

## Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists

### **ANNUAL REPORT: 2009-2010**

May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010

#### **I. Officers/Committees:**

<b>Officers:</b>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
President:	Mari Stavanja	Braulio Jiménez-Vélez
President-elect:	Same as vice president	Same as vice president
Vice President:	Braulio Jiménez-Vélez	Pedro L. Del Valle
Secretary:	Ofelia A. Olivero	Ofelia A. Olivero
Treasurer:	Same as secretary	Same as secretary
Councilors:	Javier Avalos Ranulfo Lemus-Olalde	Javier Avalos Ranulfo Lemus-Olalde
<i>Past-President</i>		Mari Stavanja
SAC Representative:		Enrique Fuentes-Mattei
PDA Representative:		Minerva Mercado-Feliciano

#### **Committees:**

HOT board members function as a Steering Committee involved in all the activities organized during the period.

#### **SOT Representatives:**

SOT Global Task Force:	Betzabe Quintanilla
SOT SIG Collaboration Group Representatives:	Braulio Jiménez-Vélez Pedro L. Del Valle

#### **II. Activities**

**2010 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held Salt Lake City, Utah on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Approximately 80 people were in attendance.

Dr. Pedro Del Valle (Vice President) called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and presented highlights of the HOT activities from the past year. He showed a detail of the new and improved Web page and mentioned the importance of Global Outreach and critical role of HOT on that effort.

Dr. Braulio Jimenez (President) spoke after, emphasizing the relevance of a growing membership.

Dr. Olivero (Secretary/Treasurer) spoke about the finances of HOT and encouraged members to pay their duties and to donate to the organization.

A plaque was presented to Mari Stavanja Past president and founder of the Organization  
The Keynote Speaker Guillermina Font-Perez, president of AETOX presented a talk entitled: "Partnership of our organizations AETOX and SOT-HOT: The engine behind the global outreach in Toxicology". A plaque was presented after the talk.

**HOT Travel Awards:** For the past six years, HOT has provided travel awards to Hispanic graduate and post-graduate students working in the area of Toxicology. The purpose of this activity is to support young scientists of Hispanic origin to present and attend the annual SOT meeting. The organization places particular emphasis on research related to toxicological issues in Hispanic communities in the USA and Hispanic countries. The best abstracts are selected from student and postdoctoral submissions by a panel of HOT members. Each year the number of awards depends on the availability of funds and the generosity of the sponsors. The 3 winners of the 2010 HOT Travel Awards were presented at the HOT Reception with a plaque, a check for \$750 and a 1-year HOT membership, and were as follows:

Fanny L. Casado-Peña, Environmental Medicine, University of Rochester. “The aryl hydrocarbon receptor regulates interactions between hematopoietic stem cells and their microenvironment” Casado-Pena, Fanny L.; Singh, Kameshwar P.; Gasiewicz, Thomas. Poster Board # 528 Wednesday March 10, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM, Exhibit Hall.

Linda C. Mota, Environmental Toxicology Clemson University. “PXR status is associated with CYP induction, histopathological effects, and reduced clearance of nonylphenol” Mota, L.C.; Baldwin, W.S. Poster # 329 Monday March 8, 8:30 AM-12:00 PM, Ballroom E.

Dr. Giuliana Noratto, Texas A&M University. “Anti-inflammatory and Anti-cancer Effects of Polyphenolics from Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*) in Colon Cells” Noratto, G. D.; Kim, Y.; Talcott, S. T.; Mertens-Talcott, S. U. Poster Board # 235 Tuesday March 9, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM, Exhibit Hall.

**Newsletters:** The HOT newsletter *Toxenlaces* has been published bimonthly since July 2009. It is distributed by email to all HOT members and our sister organizations outside the United States and the Special Annual Meeting issue is printed and distributed during the SOT Annual meeting. *Toxenlaces* usually includes an article on issues of toxicological importance from Ibero-American countries. Current and past issues are available in the SOT/HOT website at <http://www.toxicology.org/isot/sig/hot/newsLetter.asp> :

- April/May 2010
- February/March 2010 (Special Annual Meeting issue)
- December 2009/January 2010
- October/November 2009
- September 2009
- July 2009

**Teleconferences:** HOT board members met monthly through conference calls.

**Contributions to SOT Web site:** HOT website through the SOT website was expanded for inclusion of our partner organizations and links. In reciprocity, HOT partner organizations now include HOT and SOT websites and links on their web pages.

**Other Special Interest Group 2009-2010 Activities:**

- HOT engaged in a global outreach initiative for integration and networking with similar organizations from all countries in Ibero-America (North, Central, and South America plus Spain and Portugal). A plan for mutual interaction was developed and presented to different national toxicology organizations. Five national organizations, one Ibero-American net and one university agreed with the HOT interaction plan. We currently display these organizations logos and links in the HOT web page and they correspond by displaying the SOT and HOT logo and links. HOT global outreach initiative identified the lack of a national organization of toxicology in many countries and therefore, the initiative is now reaching to universities where toxicology is taught.
  - The HOT board revised the By-laws, submitted the proposal to the SOT Council and obtained final approval.
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