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The National Capital Area Chapter of the Society of Toxicology (NCAC-SOT) was established to provide a regional focus for scientists of all disciplines interested in toxicology. The Chapter acts to:

- Sponsor and co-sponsor symposia on current issues in toxicology.
- Provide an annual award to an outstanding student in toxicology to assist in attending the annual meeting of the SOT.
- Maintain communication with the National SOT regarding current toxicology and regulatory concerns.
- Sponsor regional Chapter events at the annual meeting of the SOT.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NCAC-SOT members,

The National Capital Area Chapter has a lot to be thankful for. On January 29th, we hosted our Winter Symposium, entitled "Animal Rule: Perspectives from the Military Regulatory and Industry". The weather cooperated and we had a respectable turn out at the Lister Hill Auditorium at the National Library of Medicine. The speakers gave excellent and well-balanced presentations with excellent background for those not familiar with the Animal Rule, as well as substantive discussion of specific challenges and limitations to the implementation of the Rule. Many interesting discussions were generated through out the day. A big thank you goes out to our fine speakers, James E. Estep, DVM, Ph.D. (Senior Program Manager, Battelle Columbus), Drusilla Burns, Ph.D. (Div. of Bacterial and Allergenic Products/Office of Vaccines Research and Review, CBER, FDA), Brad Leissa, M.D. (Deputy Director & CDER Emergency Coordinator, OCTEC, CDER, FDA), Mary Kate Hart, Ph.D. (Director Nonclinical Research, DynPort Vaccine Company LLC), and Col Phillip L. Smith, Ph.D. (Product Manager, Joint Vaccine Acquisition Program, CBMS, Joint Project Mgt. Office). Many thanks also to our members (and our non-member colleagues) who participated and contributed to the success of the day. We are on to the next Symposium, slated for the late May/early June timeframe. This Symposium will cover a subset of topics related to the subject of "Pharmaceuticals in the Environment". We welcome input from our members over the next few weeks as we continue the planning phase of the meeting. Lastly, I would like to wish our members much scientific satisfaction and inspiration at the upcoming National SOT Meeting held this year in Baltimore, March 15-19. Aside from your many official obligations, an important appointment not to be missed will be our NCAC Happy Hour to be held at the M&S Grill (on the end of the Harbor Place Pavilion, 201 East Pratt St.) on Tuesday, March 17th (coincidentally, St. Patrick's Day) from 5:30-7:30 pm? Hope to see you there!

Best regards,
Jennifer

Jennifer W. Sekowski, Ph.D.
President, NCAC-SOT

MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

This issue of the NCAC newsletter contains some of the usual features such as the reports from our president, student representative, and abstracts from the Winter Symposium on "Civilian and Military Vaccine and Drug Safety Assessment: Perspectives on the Animal Rule" and upcoming meetings in our area. In addition, Dr. Pertti Hakkinen from the NIH indicated that a new course in public health informatics is being offered. Please see the announcement below for more details:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW COURSE IN PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATICS

The Uniformed Services University and its collaborator - the National Library of Medicine - is pleased to announce a new course titled Public Health Informatics to be offered as an evening course on the Bethesda, Maryland campus beginning February 17th. This course represents collaboration designed for the primary purpose of sharing knowledge and building interest in public health and disaster informatics. The primary audience for the course is DoD and other government employees (federal, state, local), with a limited number of seats for agency contractors. Interested individuals should review the eligibility and application procedures addressed found in the following website: <http://www.usuhs.mil/publichealthinformatics/> Enrollment will be capped at 50 students. The key contact is: Ron Gimbel, PhD, Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, Maryland, rgimbel@usuhs.mil, Phone: 301-295-3077. A back-up contact is: Pertti (Bert) Hakkinen, PhD, National Institutes of Health, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland, pertti.hakkinen@nih.gov, Phone: 301-827-4222.

