



ASIO-SIG Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you to attend the ASIO Annual Reception on **Monday (March 8th) at the Salt Palace Convention Center (Room 355-D) from 6:00 to 8:15 PM** during the 49th Annual Meeting of the SOT in Salt Lake City, Utah. Like last year, we will sponsor an International Student Award which will enable a graduate student from India to attend the SOT Annual Meeting. Additionally, we will also continue with our Student and Postdoctoral Awards. Encouraged by last year's success of the "Lunch 'n Learn" Program for students and postdocs, we will have it again this year. The details of this event are in this newsletter. We have made several changes to our typical Annual Meeting & Dinner format. In lieu of a formal dinner, we will have finger food provided during the reception. This will allow us to interact and network more openly and efficiently after the formal part of the meeting. I hope you like this new format. The reception hall and the food are possible through generous contributions from some of the leading toxicology CROs in India and abroad. On behalf of the ASIO-BOD, I want to acknowledge the grateful support of these companies. Our speaker at the reception will be Mr. Shaheen Majeed of Sabinsa Corporation. You will learn about his

credentials in this newsletter. Last but not least, please join me in congratulating Dr. Harihara Mehendale, one of the founding members of ASIO, for receiving SOT's prestigious Distinguished Toxicology Scholar Award.

On behalf of the ASIO-BOD members, I really look forward to seeing all of you at Salt Lake City. Please keep in mind that ASIO is only as capable and as strong as you want to make it – so to our members – we welcome your constructive comments, your commitment to serve on committees and your willingness to volunteer and be an office bearer. If you know anyone who is a non-member, please forward this newsletter to them so they can become ASIO members. Please feel free to contact any current board member listed in this newsletter for if you have comments or questions.

With warmest regards,

Sanjay Chanda, Ph.D.

President
Association of Scientists of Indian Origin,
Special Interest Group
Society of Toxicology

Dr. Harihara Mehendale receives the Distinguished Toxicology Scholar award-2010 from SOT.

The Distinguished Toxicology Scholar Award is presented to a member of SOT who has made substantial and seminal scientific contributions to our understanding of the science of toxicology. Dr. Mehendale's passion for science is reflected in those who have trained in his laboratory, many of whom have gone on to distinguished scientific careers of their own. Dr. Mehendale's professional record is the epitome of a career of distinguished scholarship in toxicology, and he is a highly deserving recipient of this 2010 Distinguished Toxicology Scholar Award. The award will be presented to him at the 49th Annual meeting of SOT on Sunday, March 7 at Convention Center, Ballroom J from 5:15 to 6 PM and the Award Lecture will be on Tuesday, March 9, 12:30 to 1:20 PM. Please attend this function and show your appreciation for Dr. Mehendale and his contributions to the field of toxicology.

Lunch N Learn-2010

Based on the positive feedback from participants last year, we plan to continue with this program. It is designed to help students and post-docs seek advice regarding career choices from experienced professionals pursuing different career paths in the field of toxicology. You can also ask questions to our expert panel regarding career resources, networking and interviewing.

If interested, please sign-up by sending an email to Prasad Krishnan (prasadkrishnan@hotmail.com) on or before February 28, 2010. Attend the informal Lunch 'N' Learn session and we will answer your questions along with light lunch/refreshments. You will get to meet ASIO members with vast experience in various fields of toxicology and ask relevant questions regarding your careers

Date: Tuesday, March 9th, 2010

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Venue: Marriott Salt Lake City Downtown

Room: Grand Ballroom A & B

75 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT

Program

Welcome and Introduction

Chairs: Drs. Sudheer Reddy & Vinayak Srinivasan

Q& A Discussion: Pursuing a Professional Career in

Toxicology: Industry/Academia /Government/CRO

- Open Q & A: Career Resources, Networking and Interviewing

- Concluding Remarks

Guest Speaker of ASIO Reception

Shaheen Majeed is the Marketing director of Sabinsa Corporation. When he was just 17 years old Shaheen began in the warehouse of the company his father founded in 1988, followed by a stint in customer service. He then handled a variety of sales positions, which included Tri-State region sales, California Sales Manager, and Latin American Business Development, a responsibility he still handles in addition to his role as Marketing Director. Shaheen has also managed Contract Manufacturing, been Cosmetic Marketing Manager and Executive Assistant to the CEO. He is also spearheading the company's expansion of their functional foods offerings. In his spare time Shaheen earned a BA in Economics from Rutgers University, NJ and an MBA in Business Management from Keller Management School, CA. In February 2009 Natural Foods Merchandiser magazine names him one of *40 under 40* notable members of the industry. In March 2009, Shaheen was elected to the Board of Trustees of the American Herbal Products Association.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ASIO-2010 AWARD WINNERS

