



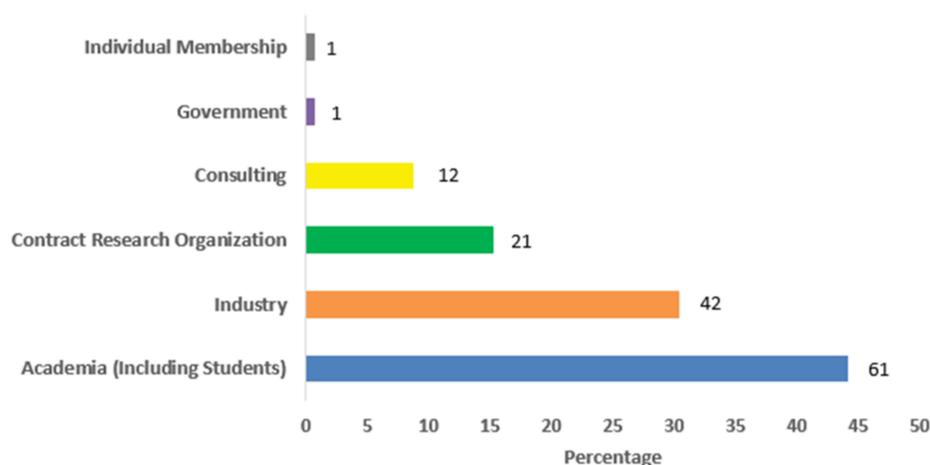
Midwest Regional Chapter OF THE SOCIETY OF TOXICOLOGY

Serving Wisconsin and Illinois

About our Midwest Chapter

The Midwest Regional Chapter of the Society of Toxicology (MRC/SOT) has served its members for over 40 years, since 1981. Our chapter is currently comprised of **138 members** with a professional interest in toxicology, and we continually accept new members.

MRC/SOT Membership



Main Objective

To facilitate professional interactions amongst toxicologists in industry, academia, and government. To accomplish this, we host two scientific programs annually, in the Spring and Fall, with invited speakers from across our represented areas, host trainee poster sessions and talks, and support career outreach, both during our Chapter meetings and at the National SOT meeting.

Annual Meetings

MRC-SOT hosted two Annual Meetings in 2022:

- **2022 Annual Spring Meeting** with a theme of “*Toxicology as Multi-Disciplinary Field: Regulation, Communication, and the Path to Certification*” had **60+ virtual participants**
- **2022 Annual Fall Meeting** with a theme of “*Food Safety in Toxicology*” had **36 in-person participants**

Get Involved

★ **MRC-SOT Annual Spring Meeting**
May 19th, 2023 – Mundelein, IL ★

Annual dues:
Students/Post-Docs: **Free**
Full members: \$25

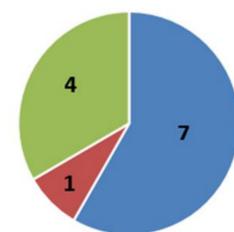
Please visit the MRC-SOT website for membership and meeting details!

Join Our Outreach Events

❖ Mentoring Initiative

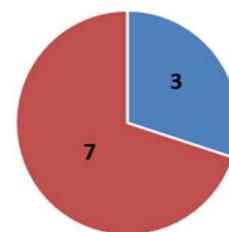
The MRC-SOT introduced a pilot mentoring program in October 2021 and continued the program for 2022-2023. There are **currently 10 mentors and 12 mentees** enrolled this session.

Mentee Demographics



■ Graduate Student ■ Postdoctoral Fellow ■ Early/Mid-Career

Mentor Demographics



■ Academia ■ Industry/Consulting/CRO

❖ Flash Talks at 2022 Annual Spring and Fall Meeting

For virtual meetings held during the pandemic, MRC/SOT introduced a 3-minute platform talk opportunity for students and postdocs to showcase their work and presentation skills at our annual meetings. For our 2022 Annual Spring Meeting, there were four student presenters, and at our 2022 Annual Fall Meeting, the platform talks were presented in-person by three students.

❖ RC4 Award Nomination

One undergraduate was nominated by MRC/SOT for the 2022 RC4 Undergraduate Merit Award

❖ Partnership with Midwest SETAC (Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry)

In **October 2022**, MRC/SOT offered a webinar organized by our friends at Midwest SETAC, entitled “Recruitment Pathways that Lower Barriers to Inclusivity and Belongingness”. In **February 2023**, MRC/SOT partnered with Midwest SETAC to present a webinar titled “Toxicological Risk Assessment – Environmental and Human Health Perspectives”.

Regional Chapter Awards

Professional Awards

Kenneth P. DuBois Award: Honors an outstanding Midwest toxicologist with a career involving several years (15+) of distinguished professional experience in the field of toxicology (**Application Deadline April 7th, 2023**).

Early Career Toxicologist Award:

Honors an outstanding Midwest toxicologist with up to 10 years of professional experience in the field of toxicology (**Application Deadline April 7th, 2023**).

Student and Post-Doctoral Awards

Young Investigator Award: Best undergraduate or graduate research proposal. The student will present their research at the following MRC/SOT Spring meeting (**Application Deadline April 7th, 2023**).

Victor A. Drill Award: Given to the best student poster presentation at the MRC/SOT Spring Meeting. This award will be used to fund continuing education in toxicology.

RC4 Undergraduate Travel Award : MRC/SOT will nominate one candidate for a national RC4 Award (**Application Deadline TBD, October 2023**).

MRC/SOT Undergraduate/Graduate/Postdoc Travel Award: The award will be given based on an accepted abstract to the National SOT meeting the following Spring. (**Application Deadline TBD, December 2023**)

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Applications and additional information available on the MRC/SOT website.