Dear colleagues and friends,

I would like to wish you a very nice Holiday Season. I hope you had a nice year 2011, productive and full of positive events. But if that was not the case and some obstacles were encountered in your journey I wish you strength to be able to continue. All of our successes are there because we helped them come. We were able to attract them because we believed in ourselves, and in others.

So collect yourself and try to stay positive, your career, life and family will do well as far as you stay calm and your mind at ease.

Have a great year 2012.

Ofelia Ana Olivero, Ph.D, ATS
HOT President

Building Bridges Through Toxicology

HOT Sister Organizations

Dear Members of the Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists (Mentors and Mentees),

This year, in addition to the Awards that we offered previously, the HOT is offering a Travel Award for those trainees of Latino/Hispanic origin conducting their research in an institution outside the United States. The application process is the same, and if you are eligible, you will automatically be considered for all the different Award categories.

Here are the details:

The HOT Travel Award is offered to outstanding young scientists of Hispanic/Latino origin to help with associated cost to attend and present their research at the SOT Annual Meeting. Our organization places particular emphasis on good quality research that includes but is not limited to Hispanic population issues pertinent to USA and Latin America. HOT looks forward to continuing to provide these competitive travel awards and encourages the participation of all Hispanic/Latino student and postdoctoral trainee members of HOT. The Award consists of a financial aid to attend the annual meeting and a plaque for your lab or office space. The financial award will be of US$ 750 or more.

Criteria for award:

a) Applicant must be undergraduate, graduate or postdoctoral fellow member of SOT (or applicant) of Hispanic/Latin origin, and also HOT (or applicant) member.

b) Applicant must be first author of the abstract approved by SOT for presentation at the 51st Annual Meeting.

Documents needed in the application:

The applicant must provide the abstract submitted, a copy of the acceptance letter by SOT, and a letter of recommendation from the mentor (not to exceed one page).

All documents should be submitted to: Betina Lew, Ph.D. lew.bj@pg.com with CC to pedrodelvalle@comcast.net (Pedro Del Valle, PhD).

Documents must be received by January 12, 2012 (11:59 PM EST).

HOT will give preference to first-time applicants with quality research; previous winners may apply with the understanding that their probability to obtain a second award may be linked to funding availability after first-time applicant winners have been chosen.

HOT is inviting to all interested Hispanic young toxicologists to join us in our journey to make our organization one of global impact. We look forward to see your application!

Betina Lew, Ph.D.
Chair of Awards Committee, HOT
The Latin America Regional Chapter of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA-LA) will be holding its II Regional Meeting on April 9-12, 2012 at Bogota, Colombia. Activities will include science pre-meeting courses, lectures from international experts in the field of Climate Change, Natural Threats, New Technologies, and Contamination/Environmental Health, in addition with the traditional poster and oral presentation sessions with colleagues coming from all over the Americas. The dateline for abstract submission has been extended to January 15, 2012.

This is an unique opportunity for technicians, researchers, consultants and government officers, with interest in disciplines related to Risk Analysis, to know about what has been done in the region, plan collaborations with colleagues, participate in SRA-LA development, and meet professionals from Academia, Government, Industry and Consulting sectors. Besides, attendants will have the opportunity to enjoy of natural attractions as mountains, lakes, islands and beaches (see flyer on page 5).

For more details about the scientific program, abstract submission, and registration process, please visit the websites www.srala.org and http://congresosrala2012.uniandes.edu.co, or contact Dr. Marcelo Wolansky (presidencia.srala@gmail.com), President of SRA-LA, for more information.

SRA-LA is looking forward to see you there!!

