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ASIO Endorsed/Sponsored Events: SOT 2009

- **Safety of High-Intensity Sweeteners: Bittersweet Controversy"**
Chair: Dr. Madhu Soni (Soni & Associates Inc.).
- **A Quarter of a Century (1984-2009) Since the Bhopal Disaster: Lessons Learned**
Chaired by Dr. Brinda Mahadevan (Schering-Plough Research Institute) and Dr. Madhu Soni (Soni & Associates Inc.).
- **Informal Lunch discussion for Students**
- **Student/ Post doctoral Merit Awards**
(Deadline for abstracts: November 17)
- **ASIO-SIG Reception**
- **ASIO Dinner**

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Important ASIO-SOT-SIG deadlines:

- **Nominations for ASIO Positions**
December 15th, 2008
- **Nominations for Senior Member/Science Achievement Award**
December 15th, 2008
- **Call for Abstract submission for Student Awards**
November 17th, 2008
- **Call for submission of session topics for abstract proposals, SOT 2010**
January 15th, 2009

Annual survey & Student Award Applications



We received tremendous response from our members for ASIO- SIG's first annual survey sent out this past summer. Thank you all for participating in the survey and giving us your feedback and input. We are constantly striving to give a new face to ASIO as an SIG and hence welcome all your ideas to consider and implement in the future. Based on the survey results, we are planning on new programs for the students in the SOT meeting in Baltimore, 2009. We are also increasing the number of student awards this year. ASIO invites all students/post docs to submit an extended SOT abstract (consisting of 2 pages) to be eligible for one of several **ASIO MERIT AWARDS** selected based on the scientific content and relevance to toxicology. Please submit your abstract to Dr. Chellu Chetty (chettyc@savstate.edu) before November 17th, 2008.

New Student Activity Planned at Baltimore!

An informal lunch discussion planned by the ASIO will be a great opportunity for students and young investigators to meet with experienced scientists for career guidance and networking.

***Come together,
Share together,
Work together &
Succeed together-
Join ASIO***

SOT-SIG Leadership meeting: Excerpts

President Dr. Gopal Krishna represented ASIO-SOT-SIG at the Leadership Meeting held in July, 2008, in Reston, VA. All of the SIG officers engaged in an informative exchange of ideas related to the funding and logistics for the receptions held in conjunction with the SOT Annual Meetings. Global outreach and the development of SIG strategic objectives were also discussed.

The ASIO and American Association of Chinese in Toxicology (AACT) SIGs described efforts to include more international topics in the Scientific Program of the SOT Annual Meeting. Dr. Krishna reported on recent success, such as the Historical Highlight session "A Quarter of a Century (1984-2009) Since the Bhopal Disaster: Lessons Learned" planned for the SOT 2009 meeting, which was organized and sponsored by the ASIO. There has been a strong drive from the SOT for global out reach for expanding membership through SIGs. This was emphasized and the meeting concluded with the identification of high priority strategic objectives that would be important to embrace in the future SOT strategic plan.

Soliciting nomination for ASIO Senior Member/Science Achievement award

We are requesting nominations from members in order to recognize senior ASIO members who would have led the way and shown us the path forward. We are asking you to bring to our attention individuals who have not only contributed to helping our group get the recognition

and status we are receiving within SOT but have also made significant contributions in the field of toxicology and related disciplines.

Please nominate and submit a nomination letter and one support letter with a detailed description of the

Senior Member's scientific achievements and mentoring capacities. The award committee will review the nominations submitted and will select the awardees (up to two) who will receive a plaque and recognition at the ASIO reception at the SOT meeting in Baltimore. Please submit your nominations to Dr. Gopala Krishna (gkrishna@supernus.com)



Call for session topics for next SOT Annual Meeting

We are seeking topics from members interested in proposing a session that can be sponsored by ASIO at the 49th SOT Annual meeting in 2010 to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. The deadline for submission to the SOT is April 30th 2009.

Please contact Dr. Brinda Mahadevan (brinda.mahadevan@spcorp.com) by January 15th 2009, on session topics for further discussion/finalization at the SOT meeting in Baltimore.

Visit us online @ <http://www.toxicology.org/isot/sig/asio> to see more updates and photos of ASIO-SOT 2008 events



Seeking suggestions for a delightful SOT 2009 meeting- ASIO-SIG reception

We are making great strides in growing our organization and expanding its role within SOT. Thanks to your dedication and support that a number of constructive

suggestions and activities have been discussed and implemented within the short term of attaining SOT-SIG status.

We are looking for additional suggestions on activities that would

improve and increase the visibility of our organization and finalize an effective and enjoyable evening reception of the ASIO in Baltimore. Please send your suggestions to Gopal Krishna (gkrishna@supernus.com) by December 15th 2008.

Seeking nominations for the ASIO Executive Board

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! Let us know by emailing Gopala Krishna (gkrishna@supernus.com) if you are interested or nominate someone you know who may be interested for the following positions by December 15th, 08.

President -Elect:

A President-Elect will be elected annually and shall assume office on January 1 following election. The President-Elect shall become President after one year as President-Elect. Following a one-year term as President, he/she will serve as Past President for one year.

Secretary-Treasurer:

A Secretary-Treasurer-Elect will be elected annually and shall assume office on January 1 following election. The Secretary-Treasurer-Elect shall become Secretary-Treasurer after one year as Secretary-Treasurer-Elect. Following a one year term as secretary-treasurer, he/she will serve as Past Secretary-Treasurer for one year.

Student Representative:

One or more student representatives will be recruited to represent the student community and help assist the councilors.

Please contact any of the committee members to get further information.

Membership Renewal

We would like to remind all our members to renew their memberships while registering for the SOT annual meeting. You can do this online through the SOT website. Please remember that this facility is only available during the time of annual meeting. Students and Postdocs can renew their memberships free of cost (first SIG membership free). So we encourage all our student/postdoctoral community to take advantage of this opportunity and be a part of ASIO. Please feel free to contact any of the committee members if you need further information.

**Be the change you want to see in the world-
Mahatma Gandhi**

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