



# ASIO Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ASIO Members:

It is my distinct honor to serve as your President for the year 2011-2012. Reflecting on the last year, I want to acknowledge the significant achievements and contributions of the ASIO board of directors as well as the membership in general. We had a strong presence during the 50th anniversary celebrations at the SOT meeting in Washington DC earlier this year. Due to the dedication of Binu Philip and several active ASIO members, we attended and contributed to various activities that SOT had planned. You can read all about it in this newsletter if you could not attend in person. With an excellent board of directors (BODs) this year, I am confident that we can build on the momentum set up by the teams that preceded us.

We plan to take a more active part in the special interest group's collaborative group (SIG-CG) and other global reach initiatives being proposed by SOT. In addition, we want to set up a collaboration with STOX in India (Society of Toxicology India) and explore opportunities to jointly host meetings and exchange ideas. We also plan to enhance the contents of our webpage. While all of our energy and focus is on planning events around the annual SOT meetings, we also want to seek ways to have interactions with members and set up webinars and even local events during the rest of the year. Please feel free to contact me with your comments and inputs. We are always in need of more people to serve on various committees.

With three endowment funds and a number of event sponsors, ASIO is one of the prominent special interest groups. Together we can take ASIO further. I seek your commitment as members to provide constructive ideas, actively reach out to people who can benefit from being an ASIO member, serve on ASIO committees, represent ASIO at SOT task forces and groups, and volunteer in planning events, such as the reception at the SOT meeting. Please contact anyone on the current board of directors listed in this newsletter for more information. I look forward to work with you all and contribute significantly to the growth of our organization.

Best regards,  
**Vinayak Srinivasan, President**

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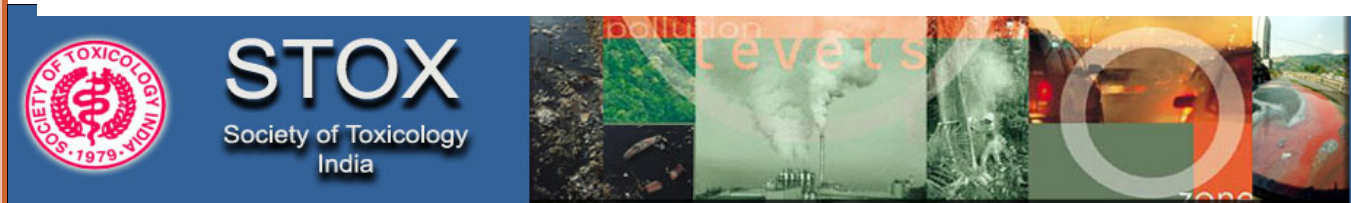
### Outgoing President's Message

It has been my privilege to be part of ASIO over the years. We had a very productive year and I am sure that ASIO will continue the good work under Dr. Vinayak Srinivasan's leadership. Our membership increased considerably due to efforts of Drs. Senthil Kuppasamy, Prajakta, Sudheer Beedanagari, and the team. We had increased the number of student and postdoc awards last year to 9 awards. As a member of SIG collaboration council, I got the opportunity to work with SOT to amend the bylaws that allow non SOT members to become members of ASIO. Our newsletter have a totally new look due to efforts of Drs. Saryu Goel, Mamta Behl and the team. A special mention goes to Dr. Vikrant Vijay for creating a beautiful logo. We received a record number of applicants this year for student awards. Drs. Anumantha Kanthasamy, Shaila Rao, Syed Ali and the team did an excellent job in getting the results on time. Dr. Sachin Devi made sure that we were sound financially and made great efforts to coordinate the telemeeting. Sudheer, Senthil and Vikrant organized the LNL successfully. We had a fabulous annual reception. Vinayak, Saryu and Satheesh spent several days planning and organizing it. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their time to serve in various committees and members, to take this group one step ahead. We have come a long way from a group that met in hotel rooms to one of the pioneering SIG of SOT. Thanks are due to all the senior members for their diligent efforts that laid the foundation of ASIO.

Best Regards,

**Binu Philip, Past President**

### UPCOMING EVENTS



### Presents.....

### XXXI Annual Conference of STOX, December 22-24,2011 | Jaipur, India

[www.stoxindia.org](http://www.stoxindia.org)

The IIS University, Jaipur is organizing XXXI Annual Conference of Society of Toxicology (STOX), India & Symposium on Current Trends in Environmental Toxicology from December 22-24, 2011 at IIS University, Jaipur.

