

# Arab Toxicologists Association Special Interest Group

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Officers/Committees	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
President	Mohamed Abou-Donia	Hasan Alghetaa
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**Activities:** The Arab Toxicologists Association (ATA) has conducted the following activities since the group's establishment.

- The ATA was founded in 2019 as a Special Interest Group (SIG) in the Society of Toxicology (SOT). During the 2019 SOT annual meeting, the principal founder Hadil Al Muhsen and the co-founders who are Saif Alharthy, Nabila Mohamed, Abdullah Alnuqaydan, Hasan Alghetaa, Amira Mohammed, Wurood Neamah, Salah Soliman, Ziad Naufal, Mohamed Abou-Donia, Ola Wasel, Ahmed Abdelmoneim, Abdel-Razak Kadry, Lamia Benbrahim-Tallaa, Hanan N Ghantous, and Abeer Abdelwahab assisted in the recruitment of SOT and non-SOT members to establish ATA as a SIG in SOT. With their teamwork, they were able to reach Arab toxicologists from around the world, adding over 50 members to ATA.
- Several online meetings have been held to discuss topics including, preparing a session proposal for the upcoming SOT meeting, preparing webinars, seeking funding sources for the association ongoing activities, preparing annual newsletters, and creating sub-committees for other duties.

- **SOT 2020 Annual Meeting in Anaheim, California on March 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2020:**
  - ATA organized the first ATA reception. The expected attendance was over 50 people. Dr. Mohamed Abou-Donia called the meeting to order at 6:30-8:30 pm on Tuesday, March 17th. Unfortunately, the 2020 SOT annual meeting was cancelled due to the global pandemic of covid-19.
  - 150 ATA logo pins were created for the reception attendees.



- **Newsletter:**  
The officially approval for establishing ATA was announced June 2019. Following the approval ATA members have learned SOT policies and guidelines and the ATA executive committee plans to start the semi-annual newsletter 2020.
- **Website:**  
Special thanks to the SOT IT team who assisted us through Ashely Black to create the ATA's website which went live in December 2019 to the public. Hadil Al Muhsen was selected to be the 2020 Special Interest Group Website Liaison by the officers of 2020-2021. ATA plans to add additional sections to the website including, fund resources and awards with criteria and deadlines.
- **Webinars:**  
The ATA executive committee discussions it has been determined that some ATA's members will participate in a webinar session.
- **Endowment Fund Details:**  
No endowment fund has been developed.

- **Awards and appreciations information:**

The following members have received a certificate or plaque as an appreciation and recognition for their great help and support.

- Maitham Al-Sammak
- Mohamed Adel Saad Ghorab
- Nabila Mohamed
- Abdullah Alnuqaydan
- Salah Ali Menshawi
- Faten Mohamed Ali Zainy
- Maha Almazroua
- Sahar Issa
- Sulaiman Mohammed Alnasser
- Ola Wasel
- Abdel-Razak Kadry
- Hanan N Ghantous
- Hadil Al Muhsen
- Saif Alharthy
- Hasan Alghetaa
- Amira Mohammed

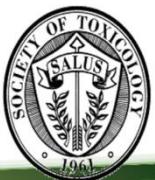
- A photo of a small assembly held during the 2019 SOT annual meeting with members who participated in the establishment of ATA-SIG is attached.
- Also, a photo of a poster that was intended to be presented at the SOT 2020 Annual Meeting is attached.



Through a working dinner during the 2019 SOT Annual Meeting and ToxExpo, the founding members of ATA (and guests) established the group's mission, goals, and other elements in order to formally establish the ATA Special Interest Group.

# Arab Toxicologists Association

## Special Interest Group



### The Golden Period of the Arab Sciences



**Jabir Ibn Hayyan:** First chemist known to produce sulfuric acid.  
**Al-Kwarizmi:** He developed algebra.  
**Al-kindi:** He wrote on 107 recipes for perfumes.  
**Al-Razi:** He wrote on petroleum, alkali, caustic soda, soap and glycerine.  
**Ibn Sina:** Also known as Avicenna. Persian philosopher and scientist known for his contributions to Aristotelian philosophy and medicine



**Abu'l-Wafa Al-buzjani:** He wrote several treatises using the finger counting system of arithmetic.  
**Abul Hasan Ali Al-Masudi:** He wrote on the reaction of alkali water with zaj (vitriol) water giving sulfuric acid.  
**Ibn Al-Haytham:** He was astronomer and mathematician known for his contributions to the principles of optics and the use of scientific experiments.  
**Omar Khayyam (Mathematician and poet):** He gave a complete classification of cubic equations with geometric solutions.



**Muhammad Al-Idrisi:** He is known for having drawn some of the most advanced ancient world maps.  
**Ibn Al-Nafis:** Medicine, Scientific method. He discovered the lesser circulatory system (The cycle involving heart and lung).  
**Al-Farisi:** He introduced important new ideas concerning factorization and combinatorial methods.  
**Ibn Al-Baitar:** He is a botanist and physician.



**Al-Kashi:** He contributed to the development of decimal fraction.  
**Ibn Al-Banna and Al-Qalasadi:** He used symbols for mathematics.  
**Ibn Masoud:** He computed and observed the solar eclipses.  
**Ahmed Zewail:** He became the first Egyptian and the first Arabic to receive a science Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

#### What is the Arab Toxicologists Association?

The Arab Toxicologists Association (ATA) is founded by professionals of Arab origin with expertise in various areas of toxicology working in Arab countries and all over the world. ATA was established in 2019 as a Society of Toxicology Special Interest Group. ATA brings together experts from industry, academia, and government to discuss existing and emerging issues and methods for characterizing chemical exposure to help provide insights into toxicological needs in the Arab world and create organizations of toxicology in Arabic countries. ATA will also provide webinars and lectures to increase the awareness and related toxicology research in Arabic communities inside and outside of US.

#### The Mission of Arab Toxicologists Association

- To establish a Special Interest Group of Toxicologists from the Arab World with a major goal to effectively communicate toxicological ideas and support its members to succeed and achieve excellence in toxicology in the US and worldwide.
- To address current toxicological issues that affect Arab nations, and increase awareness of the involvement of toxic substances in causing diseases.
- To promote the development of marginalized branches of toxicology in Arabic nations.
- To serve as an educational guide for Arabic studies in toxicological science.
- To promote the establishment of Regional Toxicology Societies and of Pan Arab Toxicologist Association to be an umbrella for all Toxicology Associations in all Arab Countries

#### Current Executive Officers



## Join us

### ATA Membership

All members (Arabic/Non Arabic) in good standing of the Society of Toxicology shall become members of Arab Toxicologists Association

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