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Toxicology Society Announces Award Recipients Who Also Will Be Featured Lecturers at 2015 Annual Meeting

Reston, Va.; December 8, 2014 — The Society of Toxicology (SOT) — the world’s largest and preeminent association representing the field of toxicology — is honoring three scientific leaders with 2015 SOT Awards and invitations to speak at the Society’s 54th Annual Meeting & ToxExpo in San Diego, California, from March 22–26, 2015.

- Jeff Burgess, MD, MS, MPH, Associate Dean for Research and Professor at the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, is being recognized with the 2015 SOT Translational Impact Award. This award is given to a scientist whose outstanding clinical, environmental health, or translational research has improved public health in an area of toxicological concern within the last 10 years. Dr. Burgess’ work focuses on reducing toxic exposures and preventing injuries among miners and firefighters and other first responders.

- Ian Kimber, OBE, PhD, FSB, FBTS, ATS, Professor of Toxicology with Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Manchester, United Kingdom, is receiving the 2015 SOT Distinguished Toxicology Scholar Award. This award is bestowed on a SOT member who has made substantial and seminal scientific contributions to the understanding of the science of toxicology. Dr. Kimber’s research focuses on the interface between toxicology and immunology with a specific interest in chemical and protein allergens.

- Günter Oberdörster, DVM, PhD, Professor Emeritus with the Department of Environmental Medicine, University of Rochester Medical Center, is being honored with the 2015 SOT Merit Award. This honor is awarded to a SOT member who has made distinguished contributions to toxicology throughout an entire career. Dr. Oberdörster’s interests lie in the examination of the health effects of airborne particles when inhaled.

All three award recipients will deliver featured lectures at the 2015 SOT Annual Meeting.

“SOT’s Annual Meeting is a showcase of leading-edge and impactful research in the field of toxicology. Having Drs. Burgess, Kimber, and Oberdörster share their groundbreaking scientific contributions with our attendees will enhance our field and work, while also highlighting the ways in which toxicology impacts public and environmental health,” says Norbert E. Kaminski, SOT President 2014–2015.

The field of toxicology and toxicologists are responsible for aiding human, animal, and environmental health and safety through the study of the adverse effects of chemicals and other biological agents.

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Additional recipients of 2015 SOT Awards, including more top scientists, educators, and students, will be announced throughout the rest of the week.

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**About SOT Awards & Honors**
The Society of Toxicology (SOT) Awards program recognizes and assists distinguished toxicologists and students each year based on merit — if a worthy recipient is not identified for a given award in a year, the prize will not be awarded that year. In 1962, the Society inducted its first honorary members, establishing its honors program. In 1965, the SOT Awards program was created with the establishment of two awards, the SOT Merit Award and the SOT Achievement Award, to support “the furtherance of the science of toxicology.” Today, the Society presents more than 20 awards that recognize achievement, facilitate travel for senior and budding scientists, and further toxicological research. The SOT Awards program supports the Society’s mission to create a safer and healthier world by advancing the science of toxicology. Hashtag: #SOTAwards

**About SOT**
Founded in 1961, the Society of Toxicology (SOT) is a professional and scholarly organization of more than 7,800 scientists from academic institutions, government, and industry representing the great variety of individuals who practice toxicology in the US and abroad. SOT is committed to creating a safer and healthier world by advancing the science of toxicology. The Society promotes the acquisition and utilization of knowledge in toxicology, aids in the protection of public health, and has a strong commitment to education in toxicology and to the recruitment of students and new members into the profession. For more information about SOT and toxicology, visit the Society online at www.toxicology.org, follow us on Twitter @SOToxicology, and like us on Facebook.

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