The meeting was held as a virtual event, hosted by the University of Louisville.

THE GOAL: Encourage students to present their research to their peers, with the intention of helping them to think outside the box and visualize how their research connects to other areas of science.

The meeting featured keynote speaker Dr. Tammy Collins, Director of the Office of Fellows’ Career Development at NIHES with her talk titled “NIH | NIEHS Training: Helping Fellows Navigate into Personally Rewarding Careers.”

The meeting was highly successful, attracting over 71 undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral researchers and OVSOT members from six different universities.

Objectives:
1. Serve as the focal point for toxicological interest in the region of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia.
2. Provide a platform for interactions among toxicologists from the government, industry, and academia.
3. Sponsor and organize scientific and educational programs in toxicology.

The 2022 OVSOT Student/Postdoc Summer Meeting was held as a virtual event, hosted by the University of Louisville.

The 2022-2023 OVSOT Officers

- Walter Watson
- Shahmir Asad
- Kymberly Gowdy
- Idoia Meaza
- Christopher Wingard

Presentations

- Kennedy Walls, M.S., University of Cincinnati - Best Undergraduate Student Presentation
- Lindsey Sullens, University of Kentucky - Best Undergraduate Student Platform Presentation
- Stephen Valls, Ohio State University - Best Undergraduate Student Poster Presentation

Monetary awards were given to the Best 3-minute Big Picture Science® Presentations. In 2023, OVSOT will add a new award for Best Undergraduate Student presentation (sponsored by FUTURE) so be sure to participate!

Rules

1. It is important in science to continually think outside the box and visualize how your research connects to other areas of science.
2. The meeting is intended to be high-level and conceptual in nature so no specific data are allowed on the slide. Time is limited to 3 minutes and only one un-animated slide is allowed. Open to all high school, undergraduate, and graduate students.

Become a member of OVSOT!

OVSOT is a very active regional chapter of SOT, offering many member benefits, including opportunities to get involved in science outreach. OVSOT provides an excellent platform to interact and build connections with Ohio Valley toxicologists in academia, industry, government and beyond!

Joining is easy! Just visit: http://www.toxicology.org/groups/rc/ovsot/join.asp

The meeting had an excellent turnout, attracting over 72 participants, from 9 different universities, and 7 government and industry corporations. Of those 72 attendees, 28 were graduate students and postdoctoral researchers, 8 were undergraduate students!

The keynote speaker was Dr. Daniel J. Conklin, Ph.D., Professor of Medicine, Christina Lee Brown Envirome Institute, University of Louisville - "How Irritating! Electronic Cigarettes are not "95% Safer" than Combustible Cigarettes for the Cardiovascular System. Lessons Learned from Measurements of Biomarkers of Exposure and Biomarkers of Harm.

OVST is committed to sponsoring scientific and educational programs in toxicology that support the professional development of students and trainees at all educational levels, by offering the opportunity to present their work at the annual meeting.

Monetary awards were given to the Best PhD Student Platform, Best Postdoctoral Platform, Best Poster Presentation for High School, Undergraduate, Masters, Doctoral and Postdoctoral Categories.