

# Arab Toxicologists Association

## ANNUAL REPORT: 2020-2021

May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

### I. Officers/Committees:

#### Officers

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
President:	Hasan Falah K. Alghetaa	Hanan N. Ghantous
Vice President-Elect:	Salah Ahmed Soliman	Nabil H. Al-Humadi
Vice President:	Hanan N. Ghantous	Burhan I. Ghanayem
Secretary:	Nabila Saber Ahmed	Nabila Saber Ahmed
Treasurer:	Nabila Saber Ahmed	Amira Kamil Mohammed
Past President	Mohmed Abou-Donia	Hasan Falah K. Alghetaa
Councilors:	Hadil Al Muhisen	Hadil Al Muhisen
PDA Representative:	Saif Abdullah Alharthy	Iyden Kamil Mohammed
Grad Student Representative:	Amira Kamil Mohammed	Saif Abdullah Alharthy
	Laila Al-Eryani	Osama Abdulla
	Noor Aly	Noor Aly & Saeed Alqahtani

Committees: If applicable.

### II. 2020 Membership total: 64

### III. Key Outcomes in 2020-2021:

- A. Developed a procedure for awards review process.
- B. Developed slides explaining the process of becoming a member in SOT/ATA.

### IV. Activities:

- A. 2021 SOT Virtual Annual Meeting Activities (e.g. courses, scientific sessions, or virtual receptions):

#### **Arab Toxicologists Association Special Interest Group Meeting**

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

First ATA virtual reception meeting was held on March 23, 2021 during the annual SOT meeting and it exceeded all expectations. ATA has gained the permission from SOT headquarters to permit participants from worldwide regions to attend the first ATA meeting regardless their membership status, the case that allowed about 200 scientists and students to attend the meeting to be introduced to SOT in general and ATA specifically. Also, during the ATA reception, the new ATA officers board were introduced and ATA-awardees were recognized. ATA has created four different awards, but only three of them were awarded, please refer to the award section in this report.

B. Awards Information:

**Best Publication**

- Saeed Alqahtani, Purdue University

**Outstanding Professional Award**

- Mohamed Ghorab, US EPA

**Distinguished Scientific Presentation Award**

None

**Graduate Student best Abstract**

- Christiana Awada, New York University

C. Other Educational Activities Conducted (e.g. webinars, in person meetings, etc.):

Prepared a Webinar to be presented on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

title: **“Overview of Non-Clinical Safety Assessment for Vaccines and Antiviral Drug Development.”** By Hanan Ghantous and Nabil H. Al-Humadi

D. Communication Activities:

1. Newsletter publication frequency: First annual Newsletter was published in November 2020
2. New or Significant Announcements/blogs: None
3. Highlight of Website enhancements: Website is updated continuously.

E. Mentoring activities: None

F. (Regional Chapters only) Activities supporting undergraduate students: NA

**V. Feedback and Ideas:**

**A. In what ways is your group fostering and maintaining an inclusive environment?**

Meetings are key events that manage our group dynamic. The ATA president plans for the group meetings to discuss the activities and the events of ATA group. For example, some issues are identified to be discussed and solved, assign tasks to group members, bring more members and some other activities.

**B. How might SOT better support your group’s activities (perhaps something the Society should be doing that we currently do not do, or do not do effectively, that would be of importance/benefit to the members of your component group?): Note: If funding is listed, please provide detail on the membership need that the funding would support.**

No comment for now

**C. What is one thing that the Society is currently doing that impacts your component group that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?**

No comment for now

**D. What changes do your component group anticipate making in the way in which it operates in the coming year?**

During the pandemic, all activities such as meetings, webinars, etc., have been held virtually. Virtual work experience, also referred to as online, remote or digital, provides us with the opportunity to communicate with new people and introduce them to ATA and SOT as well.