

**Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America-Society
of Toxicology Division
(ASIOA-SOT)**



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ASIOA-SOT

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President's Message

I would like to welcome everyone
to ASIOA-SOT annual meeting in San

Diego, CA, during the 45th Annual Conference of the Society of Toxicology. This year our ASIOA-SOT meeting will be held on Monday, March 6 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm followed by dinner. I appreciate the help of Drs. Krishna, Chetty, Nagarkatti, Reddy, Chanda and Mehendale in making the arrangements for meeting and reception.

As indicated previously, SOT has recognized our division as a Specialty Interest Group. Similar to last year, we will be getting some assistance from the SOT to organize our meeting. SOT will provide a venue as well as some financial assistance to help us conduct the annual meeting. We will have our formal meeting with key-note speeches at the Marriott hotel [SOT meeting co-head quarter, near Convention Center] and the dinner with fellowship will be held at a nearby Indian Restaurant.

To meet some of the requirements from SOT for the Special Interest Group, we have revised our bylaws and a draft copy of bylaws is attached below for your comments. The bylaws will be discussed briefly at the annual meeting and finalized. If you have any suggestions or comments, please let the executive committee know in advance [prior to the meeting], which will help us finalize the bylaws at the meeting.

This year our Keynote Speaker at the annual meeting is Dr. Rashmi Barbhैया, CEO and Managing Director, Advenus Therapeutics, Bangalore, India. Dr. Barbhैया is a very successful and highly recognized leader in pharma industry. It will be nice to hear his remarks. We are also exploring one or two other candidates as guest speakers.

I hope to see each and every one at the meeting. Please send your ASIOA and ASIOA-SOT Division annual dues.

Madhu Soni

Message from Dr. Nagarkatti:

Good News from SOT Task Force

Dear Colleagues,

I serve on the SOT Special Interest Group (SIG) Task Force and want to update you on the integration of ASIOA into SOT. The SOT council is very much interested in considering whether various ethnic associations such as Indian, Chinese, African and Hispanic organizations within the SOT can be given a status similar to the Specialty Sections. To this end, the SOT gave \$ 2,000 to ASIOA and other SIGs to organize their annual meeting at the convention center/designated hotel. They have supported us this year as well with similar financial commitments and will do so for another additional year. The SOT will watch various SIGs for their activities, their membership strengths and their overall contributions to SOT. They also want ASIAO and other SIGs to form the bylaws that need to be approved by the council. The ASIOA has prepared the bylaws and is ready to submit it to the SOT. As seen from these bylaws, we will have elections at various levels and the elected officials will have the opportunity to organize the annual event. If the SIGs are incorporated into the SOT, the SOT will collect all membership dues and will run the financial aspects just like the Specialty Sections. I therefore urge you all to become members of ASIOA and pay the dues as well as attend this year's business and scientific meeting followed by the social event. I also request you to participate in the governing body of ASIOA. Together, we can help ASIOA officially become a part

of SOT. I want to thank Dr. Madhu Soni and all the officers of SOT for their help and enthusiasm for advancing the ASIOA-SOT agenda. I hope you will join us to make this year's ASIOA event a great success as well as make a positive contribution to advance the interests of Indian Americans in the field of toxicology. If you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Venue and the other details of the Meeting and Reception at a glance:

Meeting:

When: Monday, March 6, 2006

Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Venue: Marriott Hotel

Reception/Dinner Venue: Star of India (423 F Street, Downtown, San Diego). It is walking distance from Marriott and directions will be provided at our annual meeting.

Please send an email to Dr. Chetty regarding your confirmation for dinner [at nominal cost], so, an estimate is made.

Students receiving awards at SOT

Prajakta S. Palkar: Colgate Palmolive Alternative Methods Award (\$3500)

Jaya Chilakpati: SOT Travel Award

Ankur Danyanmote: SOT Travel Award

ASIOA-SOT students award-Nominations request:

ASIOA-SOT has decided to initiate two student awards for excellence. Students who have submitted abstracts to SOT will be considered for these awards. The award committee will review the abstracts from the SOT abstract book and will select the two abstracts for awards. Please let Dr. Chetty know ASAP, if you wish to be considered for the award. The students will be recognized at the meeting and will receive a plaque.

