I. Officers/Committees:

Officers  2020-2021  2021-2022
President: Vijaykumar P. Kale  Jaya Chilakapati
Vice President-Elect: Saurabh G. Vispute  Ashwini S. Phadnis-Moghe
Vice President: Jaya Chilakapati  Saurabh G. Vispute
Secretary/Treasurer: Vishakha S. Bhave  Pankajini Mallick
Past President: Sharmilee P. Sawant  Vijaykumar P. Kale
Councilors: Adhithiya Charli  Adhithiya Charli
            Vivek J. Lawana  Gurjot Kaur

PDA Representative: Rashmi Pathak  Sharavan Ramachandran
Grad Student Representative: Tarana Arman  Itishree Kaushik

Committees:

1. ASIO Reception Committee
   Chair: Vijay P. Kale, Co-Chair: Jaya Chilakapati
   Volunteers: Vishakha Bhave, Tarana Arman, Pankajini Mallick, Saurabh Vispute

2. ASIO Virtual Student Events
   Virtual Coffee Hour
   Chair: Adhithiya Charli, Co-Chair: Tarana Arman
   Volunteers: Deepa Kuttappan, Rashmi Pathak

3. ASIO Webinar Planning Committee
   Chair: Vishakha Bhave, Co-Chair: Rashmi Pathak

4. ASIO Program Committee
   Chair: Jaya Chilakapati, Co-Chair: Saurabh Vispute

5. ASIO Awards Committee
   Chair: Vivek Lawana; Co-Chair: Adhithiya Charli
   Volunteers: Saurabh Vispute, Sharmilee Sawant, Jaya Chilakapati

6. SOT Award Nomination Committee (New)
   Chair: Jaya Chilakapati; Co-chair: Saurabh Vispute
   Volunteers: Vivek Lawana, Adhithiya Charli, Sharmilee Sawant

7. ASIO Newsletter Committee
   Chair: Tarana Arman, Co-Chair: Rashmi Pathak
Volunteers: Sharavan Ramachandran, Shagun Krishna, Saurabh Vispute, Vivek Lawana, Durgesh K. Dwivedi

8. ASIO Accomplishments Survey
   Volunteer: Tarana Arman, Vishakha Bhave

9. ASIO Outreach Committee (LinkedIn/ Facebook)
   Chair: Rashmi Pathak, Co-Chair: Tarana Arman

10. ASIO Website Committee (New)
    Chair: Vijay Kale
    Volunteers: Rashmi Pathak, Avinash Kumar, Gagandeep Kaur, Prajakta Shimpi, Adhithiya Charli, Sharavan Ramachandran

11. ASIO Trailblazer Podcast (New)
    Adhithiya Charli; Vijay Kale

12. ASIO Sponsorship/Endowment Committee
    Chair: Vijay P. Kale; Co-Chair: Jaya Chilakapati

13. ASIO Election Committee
    Chair: Sharmilee Sawant, Co-Chair: Vijay Kale

14. SIG-Collaboration Committee Representatives
    Vijay P. Kale, Jaya Chilakapati

15. ASIO Membership Committee
    Chair: Saurabh Vispute, Co-Chair: Sharmilee Sawant

16. ASIO Past Presidents’ Committee
    Chair: Sharmilee Sawant

II. **2020 Membership total:** 220 (current)
    Increased membership from 203 (in 2019) to 259 (in December 2020).
III. **Key Outcomes in 2020-2021:**

A. The ASIO Website was extensively updated with the following new content: Added new tabs- History of ASIO, InSight (interviews and podcast) and Sponsors; Updated tabs- Membership and About Us.

B. Initiated ASIO Best Paper Award, virtual coffee hour mentoring event, launched Trailblazer Podcast, ASIO’s SOT Award Nomination Committee.

C. Increased membership drive and outreach efforts.

D. Extended honorary membership to ASIO retired members and endowment sponsors so that they can keep themselves updated with ASIO’s activities.

E. ASIO worked with SIG-CG to appeal SOT for a 60% reduction in SOT meeting registration fees for 2021 annual meeting for registrants from developing countries.

F. Revised the award application submission requirements and designed the judging rubric for all awards.

IV. **Activities:**

A. 2021 SOT Virtual Annual Meeting Activities (e.g. courses, scientific sessions, or virtual receptions):

1. **Association of Scientists of Indian Origin Special Interest Group Business Meeting and Virtual Reception**
   
   **Date and Time:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 from 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST
   
   The event recording and slides are available for members under ToXchange.

