

Sheldon D. Murphy Memorial Fund

We created this fund to honor the memory of a great leader, mentor, colleague and friend – Sheldon D. Murphy (1933-1990), a pioneer of 20th century toxicology.

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The Sheldon D. Murphy Memorial Fund was established in memory of Sheldon D. Murphy, a Charter Member of the SOT, and its fourteenth President (1974–1975). Dr. Murphy was an inspiring leader who made significant contributions in toxicology education, research and public service. Dr. Murphy was instrumental in developing and leading toxicology education and research programs at the Harvard School of Public Health, the University of Texas - Houston and the University of Washington, Seattle. His distinguished career in toxicology has been recognized with SOT's Achievement Award (1970), Education Award (1979) and Merit Award (1990). During his 27 years as educator Dr. Murphy mentored and inspired generations of toxicologists who continue his legacy. He was an early and dedicated advocate for research to identify mechanisms underlying the actions of toxicants and to clarify the role of biotransformation in modifying toxicity. His pioneering and prolific research on the toxicology of organophosphorus compounds spanned decades and greatly advanced toxicological science. His public service to SOT, IUTOX and both national and international government advisory boards and committees set an admirable standard for those who follow. Proceeds from the fund will be used annually to further the objectives of either or both of the Society's Education Fund or Student Travel Fund as determined by the SOT Council and, to the extent feasible, be identified as having been funded by the Sheldon D. Murphy Memorial Fund. This Memorial Fund honors Dr. Murphy's considerable contributions to the science of toxicology and promotes education and research into mechanisms of toxicant action, and other educational priorities of SOT.