Free Dinner for ASIOA-SOT student members

Dr. Raje, Professor at Long Island University in Springfield, NJ, has graciously agreed to pay the cost of dinner for students attending ASIOA-SOT meeting and reception. To take advantage of this opportunity a pre-registration and attendance of ASIOA-SOT meeting is essential. The number of students receiving free dinner may be limited to first 25 registrants. So, please hurry up and register. If you would like to take advantage of this, please send an email to Dr. Chetty ASAP [chettyc@savstate.edu].

Mailing List

Do you know anyone not receiving this newsletter? Ask your SOT friends. Please let us know the address, phone, fax, and e-mail and we will be happy to include the address in our mailing list. Also if your address has any changes, please send them to Dr. Chellu S. Chetty [chettyc@savstate.edu]

Newsworthy contributions solicited

Please contribute information for the newsletter (any awards, fellowships, job opportunities, any commentary, etc.) for future inclusion. Please e-mail the items to: sonim@bellsouth.net

Membership dues

Please send your annual membership dues to Dr. Chellu S. Chetty. Checks should be made payable to ASIOA-SOT Division.

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**SOT Division of ASIOA
2006 Membership Application**

To apply for an ASIOA membership, please type or print clearly on this form.

New ___ Renewal ___ Change of Address ___

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: Work _____ Home _____ Fax _____

Email: _____

Membership in professional societies:

Research Interest:

National Meetings You Normally Attend:

ASIOA Chapter: _____ ASIOA Division: _____

Dues and Donations: (Circle the applicable items)

Life Membership-----	\$ 200
Annual Membership, ASIOA-----	\$ 20
ASIOA-SOT Division-----	\$ 5
Emeritus/ Retired Membership-----	\$ 10
Post Doctoral Fellow Membership-----	\$ 10
Student Membership-----	\$ 0
Donations-----	\$ _____
Total-----	\$ _____

Check #: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

Introduced By (optional): _____

Make checks payable to ASIOA and mail to the following

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Society of Toxicology
Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America-Society of Toxicology (ASIOA-SOT)
Special Interest Group (SIG)
Bylaws

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America-Society of Toxicology" Special Interest Group (SIG) of the Society of Toxicology hereinafter designated as the "ASIOA-SOT" SIG.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the "ASIOA-SOT" SIG are:

- 1) To promote fellowship among scientists of Asian Indian origin in America.
- 2) To serve as the focal point for interaction of members of the ASIOA-Toxicology
- 3) To enhance collegiality, networking and professional development of all associated with and engaged in the active learning and practice of toxicology.
- 4) To develop, propose, and conduct programs and educational activities in toxicology with emphasis on India.
- 5) To act as a resource to the SOT in the area toxicology as it relates to the interests of ASIOA-Toxicology.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

All members in good standing of the Society of Toxicology or interested in activities of ASIOA shall become members of the "ASIOA-SOT" SIG upon payment of SIG dues. A member of the "ASIOA-SOT" SIG will be dropped from membership if dues are not paid on an annual basis or if he or she is not a member in good standing of the SOT.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND COUNCILORS

The "ASIOA-SOT" SIG Officers shall be President, Vice President, Vice President-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer. There shall be three Councilors. The Vice President-Elect shall be elected annually and the Secretary-Treasurer biannually by the SIG members. They shall serve until their successors are installed. Officers and Councilors shall take office on May 1.

ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCILORS

Section 1. The office of the Presidency shall be for a term of one year. The President, after serving one year, shall be designated immediate Past-President for one year. The President shall preside at all meetings.

Section 2. The Vice President shall become the President of the SIG after serving one year as Vice President. The Vice President shall serve in the absence of the President.

Section 3. A Vice President-elect shall be elected by a majority vote of the ballots cast, and shall become the Vice President of the SIG after serving one year as Vice President-elect. The Vice President-elect shall serve in the absence of the President and Vice President.

Section 4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be chosen by vote of the membership for a term of two years.

Section 5. There shall be three Councilors, who, together with the officers, will comprise the Executive Committee. One shall be elected each year. The third Councilor shall be the immediate Past President.

