Welcome to our Newsletter

We are writing to give you an update of some of the new initiatives the Hispanic Organization for Toxicologists of SOT is launching this year. Our initial steps are geared towards improving communication among our members and the larger scientific community. We would like to thank you for your continuous support and ask you to keep participating in our organization. We will keep you posted periodically with more information about initiatives, travel awards or positions available for toxicologists.

Sincerely,
Braulio Jimenez and Pedro Del Valle
President and Vice President HOT

HOT Opportunities for Online Networking

We consider of high importance to have a network of communication among members of our organization. As such we want to encourage you to join two website forums for discussion where we will be able to post our needs, exchange information and establish professional connections: Nature Network and our own HOT Forum at the Society of Toxicology website. Instructions on how to join these forums are easy and summarized on the next page.

The Nature Network (NN) is a social networking website for scientists provided free of charge by the publishers of the journal Nature. We have created a closed forum for discussion at NN, where we will be able to post our needs, exchange information and establish professional connections: Nature Network and our own HOT Forum at the Society of Toxicology website. Instructions on how to join these forums are easy and summarized on the next page.

Additionally we would like to bring to your attention a new tool provided by SOT called SOT Forum. This website, open to all SOT members, will also provide a place for exchange of information.

We hope you find these good venues to connect with other HOT members.
Join other scientists for online conversation today!

Discuss science or policy, ask questions, meet or stay in touch with key career contacts...

Important Websites

- Society of Toxicology
  [https://www.toxicology.org/](https://www.toxicology.org/)
- Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists (HOT)
  [http://www.toxicology.org/isot/sig/hot](http://www.toxicology.org/isot/sig/hot)
- HOT at Nature network
  [http://network.nature.com/groups/hot](http://network.nature.com/groups/hot)
- HOT Forum at SOT
  Go to:
  [https://www.toxicology.org/ai/news/toast.asp](https://www.toxicology.org/ai/news/toast.asp) and look down the list for ‘Hispanic Organization for Toxicologists’
- SOT Career Resources
  [https://www.toxicology.org/ai/newcrad/](https://www.toxicology.org/ai/newcrad/)
- SOT Grant and Funding Opportunities
  [https://www.toxicology.org/ms/grant_funding.asp](https://www.toxicology.org/ms/grant_funding.asp)
- SOT Specialty Sections

To join the Nature Network:
1. Go to [http://network.nature.com/](http://network.nature.com/)
2. Click on “Sign Up” and follow the instructions provided
3. Fill out your profile as much or as little as you desire. Remember that NN is open to the whole world and can help you meet other scientists.
4. Email to mercadofelicim@niehs.nih.gov asking to join the HOT group inside NN. You will not be able to find our private group without invitation.
5. Minerva will send you an invitation by e-mail. Follow the instructions in that email. Call her at 919-541-9012 if you run into trouble.

To use the HOT SOT Forum:
1. Go to [http://www.toxicology.org/ai/news/toast.asp](http://www.toxicology.org/ai/news/toast.asp) or from the main SOT page click on “Members/Scientists”, then on “services > Forum”.
2. Click on “Login” and enter your email and SOT website password.
3. Look for the “Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists” forum under the “Special Interest Groups” subheading and click on it.
4. To start a new topic click on the “New Topic” button. To participate in an ongoing topic, click on the “Reply” button.

Please note that job postings should be added to the SOT Career Resource and Development Services Job Bank ([https://www.toxicology.org/ai/newcrad/](https://www.toxicology.org/ai/newcrad/)) before announcing them in either the NN or HOT SOT Forum.

Coming Soon: HOT Directory of Experts

Finally, we want to let you know of a new project still in development: a Directory of Experts that will be part of our webpage. This Directory aims to be a source of names and expertise to be used to refer individuals based on their profile. By building a database with names and expertise, individuals could be selected for specific events (i.e. awards, conference speakers, representatives to meetings, jobs, etc).

We are now working on the logistics and web access, but hope to be asking for your information very soon. The Directory could be public or password protected, and that would be decided upon consultation with the HOT members. If you would like to participate in that decision, please send your opinion to Minerva at mercadofelicim@niehs.nih.gov.