I. Officers/Committees:

Officers:  
2006-2007: Carol Auletta, Maryka Bhattacharyya  
2007-2008: Maryka Bhattacharyya, Stacie Wild

President: Carol Auletta  
President-Elect: Stacie Wild  
Vice President: Maryka Bhattacharyya  
Secretary/Treasurer: Melissa Rhodes  
Councilors: Stacie Wild, Katie Sprugel  
Past-President: Mary Ellen Cosenza  
Student Liaison: Sharmilee P. Sawant

II. Change in Status

Women in Toxicology officially changed from a Specialty Section to a Special Interest Group in 2007.

III. Activities

2006-2007 Meetings:

1. Annual 2007 SOT Meeting

WiT Meeting/Reception

The **2007 Annual Meeting/Reception** was held March 27, 2007 in Charlotte, NC. Over 100 women and men were in attendance. Carol Auletta called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM after a short networking session. The reception featured an update on WiT business and then a panel discussion with the speakers from the Women’s Health Initiative workshop:

- Marcia Stephanic, Stanford University School of Medicine (Breast and Colorectal Cancer, Menopausal Hormone Therapy (MHT), Low-fat Eating Pattern and Dietary Supplements)
- Joan McGowan, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases (Fracture Prevention, MHT and Dietary Supplements)

- Denise Bonds, University of Virginia (Cardiovascular Disease and MHT)

- Claudine Legault, Wake Forest University School of Medicine (Age-Associated Cognitive Decline: Effects of MHT)

Some areas covered were:

- What lessons were learned from WHI regarding promotion of personal health?

- What key messages can we translate to other women?

How can we better advise women based on the WHI results?

- If the study were conducted again, what changes would you make?

- What insights might you share regarding the politics of working on the WHI?

- What central message would you like to communicate regarding your experiences as a woman scientist?

Awards:

Student Achievement Awards for outstanding achievement in academics, leadership, and community service were presented to:

Student Awards:

- **Jenny Cohen** (University of Arizona) – PhD candidate
- **Julie Gosse** (Dartmouth University) – Post- Doc

WiT Service Recognition awards for contributions in mentoring women in the field of toxicology presented to:

Service Recognition (Mentoring) Award(s):

- **Dr. Paige Lawrence** (Rochester University)
- **Dr. Miriam Poirier** (National Institutes of Health)
- **Dr. Katherine Squibb** (University of Maryland)

These awards are given to individuals who have been a major force in education/training/mentorship of women scientists in toxicology and/or whose leadership and service have provided career development and encouragement to women toxicologists.

Elsevier – Women in Toxicology Award Established

The Elsevier Foundation announced that it will be providing a $10,000 grant to establish this award, to begin in 2008, and that WiT will administer this.

WiT Executive Committee Meeting
This meeting was held on Monday, March 26, 2007 from 7:00 – 8:00 am to review reception plans, introduce newly-elected officers, summarize WiT sponsored sessions, and discuss program proposals for 2008.

**SOT Welcome Mixer/Graduate Student Poster Session**

Sharmilee Sawant and Marka Bhattacharyya attended the session and presented a poster about WiT activities.

2. **Activities outside of the SOT Annual Meeting**

   Conference calls every 2-3 months to plan for the annual Meeting, discuss increasing membership, continued mentoring opportunities; and other issues related to WiT’s mission.

   WiT introduced two new subcommittees, Mentoring committee and the Monitoring and Visibility Committee. The Mentoring committee is responsible for establishing a mentoring network that will foster scientific and professional collaboration between women toxicologists at all stages of their careers.

   The Monitoring and Visibility Committee will track the progress of the receipt of SOT awards by women and the appointment/election of women to leadership positions in SOT.

   Carol Auletta and Maryka Bhattacharyya represented WiT at the Specialty Section/Special Interest Group Presidents/Vice Presidents meeting in Chicago in August 2007.

3. **Proposal for Programs for 2008**

   WiT proposed Informational Sessions on 1) Mentoring 101 – How to Mentor and 2) Work/Life Balance – You CAN Do It All. WiT also was selected to endorse/sponsor an additional proposals for the 2008 program.