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Let me begin with wishing you all a very happy (and belated) new year! I know December/January seems like a distant memory. Once the year starts, things get busy and before you know it is that time of the year: the SOT Annual Meeting. While ASIO activities are going on year-round, the highlight of the year is undoubtedly the ASIO reception at the SOT Annual Meeting. I would like to invite you all to attend the ASIO Reception on March 11 in Baltimore. The details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

For the ASIO Board of Directors (BOD), the work starts right after SOT when we welcome newly elected officers and then go to work with them. The first order of business is generally a review of proposals for the next SOT meeting. I would like to encourage all of you to get together with your colleagues at SOT and hash out new ideas for symposium and continuing education proposals, which will be due right after SOT. We will be happy to review the proposals, provide suggestions, and sponsor as many proposals as we can put forth by our members. The next task for the BOD is to put together the Summer-Fall newsletter, which highlights the award winners, newly elected officers, and other news.

Fall and winter are the busiest times for the BOD. Fall is generally consumed by the ASIO awards process. ASIO proudly sponsors several student and postdoctoral awards. This is an incredibly elaborate process involving over 40 applications submitted by trainees from all around the world. The awards committee gets the applications and prepares them for judging, identifies the judges, and gets the judging process done efficiently and transparently. By the time we are done with the awards, it is time to start planning for the reception and the Spring newsletter. So, you get it! It is always a busy but exciting time at ASIO BOD and all the officers are glad to do their part.
This year’s committee consisting of Mayur Mitra, Sharmilee Sawant, Jaya Chilakapati, Vijay P. Kale, Ashwini Moghe-Phadnis, Sindhura Ramasahayam, Navatha Alugubelly, Nithya Mariappan, and myself have been working, apart from the usual tasks outlined above, on streamlining the administrative processes and standardizing the SOP for awards process, webinar development, newsletter editing, and general management of our SIG. I want to thank each and every one of the ASIO BOD members and all the volunteers who help in this process for their dedication to ASIO. All the great things that happen at ASIO are because of the hard work of these individuals. Additionally, I want to thank our sponsors for making ASIO financially a bit more stable. As you know, our awards are supported by four extremely strong endowments. However, the reception, our marquee event where members get an opportunity for face-to-face networking, is supported by our general operating budget. This is a relatively small pot of the money and the cost of putting up a good reception has been mounting each year. This year, the BOD worked hard to obtain additional sponsors for our reception and I am glad to report that we not only have a couple of new corporate sponsors but also few generous ASIO members who have stepped forward to sponsor ASIO general funds. I want to thank all of them for what I am sure will be a memorable ASIO reception at SOT 2019.

I look forward to seeing you all at SOT in Baltimore soon!

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ASIO Reception at SOT 2019

We cordially invite you to our Annual ASIO-SOT meeting reception 2019, an evening to network and bond with fellow toxicologists/students/postdocs and friends.

Please join us to congratulate the award winners, to acknowledge support of our donors and sponsors, meet the ASIO committee members and volunteers, and enjoy delicious food.

**WHEN:** Monday, 11 March  
7:00-9:30 PM  

**WHERE:** Hilton Baltimore Peale
~~ CAREER TALK WITH TOXPERTS ~~

Prathap Kumar Mahalingaiah, PhD, DABT, ERT
Senior Scientist, Investigative Toxicology and Pathology section,
Global Preclinical Safety Division, Abbvie

Saurabh G. Vispute, PhD
Senior Scientist, Global General Toxicology
Pfizer

Vishakha S. Bhave, PhD
Assistant Professor
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
School of Pharmacy

Venue: Hilton Baltimore, 401 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, Room: Peale A-C

When: MONDAY, MARCH 11, 4:45–5:45 PM

No RSVP Required. Come and join us. Please send your questions for mentors in advance to Nithya Mariappan (nmariappan@uabmc.edu) by 02/28/2019. We will make sure that your questions are answered during this session.

~~ COFFEE HOUR ~~

ASIO also offers “Coffee Hour” to students, a less formal and more convenient way to network with experts in their fields.

For last minute RSVPs or additional information please contact: Navatha Alugubelly (na413@msstate.edu).

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Congratulations to our ASIO members for their recent recognition

Grants/ Funding/ Publication

Tosifa Memon
University of Utah
Published “trans-Anethole of Fennel oil is a selective and non-electrophilic agonist of the TRPA1 ion channel” in Molecular Pharmacology journal.

