

## Association of Scientists of Indian Origin

### ANNUAL REPORT: 2016-2017

May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017

#### I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
President:	Sudheer Beedanagari	Mamta Behl
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PDA Representative:	Satyanarayana Achanta	Pooja Naik
GSLC Representative:		Pankajini Mallick

Committees: Newsletter, Website, Awards, Membership, Annual Reception, Sponsorship, Endowment, Webinars, Mentoring Initiatives

#### II Activities:

**2017 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held in Baltimore, MD on March 13<sup>th</sup>

Approximately 110 people were in attendance.

Dr. Mamta Behl called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was an opportunity to meet and greet fellow-members and updating ASIO members on the annual progress of the SIG

#### ASIO 2016-17 Awards

##### 1. ASIO International Travel Awards

Award #1 Krishna Prahlad Maremada

Award #2 Tusha Sharma

##### 2. Dr. Harihara M. Mehendale Graduate Student Endowment Fund Awards:

Award#1 Hanumantha Rao Mandala

Award#2 Diptidip Dattaroy

##### 3. Dr. Laxman Desai Graduate Students Endowment Fund Awards:

Award#1 Adhitya Charli

Award#2 Priti Prasad

##### 4. Dr. Dharm V. Singh Post-doctoral endowment fund Awards:

Award#1 Priyanka Trivedi

Award#2 Satya Achanta

##### 5. ASIO Young Investigator Award: Dr. Vijay Kannappan, Georgia Pacific LLC, Wisconsin

**6. ASIO Senior Toxicologist Award:** Dr. Irfan Rahman, University of Rochester Medical Center, NY

**Endowment Fund Details:** 4 endowment funds

1. Dr. Dharm V. Singh endowment fund
2. Dr. Harihara M. Mehendale endowment fund
3. Dr. Laxman Desai endowment fund
4. “Toxikon, a Preclinical Toxicology Organization, and Dr. Dharm Singh Association of Scientists of Indian Origin Award Fund”

**Newsletters:** 4 news letters published one each quarter of the year

**Teleseminars/webinars:** A webinar was conducted on October 21, 2016 at which Dr Prakash Nagarkatti, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Pathology, Microbiology & Immunology at University of South Carolina, Colombia, SC presented a talk titled “Inflammation – Can we silence the secret killer?” This was open to all SOT members

**Other Special Interest Group 2015-2016 Activities:**

Mentoring initiatives

- 1) Coffee Hour with an expert: One-on-one mentoring opportunities were provided to students/post-docs and young scientists with experts in the field throughout the course of the Annual Meeting
- 2) Career talk with Toxperts: An expert panel from Academia (Dr Partha Kasturi), Government (Dr. Sree Rayavarapu) and Industry (Dr. Satheesh Anand) met with students, post-docs and young scientists on Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 pm to mentor, provide career insights and field questions regarding career advancements.