Download Brochure: [www.stoxindia.org/downloads/BROCHURE\\_2011.pdf](http://www.stoxindia.org/downloads/BROCHURE_2011.pdf)

Visit STOX-2011 Conference website: [www.iisuniv.ac.in/stox2011](http://www.iisuniv.ac.in/stox2011)

### Vilcek Foundation awards (\$25,000)

Each year the Vilcek Foundation awards a \$25,000 unrestricted cash prize to a foreign-born biomedical scientist, 38 or younger, who has made a notable contribution to science in the United States. They also select four finalists, each of whom receive a \$5,000 prize. Further information on the Vilcek Prize for Creative Promise can be found by visiting [www.vilcek.org/prizes/overview/index.html](http://www.vilcek.org/prizes/overview/index.html). You will find an on-line application, along with details about the prizes and the Foundation at <http://www.vilcek.org>.

**Deadline: August 14, 2011**

## WELCOME NEW ASIO BOARD 2011-2012



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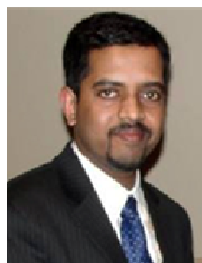
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Distinguished Professor and the Eugene  
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## ASIO LUNCH N LEARN (LNL), 2011



**LNL Participants with Experts and Organizers**  
(Organized by: Drs. Sudheer Beedanagari, Prasad Krishnan, and Vikrant Vijay)

**Experts**  
Dr. William Slikker, Director NCTR (Left)  
Ms. Shawn Tang, Recruiter, Genentech (Right)

The Lunch and Learn (LNL) program, sponsored by ASIO was organized with great success for third year in a row on Tuesday, the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 12:00-1:30 PM at SOT 2011 annual meeting. LNL program is aimed to mentor graduate students and postdoctoral researchers of Indian origin by addressing participant's queries spanning a wide range of topics such as; network building, resume preparation, interviewing skills, and career paths in toxicology. Based on the excellent feedback received from the participants of this program for the past two years, we adopted a new format for this year LNL program by limiting the number of mentors to only two. We were fortunate to have two very well accomplished mentors, **Dr. William Slikker** (Director of NCTR and current Vice President-Elect for SOT council) and Ms. **Shawn Tang** (Principal staffing consultant, Genentech) as part of our 2011 ASIO-LNL program. With a corporate industry background, Ms. Tang brought in a unique perspective to help understand the participants that how a staffing consultant can help the hiring managers in selecting the right candidate by combing through the endless resumes they receive for each open position. The participants kept the program very interactive by asking a diverse set of questions ranging from selecting different career paths in Toxicology to how to ace the interviews.

It was undoubtedly a great networking and learning opportunity for all the participants. We will continue to build and expand this program, based on excellent feedback received from the participants for the past three years. We sincerely encourage all the ASIO student/ post-doc members to utilize this program to build their network with their peers and to be proactive in reaching out to us by providing suggestions to improve the program or any changes they would like to see in the future LNL programs. On behalf of ASIO and LNL organizing committee, we would like to thank all the participants and mentors for their critical role in making this event a resounding success.

**By: Sudheer Beedanagari (Chair), Prasad Krishnan, Vikrant Vijay**  
ASIO-LNL 2011 committee

## GUEST SPEAKER AT THE ASIO ANNUAL RECEPTION, SOT 2011



**Dr. Natwar M. Gandhi**  
**CFO, District of Columbia**

Dr Gandhi gave an inspirational talk entitled “An Indian-American in the Nation’s Capital” and how his office has steered the budget of the District from deficit to record surplus. His office has managed this, despite the fact that many employees working in the district commute and pay taxes to their respective states (Virginia and Maryland), thereby enjoying the DC’s hospitality. His message to the audience was that with hard work and personal integrity, one can achieve success.