2. Conducted review and endorsed 1 scientific proposal for the 2021 Annual Meeting.

   **Informational Session: Safety assessment of devises used in assisted reproduction technology: mouse embryo assay** (Chairs: Niranjan Goud, Greenwood Toxicology Associates LLC; and Benjamin Fisher, US FDA/CDRH) March 23rd 2:45-4:05 pm EST. (ASIO Endorsed Session)

B. 2021 Awards Information:

1. **Dr. Dharm Singh Postdoctoral Fellow Best Abstract Awards**
   
   - First Place: Subham Dasgupta, Oregon State University
   - Second Place: Kumaravel Mohankumar, Texas A&M University
   - Third Place: Shagun Krishna, NIEHS

2. **Dr. Harihara Mehendale Graduate Student Best Abstract Awards**
   
   - First Place: Rizwana Begum, Southern University and A&M college
   - Second Place: Tarana Arman, Washington State University
   - Third Place: Shivani Singla, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Mohali, India
   - Honorable Mention: Shilpa Thota (Southern University and A&M college), Chittaranjan Sahu (NIPER, Mohali, India)
3. Dr. Laxman Desai Graduate Student Best Abstract Awards

- First Place: Ashwini Sri Hari, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Second Place: Itishree Kaushik, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
- Third Place: Isha Mhatre, Florida International University

4. Toxikon, a Preclinical Toxicology Organization; and Dr. Dharm Singh International Travel Award

- Chittaranjan Sahu, NIPER, Mohali, India
- Shivani Singla, NIPER, Mohali, India

5. ASIO Young Investigator Award

- Satya Achanta, DVM, Ph.D., DABT, Assistant Professor, Duke University

6. ASIO Senior Toxicologist Award

- Ghadevaru Sarathchandra, PhD, Dean, Madras Veterinary College, Chennai, India

7. ASIO Best Paper Award (New)

- Nikita Joshi, PhD, Pfizer


C. Other Educational Activities Conducted (e.g. webinars, in person meetings, etc.):

The immigration marathon: How to navigate your way through the changing landscape of visa opportunities in USA

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020
Duration: 1 hour
Speakers:
Anna Stepanova, Assistant Managing Attorney, Murthy Law Firm
Khorzad Mehta, Attorney, Murthy Law Firm
Attendees: 36

Health Effects of Tear Gas Agents

Date: February 25th, 2021
Duration: 1 Hour
Speaker:
Satya Achanta, DVM, PhD, DABT, Assistant Professor in Anesthesiology, Duke University School of Medicine, NC, USA
Attendees: 62
D. Communication Activities:
   1. Newsletter publication frequency: September 2020 & March 2021
   2. New or Significant Announcements/blogs:
      a. Initiated virtual coffee hour mentoring event to adapt to virtual programming needs.
      b. Launched Trailblazer Podcast to interview successful ASIO members.
      c. Formally launched ASIO’s SOT Award Nomination Committee to encourage and help
         ASIO members to apply for SOT awards.
      d. Extended honorary membership to ASIO retired members and endowment sponsors so that
         they can keep themselves updated with ASIO’s activities.
   3. Highlight of Website enhancements:
      The ASIO Website was extensively updated with the following new content: Added new tabs- History of ASIO, InSight (interviews and podcast) and Sponsors; Updated tabs- Membership
      and About Us.

E. Mentoring activities:
   1. Virtual Coffee Hour with an Expert: This was a virtual event conducted during Jan-Feb 2021. 7
      mentors and over 20 mentees participated in 8 sessions. Mentees from different countries
      participated in these mentoring events. There were up to 5 mentees per one mentor in each session.

F. (Regional Chapters only) Activities supporting undergraduate students:

V. Feedback and Ideas:
   A. In what ways is your group fostering and maintaining an inclusive environment?
      ASIO has focused on quality and strength of scientific discussions when reviewing
      applications for awards and session proposals. Several new initiatives were launched that
      offered opportunity to volunteers across the globe. Participation in ASIO activities expanded
      to several countries by virtue of virtual events.

   B. How might SOT better support your group’s activities (perhaps something 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?)
      Note: If funding is listed, please provide detail on the membership need that the funding
      would support.
      N/A

   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.)?
      N/A

   D. What changes do your component group anticipate making in the way in which it operates in
      the coming year?
      N/A