Dr. Jesus Olivero Verbel and Dr. Orish Ebere Orisakwe: The Global Senior Scholar Exchange Program 2012

Last year the Global Strategies Task Force (GSTF) announced the creation of the Global Senior Scholar Exchange Program (GSSEP) (see Toxenlaces 14, page 5). The program was launched to increase toxicology capacity in developing countries for sponsoring senior scientist from developing countries to attend the annual SOT meeting and spend up to 4 weeks at a partnering U.S.-based academic toxicology department of mutual interest. The program initially will found two partnerships this year, one each from the Latin American and African regions. Dr. Betzabet Quintanilla Vega, a HOT member from Mexico, is also a member of the GSTF and participated actively in the selection process. Dr. Quintanilla mentions that the process of selection was tough because of the good quality of all the proposals submitted.

A total of 18 proposal were received, 7 from Latin American region (Peru 2, Argentina 1, Brazil 1, Colombia 1, Mexico 1, and Venezuela 1) and 11 from African regions (Nigeria 7, Egypt 2, South Africa 1, and Ethiopia 1). Each proposal was evaluated based in specific characteristics as its global regional benefits, its impact in Toxicology or related fields, potential of the applicant. From a first evaluation, only the 3 proposals with the major scores from each region were selected. From Latin American region, the proposals selected were from Argentina, Brazil and Colombia, whereas from African region were, 2 from Nigeria and, 1 from South Africa. The selected proposals were through a second evaluation, which was even tougher since the scores between countries of the same region were very tight. However, after the second round, the Committee finally selected the proposals from each region to be sponsored this year.

The winners were the proposals submitted by Dr. Jesus Olivero Verbel, from Colombia (Universidad de Cartagena), and Dr. Orish Ebere Orisakwe, from Nigeria. There is no doubt that this achievement will lead the research of these scientists to a new perspective.

As a minority scientific community, we are encouraged to take advantage of this type of programs since they will allow to show, and share, our potential and capacity, usually limited by lack of resources. Congratulations to Dr. Olivero and Dr. Ebere for this reached milestone!
Looking for you!!
Feature Trainee Needed

It is time the world knows about you!! We are looking for Hispanic trainees to be feature in Toxenlaces. If you are that trainee or if you want to nominate somebody then send an email to Minerva Mercado-Feliciano, HOT Secretary (mercadofelicim@niehs.nih.gov) for more information.

Come on, go ahead, we all want to hear about your exciting scientific journey!!

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| Several deadlines to apply for SOT awards, some are (form complete list visit [http://www.toxicology.org/ai/af/awards.aspx](http://www.toxicology.org/ai/af/awards.aspx)):
| January 1 - Comparative and Veterinary — Roger O. McClellan Student Award
| Toxicologic and Exploratory Pathology - Charles Capen Student Travel Award
| January 6 - Immunotoxicology — Best Presentation by a Postdoctoral Trainee Award
| January 13 - Occupational and Public Health — Best Manuscript Award
| January 20 – Mechanisms — Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Award
| January 21 - Risk Assessment — Best Overall Abstract Award
| January 27 - Food Safety — Frank C. Lu Student Award
| January 31 - Dermal Toxicology — Battelle Student Research Award
| Neurotoxicology - Graduate Student Poster Award
| Nanotoxicology - Outstanding Graduate Student Award

| Jan 12          |
| Deadline to apply for HOT – Travel Award

| Jan 27          |

| Feb 3           |

| Feb 17          |

| Mar 11-15       |

| April 9 - 12    |
| II Regional Meeting of Society of Risk Analysis – Latin America Regional Chapter [http://congresosrala2012.uniandes.edu.co](http://congresosrala2012.uniandes.edu.co)

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El Congreso Regional de la “Society for Risk Analysis Latin America” (SRA-LA) se realiza de manera bianual y convoca a investigadores, profesionales, docentes y estudiantes de Latinoamérica y el Caribe; con el ánimo de compartir experiencias asociadas al análisis de riesgo y la atención de emergencias.

