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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**Adithiya Charli,
PhD**
ASIO President, 2025–2026

Dear ASIO members and Well Wishers,

Hope all is well. I am sure everyone is enjoying fall weather. As the new President of ASIO-SOT for 2025-2026, it is a great pleasure and honor for me to pick up the Presidential baton from Dr. Sudin Bhattacharya. Thanks to the 2024-2025 executive leadership team we have had a successful annual meeting in Orlando, FL. Now the new Executive Committee (EC) team is excited and look forward to this upcoming year's Annual SOT Meeting in San Diego, California. This year we are happy and would like to welcome the newly elected EC team consisting of Dr. Neera Tewari-Singh as Vice President, Dr. Smita Salian-Mehta as Vice President-Elect, Dr. Shanthi Ganesan as Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Prajakta Shimpi as Senior Councilor, Dr. Swati Rawat as Junior Councilor. Thanks for continuing your contributions Dr. Sadiya Bi Shaikh as the Postdoctoral Representative and Rahul Kumar as the Graduate Student Representative. Special Thanks to the wonderful outgoing team members: Dr. Ashwini Phadnis Moghe (Past President), Dr. Aditya Joshi (Senior Councilor), and Dr. Shama Ahmed (Secretary/Treasurer).

The ASIO reception at the Annual SOT Meeting in 2025 in Orlando, FL was a great success, filled with insightful discussions and interactions between all our toxicologists, mentors, and mentees. At this meeting we also had our "Talk with ToxExperts" session comprising of a very fulfilling panel of Toxicologists: Dr. Logeswari Ponnusamy (Principal Scientist Manager Toxicology, Zoetis Animal Health), Dr. Sanket Gadhia (Staff Toxicologist, Tesla), and Dr. Yogesh Saini (Professor of Pulmonary Immunology and Toxicology, North Carolina State University). This event was a well-set platform for career guidance and professional networking! I would like to congratulate all the award winners of 2024-2025 (KUDOS!), and I would also like to sincerely acknowledge and THANK all the endowment sponsors and other sponsors who had generously contributed to the ASIO endowment funds.

I have been part of ASIO since my graduate school days, and it is a supportive space for networking and planning a future career in tox. Keeping this in mind, I would like to encourage all to sign up for membership this year and feel free to contact us if you would like to be part of our Tox community and activities planned for 2025-2026.

We, as the new EC team, are very excited for SOT 2026 in San Diego, CA. We are looking forward to contributing our best for the growth of ASIO and hope to do our best for the ASIO Tox community.

Sincerely,
Adhithiya Charli, PhD
ASIO-SIG President (2025-2026)
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ASIO 2025-2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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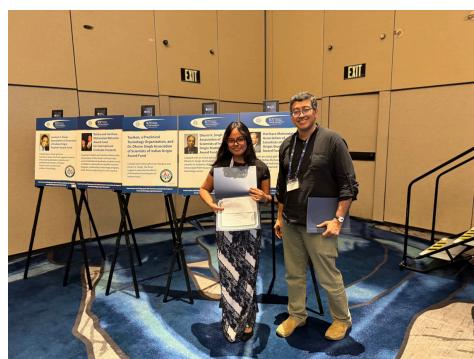
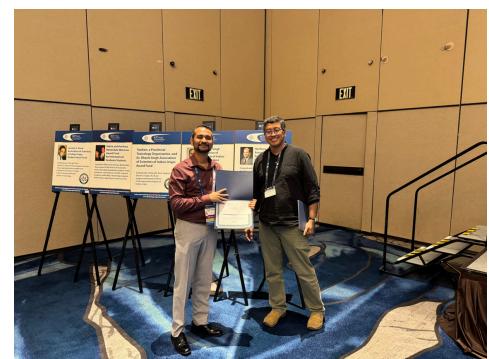
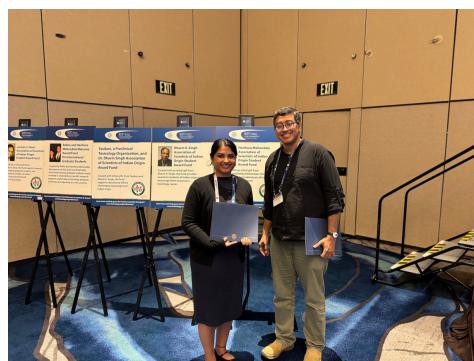
Student Representative
Rahul Kumar

ASIO ANNUAL RECEPTION

SOT 2025, Orlando

The ASIO Annual Reception in Orlando at the SOT Annual Meeting was a great success and a delightful experience. Scholars from across the nation, along with international visitors, gathered for an enriching exchange of knowledge and experience, fostering connections and celebrating the accomplishments of our ASIO members.

Attendees were updated on the association's activities, financial status, members' achievements, and upcoming events. The community expressed its appreciation for the efforts of outgoing officers and warmly welcomed the newly elected officers for the 2025-2026 term.



ASIO 2025 AWARD RECIPIENTS

SOT 2025, Orlando

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!!

BEST PAPER AWARD

Ishita Choudhary

Paper Title: Cell-Specific Contribution of IL-4 Receptor α Signaling Shapes the Overall Manifestation of Allergic Airway Disease.

