: A Global Management Perspective*, for Taylor and Francis.

Mr. Wexler has served for two terms as Chair of the SOT's World Wide Web Advisory Committee and is 2010 President of SOT's Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues Specialty Section. He is Vice President of the Toxicology Education Foundation, which promotes the public understanding of toxicology. Mr. Wexler is a member of the recently assembled Education and Communications Work Group of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposure project. He spearheaded the development of the multi-stakeholder produced World Library of Toxicology, Chemical Safety, and Environmental Health, an on-line global collaborative network. He has taught countless medical librarians and others the use of toxicology information systems, at NLM and other venues, and has made numerous presentations and conducted continuing education courses at meetings throughout the world.

He will be honored at a formal Awards ceremony, on Sunday, March 7 at the SOT Annual Meeting and ToxExpo™ in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Society of Toxicology is a scientific not-for-profit organization for professionals from around the world who are involved in the study of toxicology. With more than 6,000 members, the Society is creating a safer and healthier world by advancing the science of toxicology. SOT is a forum for novel discoveries and approaches related to toxicology, fosters integration of sub-disciplines that support the evolution of toxicology, and, among other things, increases the impact of toxicology on human health and disease prevention.

For additional information about the 2010 Annual Meeting and ToxExpo™ visit <http://www.toxicology.org/AI/MEET/AM2010/>.

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