- ✚ Senior Member Award : Dr. **Madhusudan G. Soni**
- ✚ ASIO-SIG Young Investigator International Travel Award - **Durga Nand Tripathi**
- ✚ ASIO-SIG Dr. Dharm Singh Postdoctoral Fellow/ Young Investigator Best Abstract Award: **Mayurranjan S. Mitra**
- ✚ ASIO-SIG Dr. Harihara Mehendale Graduate Student Best Abstract Award: **Indira Devi Jutooru**
- ✚ ASIO-SIG Dr. Laxman Desai Graduate Student Best Abstract Award: **Arunkumar Asaithambi**

ASIO-SIG ANNUAL RECEPTION

Venue: Convention Center Room 355 D

Date and Time: March 8, 2010; 6:00 - 8:15 PM

- *Introduction/Welcome*
- *ASIO Awards*
- *Recognition of Students & Faculty receiving SOT Awards*
- *Secretary-Treasurer's Note and Elections Results*
- *Update on ASIO-SOT 2010 activities*
- *Guest Speakers:*
 - Mr. Shaheen Majeed, Sabinsa Corporation*
 - Dr. Debapriya Dutta, Science and Technology Counselor, Indian Embassy, DC*
- *Acknowledging the Sponsors*
- *Concluding Comments*

For your Itinerary

Session Title: Aging as a Determinant of Xenobiotic Toxicity

Session Type: Symposium Session

Chairperson: Chris Corton

Co-Chairperson: Harihara Mehendale

Location: Ballroom A (Convention Center)

Start time: Wed, Mar 10 - 1:30 PM

Session Title: Safety of Vitamins and Minerals: Controversies and Perspectives

Session Type: Roundtable Session

Chairperson: Madhu G. Soni

Co-Chairperson: Stanley T. Omaye

Location: Ballroom D (Convention Center)

Start time: Mon, Mar 08 - 4:35 PM

Session Title: Melamine Contamination of Infant Formulas: Lessons Learned

Session Type: Roundtable Session

Chairperson: Wilson K. Rumbelha

Co-Chairperson: Madhu G. Soni

Location: Ballroom F (Convention Center)

Start time: Mon, Mar 08 - 12:10 PM

Session Title: Women's Health: Toxicology and Safety of Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Session Type: Roundtable Session

Chairperson: Brinda Mahadevan

Co-Chairperson: Diana J. Auyeung-Kim

Location: Ballroom D (Convention Center)

Start time: Tue, Mar 09 - 12:00 PM

Session Title: Genotoxic Impurities in Drugs and Drug Products: What is the Right Way to Deal With Impurities in R&D Versus Regulatory Guidance?

Session Type: Symposium Session

Co-Chairperson: Lutz Mueller

Chairperson: Saryu Goel

Location: Room 250 (Convention Center)

Start time: Mon, Mar 08 - 1:40 PM

Session Title: Recent Knowledge on Critical Regulators of Lipid Homeostasis in Metabolic disease

Session Type: Symposium Session

Chairperson: Shashi Ramaiah

Co-Chairperson: Mayuranjan Mitra

Location: Ballroom D (Convention Center)

Start time: Tue, Mar 09 - 1:30 PM

Session Title: Novel Research Approaches and Animal Models in Translational Toxicology

Session Type: Workshop Session

Co-Chairperson: Benjamin D Humphreys

Chairperson: Shashi Ramaiah

Location: Ballroom G (Convention Center)

Start time: Wed, Mar 10 - 9:00 AM

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See you in Salt Lake City!