Vijay Kannappan, PhD, ERT
Georgia Pacific LLC.
Published “Toxic effect and physiological disruption of sodium phosphate to the quagga mussel (Dreissena bugensis)” in Environmental Science and Pollution Research Journal

Pankajini Mallick, PhD
ScitoVation LLC.
Published “Role of Bacterial Translocation in the Progressive and Delayed Irinotecan-Induced Diarrhea)” J Clin Exp Pathol, Vol 8(3): 350

Rashmi Pathak, MS
Southern University A&M
Recipient of Louisiana Biomedical Research Network (LBRN) Summer Research Grant

Yogesh Saini, DVM, MVSc, PhD
Louisiana State University
Awarded a NIEHS R01 grant for the research focused on "Understanding the Role of Myeloid Cells in Ozone-Induced Airway Disease”

Elected/ Appointed Leadership

Vijay Kannappan, PhD, ERT
Georgia Pacific LLC.
Elected as a Steering Committee Member of the Ecological Risk Assessment World Interest Group (ERAIG) of Society of Environmental Toxicology & Chemistry

Saurabh Vispute, PhD
Pfizer Inc.
Appointed as member of ACT Early Career Professional Outreach Committee

Career Advancement/ Transitions

Babasaheb Sonawane, PhD
Toxicology and Risk Assessment Consulting Services LLC
Appointed as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, Washington DC

Sampath Kumar Rompicherla, M.Pharmacy
Colgate-Palmolive, India
Promoted to India Product Safety Team Lead

Suresh K. Nagumalli, PhD
National Center for Toxicological Research, FDA
Joined as an ORISE postdoctoral fellow at NCTR

Saurabh Vispute, PhD
Pfizer Inc.
Joined Pfizer drug safety R&D

Ankit Shah, PhD
US Food and Drug Administration
Pharm/ Tox Reviewer at FDA

Dhanraj Deshmukh, PhD
Ironwood Pharmaceuticals
Promoted to Senior Toxicologist

Pankajini Mallick, PhD
ScitoVation LLC, North Carolina
Joined as Scientist 3, PBPK modeling
ASIO Member Accomplishments

Awards

Rashmi Pathak, MS
Southern University A&M
Best graduate student platform presentation award, LBRN annual meeting, 2019

Navatha Alugubelly
Mississippi State University
Outstanding graduate student poster presentation award, South Central Chapter of SOT, 2019

Brinda Mahadevan, MS, PhD, FATS, ERT
Abbott Laboratories
Sr. Associate Research Fellow of the Volwiler Society award

Sampath Kumar Rompicherla, M.Pharmacy
Colgate-Palmolive, India
Awarded Chartered Status (CBiol - Chartered Biologist) by Royal Society of Biology, UK

Fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences (FATS)
Brinda Mahadevan, Abbott Labs

Workshops/ Symposiums
Please check out these interesting sessions at upcoming SOT meeting.

Mayur Mitra, PhD, DABT
Genentech, Inc
Considerations for Safety Assessment of Chemically Synthesized Peptides: A Drug Development Paradigm in Between the Large and Small Date: 03/13/19

Vijaykumar P. Kale, MVSc, PhD, DABT, ERT
Battelle
Adverse or non-adverse? Thinking Process behind Adversity Determination during Nonclinical Drug Development Date: 03/12/19

Professional certification

Diplomat of American Board of Toxicologist (DABT)
Smita Salian-Mehta, Abbvie
Sainath Babu, Hampton University
Anurag Mishra, Avanos Medical
Ankit Shah, Us-FDA
Dhanraj Deshmukh, Ironwood Pharmaceuticals
Shanthi Ganeshan, Iowa Sate University

European Registered Toxicologist
Brinda Mahadevan, MS, PhD, FATS, ERT

Diplomate in Safety Pharmacology
Venkatesha Udupa, BVSc, MVSc, MSc, DABT, ERT, DSP

Other

Babasaheb Sonawane, PhD
Toxicology and Risk Assessment Consulting Services, LLC
Invited as a Keynote speaker: International Conference on "One Health Animal, Human and Environmental Health Recent Applications" organized by Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt

Vijay Kannapan, PhD, ERT
Georgia Pacific LLC.
Invited Lecture: Environmental Health Risk Assessment of Phosphorous - Filling Knowledge Gaps

Vijaykumar P. Kale, MVSc, PhD, DABT, ERT
Battelle
Invited speaker: Ethics and misconduct in scientific research presented at Bombay Veterinary College, Mumbai, India

Next ASIO member accomplishments survey link ASIO Member Accomplishment Survey will be open until June 30, 2019.
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