

Mountain West

## ANNUAL REPORT: 2022–2023

May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023

### I. Officers/Committees

<u>Officer</u>	<u>2022–2023</u>	<u>2023–2024</u>
President:	Alicia Bolt	Aikseng Ooi
Vice President:	Aikseng Ooi	Kristofer Fritz
Vice President-Elect:	Kristofer Fritz	Alessandro Venosa
Secretary/Treasurer:	Erica Dashner-Titus	Erica Dashner-Titus
Past President:	Mirella Meyer-Ficca	Alicia Bolt
Councilors:	Julie Moreno Jed Lampe	Julie Moreno Luke Montrose
Postdoctoral Representative:	Rachel Speer	
Graduate Student Representative:	Samantha Serna Jacklyn Nguyen Kendra Prutton	Courtney McGinnis Samantha Serna

### II. 2022 Membership total: 109

### III. Key Outcomes in 2022–2023:

- A. The 40th Mountain West SOT meeting was held at La Fonda on the Plaza in Santa Fe, New Mexico, from Aug 28th – Aug 30th. The meeting was held concurrently with the International Particulate Toxicology Conference (IPTC). A total of 60 attendees participated, and a total of 35 abstracts were presented. A career day event was held during the conference. This event featured two speakers, Dr. Michael Kerins from Labcorp, and Dr. Montse Rojo de la Vega from Cell Press (Cancer Cell), providing opportunities to trainees for career opportunities in commercial research laboratories and scientific publishing. The detailed conference program is accessible at <https://mwsot40.pharmacy.arizona.edu/#program>

### IV. Activities

- A. SOT Annual Meeting Activities (e.g., courses, scientific sessions, receptions):  
MWSOT reception at 6th and Peabody Distillery/Brewery on Tuesday March 21st. This was held in conjunction with the 62nd Annual SOT Meeting in Nashville TN. Approximately 40 people attended the event.
- B. 2023 Awards Recipients:  
**Trainee Platform Presentation Awards:**  
Graduate Students - Lauren Rutt, University of Colorado; Michael Hvizdak, University of Colorado.

Postdoc - Rachel Speer, University of New Mexico

**Trainee Poster Presentation Awards:**

Graduate Students - Casey McDermott, Colorado State University; Charlotte McVeigh, University of New Mexico.

Undergraduate Student - Laura Santo-Medina, Highlands University

C. Other Educational Activities Conducted (e.g., webinars, in-person meetings):  
None

D. Communication Activities:  
1. Newsletter publication frequency: None  
2. Communication Highlights: None  
3. Highlights of website enhancements: None

E. Mentoring Activities: None

F. (*Regional Chapters only*) Activities Supporting Undergraduate Students:  
Undergraduate presentation and awards were carried out in conjunction with The 40th Mountain West SOT meeting

**V. Feedback and Ideas:**

A. In what ways is your group fostering and maintaining an inclusive environment? Please give examples of any current practices used to support inclusion in processes such as 1) leadership selection and promotion, 2) award descriptions and selection, and 3) endorsement of proposals for the annual meetings.

Junior members were encouraged and given priority to present their works on podium during The 40th Mountain West SOT meeting. This is to highlight their research and cultivate interest and future participation.

B. What is one thing the Society should be doing that we currently do not do (or do not do effectively) that would be of importance/benefit to the members of your component group?

The society may participate in matching trainees (undergraduates and post graduates) with their future laboratories during annual meetings.

C. What is one thing that the Society is currently doing that impacts your component group that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?

The Society could streamline conference registration and announcement process so that the planning committee has more direct and quicker way to update conference information on the SOT webpage.