

**ANNUAL REPORT: 2007-2008**  
May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008

**I. Officers/Committees:**

<b>Officers:</b>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
President:	Gabriele Ludewig	Hartmut Jaeschke
President-elect:	Hartmut Jaeschke	Anumantha Kanthasamy
Past-President	Yu-Jui Yvonne Wan	Gabriele Ludewig
Secretary:/Treasurer:	Jonathan Doorn	Bryan Copple
Councilors:	Grace Guo Annelise Nguyen Richard Pleus Deon van der Merwe	Grace Guo Annelise Nguyen Claire Crouch Lora Arnold Jonathan Doorn
SAC Representative:	Jennifer Rees	Erik Pacyniak
Postdoc Representative:	-	Ronnie Yeager

**Committees:** If applicable.

**II. Activities**

**2006-2007 Meetings:**

The SOT organized a **retreat for chapter presidents** in June 2007 in Chicago, IL. Gabriele Ludewig represented the Central States Chapter. The retreat was a great brainstorming session that allowed attendees to discuss strategies for a successful chapter and was of valuable help for the new CS-SOT president.

The **Fall 2007 Annual Meeting** was held September 20-21, 2007, in Iowa City, IA. Over 100 registered participants from 4 states were in attendance, which continuous the increase in participation seen during the recent years (i.e. ~90 in 2007, ~60 in 2006). Several generous sponsors contributed to help making the meeting possible, including: XenoTech, LLC, CyDex, Inc., Luxemboug Industries Ltd, Bayer Crop Science, Promega Corporation, and several Colleges and Research Centers at the University of Iowa. The meeting started on Thursday evening with a dinner and viewing of the large number of posters, 54, most of them from student. The evening ended with a student mixer in a local brewery. The scientific oral presentations began Friday morning with a welcome note from the VP for Research at the University of Iowa, Dr. Meredith Hay. The motto of the meeting was "Tradition and Future of Toxicology in the Central States", appropriately chosen to highlight the growing activity and membership in our chapter. For this reason invited speakers included the U. Iowa alumni Kendall Wallace (U. of MN Duluth) and John Bucher (NTP). In addition, Patrick Hannah (U of MN), Anumantha

Kanthasamy (ISU), Grace Guo (KUMC) and Jon Doorn (UI) gave talks about their newest research findings. The lunch hours provided a chance to see more of the many posters which were enthusiastically presented by our graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. The late afternoon gave 6 students the opportunity to present their work in oral platform presentations. The final talk was given by this year's recipient of the John Doull Award, Dr. Larry W. Robertson, Professor at the University of Iowa and Director of the newly established Graduate Program in Human Toxicology. Dr. Robertson provided a seminar summarizing his decades of research on the "Toxicity of halogenated hydrocarbons: signaling or metabolism, or both". The meeting ended with the presentation of travel awards for the 2008 national SOT conference in Seattle to six students and postdoctoral fellows for best poster presentation and 1 student for best platform presentations at the meeting.

The **Central States Regional Chapter Reception** was held on March 26, 2007 at the national SOT meeting in Seattle. A luncheon was held in the convention hotel that was attended by over 40 students, postdoctoral fellows and full members of the chapter, roughly a doubling of the number of participants compared to the previous year (~20).

**Projected Meetings:**

<b>Proposed Date</b>	<b>Proposed Topic</b>	<b>Proposed Location</b>
Sept 24-25, 2008	Inflammation	Kansas City, KS
TBD	TBD	TBD

**Other Regional Chapter 2007-2008 activities:**

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The Central States leadership continued their efforts to increase membership and funding for the regional chapter which resulted in about \$5,700 in donations (see list of donors below) and an increase of CS-SOT membership to about 300 (up from ~220 in 2006).

**SOT RC Funding Received and Used to Support:**

Funding was received by the following sources and used to support the annual meeting and fund student and postdoctoral travel awards: XenoTech, LLC, CyDex, Inc., Luxemboug Industries Ltd, Bayer Crop Science, Promega Corporation, and the EHSRC and Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Human Toxicology of the University of Iowa

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