American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology 71, no. 6 (2024): 702-717.

DR. LAXMAN DESAI GRADUATE STUDENT

BEST ABSTRACT AWARD

1st- **Rajat Gupta**, University of California, Los Angeles

2nd- **Sadiya Chowdhary**, University of Rochester

3rd- **Disha Gupta**, Rutgers University

DR. HARIHARA MEHENDALE GRADUATE STUDENT

BEST ABSTRACT AWARD

1st- **Madhura More**, University of California, Irvine

2nd- **Mahesh Rachamalla**, University of Saskatchewan

3rd- **Aiesha Anchan**, University of Rochester

DR. DHARM SINGH POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

BEST ABSTRACT AWARD

1st- **Siddhi Jain**, University of Pittsburgh

2nd- **Umamaheswari Satisaran**, Purdue University

3rd- **Isha Mhatre-Winters**, University of Georgia

DR. DHARM SINGH INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AWARD

Munzurul Hasan, University of Saskatchewan

TOXICON, A PRECLINICAL TOXICOLOGY ORGANIZATION

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AWARD

Itishree Dubey, NIPER, Lucknow, India

ASIO 2025 AWARD RECIPIENTS

SOT 2025, Orlando

ASIO SENIOR TOXICOLOGIST AWARD



**Dr. Bhanu Singh,
Senior Director, Pathology,
Non-Clinical Safety, Gilead
Sciences**

Dr. Bhanu Singh has been awarded the ASIO 2025 Senior Toxicologist Award for his outstanding contributions to the field of toxicology. He currently serves as Senior Director of Pathology at Gilead Sciences. He is a board-certified toxicologist and pathologist with over 15 years of experience in industry, government, and academia. Dr. Singh has previously served as a Scientific Director at Johnson & Johnson and Senior Research Pathologist at DuPont. He has broad experience in planning and execution of toxicology and pathology strategies for drug discovery and non-clinical safety assessment. He has hands on experience as primary and peer review pathologist (100+ toxicology studies per GLP and ICH guidelines) for performing microscopic evaluation of tissues of rodent (rats, mice) and non-rodent species. Dr. Singh earned his DVM from India, MS in Veterinary Pathology from Utrecht University, and a residency in veterinary anatomic pathology from The Royal Veterinary College, London.



**Dr. Vivek Dadhania, Founder
and Chief Toxicologist,
SciQra LLC**

ASIO EARLY CAREER SCIENTIST AWARD

Dr. Vivek Dadhania has been awarded the ASIO 2025 Early Career Scientist Award for his significant contributions to the field of toxicology. He is currently the founder and Chief Toxicologist at SciQra LLC. He is a board-certified Toxicologist with experience in cosmetics, consumer products, supplements, pharmaceuticals, and medical devices industries. Dr. Dadhania has extensively contributed to safety assessment studies in leading brands like Bath & Body Works (and Victoria's Secret), The Estée Lauder Companies, Living Proof (Unilever), and Johnson & Johnson. He earned his PhD in Toxicology from the University of Louisiana Monroe and MS in Pharmacology & Toxicology from National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, India.

ASIO'S AWARD DEADLINES

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Don't Miss Our Awards Deadlines & Get Recognized!

Award	Deadline
ASIO Toxikon, A Preclinical Toxicology Organization; and Dr. Dharm Singh Association of Scientists of Indian Origin International Travel Award	October 31
ASIO Best Paper Award	October 31
Outstanding Early Career Scientist Award	November 15
ASIO Senior Toxicologist Award	November 15
ASIO Dr. Dharm Singh Postdoctoral Fellow Best Abstract Award	December 8
ASIO Dr. Harihara Mehendale Graduate Student Best Abstract Award	December 8
ASIO Dr. Laxman Desai Graduate Student Best Abstract Award	December 8

For more information on each of these awards visit our website:

<https://www.toxicology.org/groups/sig/asio/Awards.asp>

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Dr. Dharm Singh



Dr. Laxman Desai



Late Dr. Harihara
Mehendale



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Your contribution will be primarily used for ASIO activities at the SOT Annual Meeting and the career advancement of our members. It will also be used to provide early career toxicologists an opportunity to enhance their training and current members of the toxicology community a path to enrich their ongoing careers as toxicologists and promote diversity within the field of toxicology.

To donate, please visit “SOT ASIO | Sponsors”

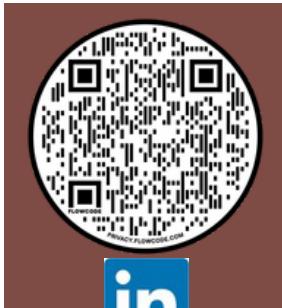
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Membership

- Network with fellow Indian-origin toxicologists around the globe
- Get involved and participate in ASIO activities

JOIN US

ASIO MEMBERSHIP



VOLUNTEERS

- Volunteering opportunities for students, postdocs, and professionals
- To explore the possibility of serving on an ASIO committee, please visit [ASIO Committees](#)

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**ASIO
Executive
Committee**