

NAME OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP: Women In Toxicology

**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:	Stacie Wild	Laura Andrews
President-elect:	Laura Andrews	Suzy Fitzpatrick
Vice President:	Suzy Fitzpatrick	Brinda Mahadevan
Secretary/Treasurer:	Frances Croft	Frances Crofts
Councilors:	Kristina Chadwick	Melissa Rhodes
	Melissa Rhodes	Leigh Ann BurnsNaas
<i>Past-President</i>	Maryka Bhattacharyya	Stacie Wild
SAC Representative:		Courtney Kozul
PDA Representative:		Louisa Hoven

**Committees:** If applicable.

**II. Activities**

**2010 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held Wednesday March 10, 2010 in Salt Lake City, UT with approximately 150 people attending. The WIT SIG again chose a slightly earlier time to hold the reception in hopes of getting a higher participation. Dr. Andrews called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM on March. A brief networking exercise was conducted with the goal that everyone made new connections in ten minutes. This was great opportunity to network within the SIG. The business meeting covered the introduction of the new officers, the activities from the last year and plans for the next year's activities. Highlighted in this presentation was the support that the WIT SIG gave to SOT proposals including a brief recap of the sponsored programs for 2009 and a discussion of proposals for the upcoming SOT meeting in 2010. Following the business meetings several awards were given and the meeting was adjourned.

**2010 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:**

**ICH Initiatives for Conducting Pharmaceutical Preclinical Safety Studies: New and Revised Guidelines and Challenges**

**Date: Sunday March 7, 2010**

**1:15-5:00 PM**

**Sponsor:** Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section

**Endorsed by:**

Carcinogenesis Specialty Section

Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology Specialty Section

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**Ovarian Toxicity: Current Concepts in Toxicology, Pathology, and Mechanisms**

**Date: Monday March 8, 2010**

**9:15 AM- Noon**

**Sponsor:** Reproductive and developmental Toxicology Specialty Section

**Endorsed by:**

Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section

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**Research Advances and Enduring Needs in Children's Environmental Health Protection**

**Date: Tuesday March 9, 2010**

**9:00AM- 11:45 AM**

**Sponsor:** Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology Specialty Section

**Endorsed by:**

Occupational and Public Health Specialty Section

Risk Assessment Specialty Section

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**Women's Health: Toxicology and Safety of Complementary and Alternative Medicine**

**Date: Tuesday March 9**

**12:00 – 1:20PM**

**Sponsor:** Women in Toxicology Special Interest Group

**Endorsed by:**

Food Safety Specialty Section

Molecular Biology Specialty Section

Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section

**Science Communication In 2010: A New Decade in Toxicology and Need for Better Communication**

**Date: Tuesday March 9  
12:00 – 1:20 PM**

**Endorsed by:**

Ethical, Legal and Social Issues Specialty Section  
Postdoctoral Assembly  
Women in Toxicology Special Interest Group

**Awards**

**New Awards Committee Formed!**

This year was a banner year for applications for the WIT Awards! We had 10 nominations for the Mentoring Award, 15 for the Student Awards, and 14 for the Hudson-Weisburger Scholarship Award! As a result, the Executive Committee has agreed that it's time to create an official Awards Committee for the SIG. This committee will be chaired by the Senior Councilor who will mentor the Junior Councilor (co-Chair) in the role. The committee will be responsible for the following: 1) review and selection of the Mentoring, Student, and Postdoctoral Awards; and 2) review and recommendation to the Executive Committee of up to 4 finalists (2 minimum) for the Hudson-Weisburger Award. We will be limiting membership on the Awards Committee to non-student, non-postdoc as the primary activity will be reviewing student/postdoctoral applications and anyone who applies or is nominated for an award would necessarily have to recuse themselves from the selection process (and we're encouraging as many student and postdoctoral applications as possible!). We'll see how this first year goes and will consider modifications to this new process next year.

**2010 Women in Toxicology SIG Award Winners**

*Elsevier Mentoring Award*

Dr. Curtis D. Klaassen

*Student Achievement Award*

Gayathri Chadalapaka

Christina M. Powers

Erin M.G. Allen (Honorable Mention)

*Postdoctoral Achievement Award*

Dr. Michele A. La Merrill

*Vera W. Hudson and Elizabeth K. Weisburger Scholarship Fund Student Award*

Natalie Malek Johnson

