

**Endowment Fund Name:** *Yves Alarie Scholarship Fund*

**Sponsoring Group:** Computational Toxicology Specialty Section (CT-SS)

**Purpose:** The goal of the *Yves Alarie Scholarship Fund* is to encourage members of under-represented groups to pursue careers in toxicology, particularly with a focus on developing or applying computational toxicology methods and tools. The fund will be used to support the professional development of trainees who are members of groups under-represented in toxicology.

**Management:** A committee to manage the award will be appointed by the CT-SS Executive Committee (EC). The proceeds of the fund will be used to provide money for research, travel to scientific meetings, or training (leadership, scientific, etc.) for trainees who are members of under-represented groups in toxicology, as determined by the committee managing the award. The award(s) will carry the designation “Yves Alarie Scholarship.”

**Background:** Yves Alarie is a pioneer and leader in the field of inhalation toxicology who laid the foundation for applying computational approaches to this field. While a classically trained toxicologist, he had the vision in the early 1970s to develop and apply computational toxicology tools for rapid screening of chemicals and to reduce the use of animals. Yves Alarie is an active member of SOT and has made many presentations at SOT meetings for over 50 years. He is currently a Professor Emeritus (2002-present) in the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh where he held leadership positions, including Full Professor (1975-2002) and Chairman of the Industrial and Environmental Health Sciences Department (1978-1990). Yves Alarie has made significant contributions to the field of Toxicology, through his research on the sensory irritating properties of airborne chemicals (Respiratory Depression 50% [RD50]) and the development of Quantitative Structure Activity Relationships (QSARs) for such irritants. Dr. Alarie has been a passionate graduate advisor for many Masters, Doctoral, and Post-Doctoral students at the University of Pittsburgh and has mentored the development of many young professors over the years.

**Funding:** Former toxicology students of Dr. Alarie have already obtained pledges for contributions, which once matched, will exceed the \$50,000 threshold. It is understood that the CT-SS leadership shall strive to encourage additional pledges to the *Yves Alarie Scholarship Fund*, thereby increasing the assets in the Fund, the annual proceeds and, most importantly, the positive impact of the Fund on trainees. It is anticipated that these contributions will reach the \$50,000 threshold required for the fund to become a permanent one, given the level of interest expressed as consideration was given to creating the fund. However, if the fund does not reach the \$50,000 threshold within the required time period, it is acknowledged that the fund will become a Temporary Restricted Net Asset Fund, and the funds will be disbursed completely over a period of years specified by the Endowment Board.

**Leadership for Fundraising:** The CT-SS leadership will provide general oversight for fundraising and disbursement of earnings for the *Yves Alarie Scholarship Fund*, along with an appointed Endowment Fund Steward.

**Termination:** In the unlikely event that the CT-SS should cease to exist or if it should no longer wish to be aligned with the Fund, the SOT Endowment Board shall recommend to SOT Council for ratification the transfer of the remaining assets of the Fund to a new or existing fund having a purpose or purposes consistent with those of this Fund.

**Approved by the Endowment Fund Board:** May 20, 2019

**Ratified by Council:** June 6, 2019