On a different note, the following upcoming local workshops and meetings may be of interest to NCAC-SOT members:

- 1.) HESI's Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology (DART) Technical Committee will hold a two-day workshop entitled "Developmental Toxicology - New Directions" in Washington, DC on April 29-30, 2009
Website: http://www.hesiglobal.org/Committees/TechnicalCommittees/DART/DART_DT-ND_Workshop.htm
- 2.) The Society of Toxicologic Pathology 28th Annual Symposium, June 21-25, 2009, Washington DC
Website: <http://www.toxpath.org>
- 3.) "A New Biology for the 21st Century: Ensuring that the United States Leads the Coming Biology Revolution", April 6, 2009 - April 7, 2009
Keck Center, 500 5th Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20001
Website: <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/meetingview.aspx?MeetingID=3123&MeetingNo=4>
- 4.) Genetic Toxicology Association 2009 Meeting: "Addressing Scientific Challenges Associated with Emerging Regulatory Genetic Toxicology Guidance, Standard Testing Approaches and Genotoxic Impurities" September 9-10, 2009, John M. Clayton Hall Conference Center, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware GTA

Website: <http://www.gta-us.org/2009GTAMeeting.html>

Please feel free to contact me with seminars or upcoming not-for-profit events in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia that may be of interest to toxicologists in our area. Please send these announcements to my attention (Michael.Orr@fda.hhs.gov), as we are very willing to publicize upcoming events that may be of interest to our members.

If you are interested in joining NCAC, an application for membership can be found at the end of the newsletter. Alternatively, you may want to use the on-line membership renewal method by clicking on the following link [SOT Membership](#). Feel free to distribute this edition of the newsletter to colleagues who may be interested in joining our local chapter. The cost is nominal (\$20 for full membership, \$10 for student membership) and membership in the local chapter is an excellent introduction to local activities in the toxicology field. Additional information on our local chapter can be found at our website (<http://www.toxicology.org/isot/rc/ncac/default.htm>).

Mike Orr
301-796-1604

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Currently, the Student Representative and Student Vice Representative positions have not been filled at this time. The positions will be filled soon. Please stay tuned for updates to the NCAC-SOT Executive Committee members.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

National Capital Area Chapter – Society of Toxicology

President:	Jennifer Weeks Sekowski ('08-'09) ECBC, RDECOM US Army 410-436-5546 jennifer.sekowski@us.army.mil
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Student Representative	TBD
Student Vice- Representative	TBD

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TREASURERS REPORT

NCAC-SOT Treasurer’s Report
February 2009

I. Official checking account balance (12/31/08 statement): \$18,920.62

II. Winter Symposium financial data:

Gross proceeds	
Registration	\$1,180.00
Gross costs	
Catering	\$999.15
Speaker travel	\$0
Admin. & supply costs	\$0
Gross cost of Symposium	\$999.15
Net proceeds from Symposium	\$180.85

III. Data on Attendees:

Type of Attendee	Pre-registered	On-site	Total
Full member	13	3	16
Student member	1	1	2
Non-member	8	1	9
Student non-member	-	3	3
Speaker	5 (no fee)	-	5
Total	27	8	35

IV. New memberships: None

V. Unofficial Balance as of 03 February, 2009: \$19,101.47

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Flynn
03 February 2009



National Capital Area

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
Affiliation: _____
Address _____

City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Area Code: _____ Phone: _____ FAX: _____
E-mail: _____
Membership Type _____ Full Member (\$20) _____ Student (\$10)

Please check the most appropriate responses:

SOT Member	Highest Degree Attained		Type of Affiliation
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> A.S.	<input type="checkbox"/> M.P.H.	<input type="checkbox"/> Academia
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> B.A.	<input type="checkbox"/> M.S.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consulting
	<input type="checkbox"/> B.S.	<input type="checkbox"/> M.A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Lab
	<input type="checkbox"/> D.V.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D.	<input type="checkbox"/> Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> D.V.M./Ph.D.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sc.D.	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry-
	<input type="checkbox"/> M.D.	<input type="checkbox"/> V.M.D.	Chemical/Petroleum
	<input type="checkbox"/> M.D./Ph.D.	<input type="checkbox"/> V.M.D./Ph.D.	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry- Pharmaceutical
			<input type="checkbox"/> Industry- Other
			<input type="checkbox"/> Other- _____

Please complete the information above and send with a check, money order or credit card (payable to [specific RC], no POs) to the address below. The chapter to which you are applying will review your application and you will be notified within 30 days. Those not accepted will receive a full refund. *Current RC members: please do not use this form since your renewal dues are billed annually through SOT.*

Payment Type: Money Order _____ Check _____ Credit Card _____
Credit Card # _____ Exp date _____
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