## ASIO ANNUAL RECEPTION, SOT 2011



The 2011 ASIO-SOT annual reception was a grand success attended by over 300 members and renowned scientists, a great networking opportunity! Dr. Vinayak Srinivasan, incoming President, 2011-2012 welcomed the guests, recognized the ASIO officers, and provided an update on ASIO accomplishments. Chairs of various committees then provided an update on their activities and accomplishments. A new logo for ASIO was introduced at the reception. Esteemed awards were presented to students, postdocs, and senior scientists to recognize their contributions to the field. Dr. Anumantha Kanthasamy, Councilor, ASIO explained the rigorous selection process for the awards. The new officer bearers for 2011-2012 were introduced by Dr. Sachin Devi. We thank our sponsors, endowment funds, as well as generous contributions from our sponsors.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our endowment fund contributors and sponsors for the awards and refreshments at the reception. The number of sponsors went from three in 2010 to five in 2011. Special thanks to our major contributors of the endowment funds, Drs. Dharm Singh, Harihara Mehendele and Laxman Desai, and our sponsors, Advinus, ViVo Bio, Vanta Bioscience, Jai Research Foundation, and Korean Institute of Toxicology. Sponsors of the event were recognized with plaques, and were given an opportunity to talk to our members about their organizations. Dr. Sury Vulimiri entertained everyone with light music during the break. Sannihith Uppu, a 12 year old middle schooler, was recognized in the reception, as he was the youngest scientist presenting scientific research at SOT annual meeting. Dr. Dharam Singh honored him with a cash award as a token of encouragement.

## AWARDS AND HONORS AT ASIO RECEPTION 2011



### Achievement Award

**Dr. Moiz Mumtaz**

Presented by: Dr. Vinayak Srinivasan



### Senior Member Award

**Dr. Gopala Krishna**

Presented by: Dr. Vinayak Srinivasan



### Young Investigator International Travel Award

**Dr. Sheik M. Sababudeen**

Presented by KIT Sponsor:  
Mr. Vince Rubino



### Dr. Laxman Desai Graduate Student Award

**Aishwarya Sooresh**

Presented by: Dr. Laxman Desai



### Dr. Dharm Singh Postdoctoral Fellow Award

**Dr. Indira Devi Jutooru**

Presented by Dr. Dharm Singh



### Dr. Harihara Mahendale Graduate Student Award

**Dr. Mallikarjuna Basavarajappa**

Presented by: Dr. Laxman Desai



### Dr. Laxman Desai Graduate Student Award

**Dr. Senthilkumar Kuppusamy**

Presented by: Dr. Saryu Goel



### Dr. Dharm Singh Young Investigator Award

**Dr. Saurabh Chatterjee**



### Sponsor Plaque: Advinus

**Dr. K.S. Rao**

Presented by: Dr. Vinayak Srinivasan



### On-the-spot \$200 Cash Award Youngest Presenter at SOT

**Sannihith Uppu**

Presented by: Dr. Dharam Singh

### Dr. Harihara Mahendale Graduate Student Award

**Hariharan Saminathan**

## AWARDS AND HONORS AT ASIO RECEPTION 2011 Contd..



**Sponsor Plaque: Vivo-Bio**  
**Dr. A. Sankarnarayan**  
 Presented by: Dr. Vinayak Srinivasan



**Sponsor Plaque: Jai Research Foundation**  
**Dr. Manish Patel**  
 Presented by: Dr. Vinayak Srinivasan



**Sponsor Plaque: Vanta Bio-Science**  
**Dr. Keith A. Bostian**  
 Presented by: Dr. Vinayak Srinivasan



**Miss Kavya Krishna**  
 Centennial High School Student  
 Presented Poster at SOT



### MEET THE TEAM!!

Thanks to our organizing team for making the reception a grand success!!

*(Left to Right) Drs. Saryu Goel, Prasad Krishnan, Senthilkumar Kuppusamy, Sachin Devi, Satheesh Anand, Vikrant Vijay, and Vinayak Srinivasan*

### POST-RECEPTION DINNER

**Left row:** Drs. Gopala Krishna, Senthilkumar Kuppusamy, Mamta Behl, Saryu Goel, Prasad Krishnan, and Ms. Dhvani Parikh, Sonali Shaligram, Shirisha Chittiboyina

**Right row:** Drs. Vinayak Srinivasan, Vikrant Vijay, Sachin Devi, Sheik Mohideen Sababudeen, Satheesh Anand



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**How:** Online through the SOT website.

#### Member Benefits:

Free for Students and Postdocs (first SIG membership free).

Good way to be united and updates with your fellow-scientists

Learn more about awards and ASIO sponsored events

Opportunity to volunteer and contribute to the scientific community

**For further information, contact any of the committee members**

<http://www.toxicology.org/isot/sig/asio/index.asp>



### ASIO AWARDS

Watch out for announcements of various awards available through ASIO in next newsletter

#### Looking to play an active role in advancing our organization?

We need members like you to come forward and serve on the executive board. All we need is your energy and enthusiasm! How can we serve better? Let us know by emailing Vinayak Srinivasan ([vsrinivasan@rd.us.lore.com](mailto:vsrinivasan@rd.us.lore.com)).