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.

**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

**Regional Chapter 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).

**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!

**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.

**MRC/SOT Executive Committee (2022-2023)**

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**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”.

**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.

**Professional 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)