Bruce A. Fowler Global Chemicals Toxicity Fund

Purpose:
This Resolution, when approved by the SOT Endowment Fund Board and ratified by the SOT Council, will create the Bruce A. Fowler Global Chemicals Toxicity Fund. This Fund is being created by Bruce A. Fowler, who served on SOT Council from 2005 to 2007. The Bruce A. Fowler Global Chemicals Toxicity Fund was established to provide support to the Society of Toxicology’s Global Activities programs for the purpose of encouraging and assisting early career scientists in developing countries to comprehend and combat issues related to chemical toxicity, such as metals and organic chemicals from electronic waste (or e-waste). This Fund honors Dr. Fowler’s considerable contributions to the science of toxicology and his strong interest in encouraging education and training in developing countries in order to mitigate the impact of chemical-induced toxicity.

Management:
Proceeds from the Fund will be used to further the objectives of the Society's Global Activities, as determined by the SOT Council and, to the extent feasible, be identified as having been funded by the Bruce A. Fowler Global Chemicals Toxicity Fund. Subject to the preceding sentence, these funds will support the Society’s existing international programs to the extent that the SOT Council deems practical.

Funding:
Bruce A. Fowler has made a generous gift to initiate this Fund and indicated he will make additional contributions. The Fund will be open to unsolicited contributions. Once the Fund has reached the $50,000 level, the minimum level required for designation as a Permanently Restricted Net Asset Fund, it will be continued in perpetuity. If for some reason the Bruce A. Fowler Global Chemicals Toxicity Fund does not receive contributions and matching funds to achieve assets of $50,000 within 3 years, it will be designated a Temporarily Restricted Net Asset Fund and the assets exhausted by Awards given over a 10-year period. It is understood that the Endowment Fund Board shall strive to encourage gifts to the Bruce A. Fowler Global Chemicals Toxicity Fund, thereby increasing the assets in the Fund, the proceeds and, most importantly, the positive impact of the Fund on developing countries.

Background:
Dr. Fowler’s research focuses on mechanisms of chemical-induced cell injury involving chlorinated organics, such as dioxins and metals, including III-V semiconductors and metal-metalloid mixtures. His recently published book, Electronic Waste: Toxicity and Public Health Issues, discusses the major public health concerns due to the presence of toxic chemicals that are generated from improper recycling and disposal practices of electronic waste. He has expressed an interest in creating an endowment fund that will help support persons from developing countries, at an early stage in their careers, to interact more fully with the SOT community.

Approved by the Endowment Fund Board: November 20, 2017

Ratified by Council: January 24, 2018