Section 6. A Nominating Committee consisting of not less than three members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the SIG (i.e., the officers plus Councilors), within two months following installation of officers. The

Committee shall provide a slate of candidates for each election. In the event that the committee fails to identify members who are willing to serve, the previously elected officials can continue to serve for additional terms with the approval of the majority vote from the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Elections shall be held annually by mail ballot. Ballots shall be sent to all SOT Members who have paid "ASIOA-SOT" SIG dues as of January 1 of the election year. The SOT will mail ballots and the costs will be charged to the "ASIOA-SOT" SIG.

Section 8. In the event of a vacancy in the Presidency, the Vice President accedes to that office. Similarly, the Vice President-elect accedes to the office of the Vice President should that office become vacant. A special election must be held to fill the Vice President-elect vacancy, but the Executive Committee may make an appointment to fill the vacancy until such time that an election can be conducted.

ARTICLE VI - ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. The SIG shall be governed by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the four elected officers plus the three Councilors. The President of the Section shall be the chairperson of the Executive Committee. Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. The President will preside at all meeting of the SIG and of the Executive Committee and shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the Executive Committee. In the President's absence, the Vice President shall act for the President.

Section 4. The SIG shall comply with provisions for continued authorization by the Society of Toxicology.

(A). The SIG shall provide annual reports of the activities and finances for the current year as well as plans of programs, activities, and finances for the following year. Annual reports shall be submitted to the SOT Executive Director by August 31 of each year.

(B). The SOT Council shall review annual reports and plans.

(C). The SOT Committee shall consult with the SIG as necessary concerning continued authorization of the SIG.

(D). Society of Toxicology authorization shall be withdrawn from the SIG if it fails to comply with the provisions for continued authorization.

(E). SIG policy statements must be reviewed and approved by the Society of Toxicology in advance.

Section 5. The Secretary-treasurer shall pay authorized bills incurred by the SIG as directed by the Executive Committee. Dues and all other funds will be collected and held by SOT for use exclusively by the SIG. The successor to the Secretary-treasurer shall receive all property of the section following installation of office. The Secretary-treasurer shall record all transactions of all meetings of the Section and the Executive Committee, and shall be responsible for the correspondence of the Section, and shall maintain a list of members and their status.

Section 6. Any SIG funds or other property remaining at the time of termination or abandonment or dissolution of the SIG shall be turned over to the Society of Toxicology and shall become a part of the Society's general funds; no part of any such funds or property shall inure to the benefit of any member or officer of, or person associated with, the SIG.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings shall be held at least annually and as dictated by the membership needs and educational programs of the SIG. The time and place of each meeting shall be established by the Program Committee and communicated to the membership at least two weeks before each meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the president at any time with the approval of the Executive Committee or by presentation to the President of a petition signed by 20% of the membership in good standing.

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of 20% of the members in good standing.

Section 4. Executive Committee meetings shall be held at the discretion of the President provided that each of the members of the Committee is notified at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - DUES

Dues will be established and charged by the SOT Council.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Vice President shall be the Chairperson of the Program Committee whose members are appointed by the Chairperson. The Program Committee shall develop scientific and educational programs consistent with the objectives of the "NAMED" SIG, and provide copies of the material to the Secretary-treasurer who will, in turn, notify the SOT Council prior to developing the program. The Program Committee shall coordinate its activities with the SOT Program Committee and with other appropriate SIG.

Section 2. The President shall appoint other committees as required and shall automatically act as an ex-officio member of such committees. Members of such committees shall serve at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be presented by any member of the SIG in good standing at any regular meeting of the SIG or at any special meeting called for that specific purpose. They shall be presented in writing and shall be offered to the membership present at that meeting on motion for consideration and circulation to the membership. A simple majority shall be necessary to pass the motion.

Amendments accepted for future consideration and circulation shall be printed and circulated with a ballot to all members in good standing. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the ballots returned within 30 days shall be necessary for adoption of any amendment.

Section 2. Amendments to these Bylaws must be approved by the Council of the Society of Toxicology before they become effective. This is done to insure the SIG that future changes in these Bylaws will have the same force as the original, which was so approved.