Abril 9 al 12 de 2012
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Diciembre 20 de 2011
2012 HOT-SOT Annual Meeting Sponsors

The Hispanic Organization for Toxicologists (HOT) is a Special Interest Group (SIG) within the Society of Toxicology integrated by professionals of Hispanic origin with expertise in scientific areas associated with Toxicology. HOT membership is diverse representing industrial, academic, governmental, and commercial organizations from the USA and Ibero-America countries. It serves as a focal point for interaction, fellowship, networking, and professional development among Hispanic Toxicologists in the United States and the international Spanish and Portuguese-speaking scientific communities with emphasis in outreach to the Hispanic population and it operates in compliance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Please visit our web site at http://www.toxicology.org/isot/sig/hot.

Corporate sponsorship will help HOT bring together Hispanic Toxicologists in the United States and international Spanish and Portuguese-speaking Toxicologists attending the 2012 SOT Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, March 11-15th for interaction, networking, mentoring, and expanding the SOT outreach efforts in global toxicology. Your organization’s sponsorship will help sustain HOT’s effort to promote scientific excellence in toxicology. HOT offers Travel Awards to support Students and Postdocs in the United States and other countries to offset the cost for presenting their research at the SOT Annual Meeting. HOT activities also include the evening reception and dinner sponsorship and bimonthly publication of our newsletter Toxenlaces. Your sponsorship also helps increase your organization visibility to SOT and HOT members, annual meeting attendees, and the international Spanish and Portuguese-speaking scientific communities, and provides opportunities for recruiting young scientist and experienced toxicologists to your company.

There are four levels of sponsorship available, as follows:

HOT Distinction Level 1: Evening Reception Sponsorship, $1,700 or more
HOT Distinction Level 2: Distinguished Hispanic Toxicologist Lecture & Luncheon Sponsorship, $1,200
HOT Distinction Level 3: Student & Postdoctoral Travel Awards Sponsorship, $800
HOT Distinction Level 4: Toxenlaces Publicity Sponsorship, $500

If you would like to sponsor any of these events of HOT at the 2012 SOT meeting, please send your check payable to “Society of Toxicology Fund for HOT-SIG” and mail to Society of Toxicology Fund, 1821 Michael Faraday Drive, Suite 300, Reston, VA 20190. If you have any further questions or need clarification, please email your inquiries to Sergio Villalobos, Ph.D. Treasurer, 27410@yahoo.com.

2012 HOT-SOT Annual Meeting Sponsorship Opportunities

HOT Distinction Level 1: HOT Evening Reception Sponsorship Benefits ($1,700 or more)
- Prize drawing box in your booth for a HOT drawing – two prizes awarded. Attendees will drop their business cards at your booth.
- Special front-page sponsorship acknowledgement in the February-March 2012 HOT Newsletter, Toxenlaces, copies available at the Annual Meeting HOT stand.
- Acknowledgment of your sponsorship and participation in the HOT Reception Night in a special report about the event in the April-May 2012 Toxenlaces, including pictures.
- Special sponsorship acknowledgement in the HOT Web site and Toxenlaces Newsletter (June 2012 through May 2013).
- Five invitations to the HOT Reception Night.

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- Special sponsorship acknowledgement in the February-March 2012 HOT Newsletter, Toxenlaces, copies available at the Annual Meeting HOT stand.
- Acknowledgment of your sponsorship and participation in the HOT Reception Night in a special report about the event in the April-May 2012 Toxenlaces, including pictures.
- Special sponsorship acknowledgement in the HOT Web site and Toxenlaces Newsletter (June 2012 through May 2013).
- Four invitations to the HOT Reception Night.

HOT Distinction Level 3: Student & Postdoctoral Travel Awards Benefits ($800)
- Recognition in the February-March 2012 HOT Newsletter, Toxenlaces, copies available at the Annual Meeting HOT stand.
- Acknowledgment of your sponsorship and participation in the HOT Reception Night in a special report about the event in the April-May 2012 Toxenlaces, including pictures.
- Special sponsorship acknowledgement in the HOT Web site and Toxenlaces Newsletter (June 2012 through May 2013).
- Three invitations to the HOT Reception Night.

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- Two invitations to the HOT Reception Night.