MINUTES: AD HOC MEETING FOR 2010 SOT PROPOSALS

Attendees: Stacie Wild, Laura Andrews, Fran Crofts, Kristina Chadwick, Courtney Kozul, Brinda Mahdevan, Melissa Rhodes, Suzy Fitzpatrick

Regrets: Maryka Bhattcharyya, Sarah Campion, Jenny Cohen

❖ The following proposals were reviewed. All were endorsed; Stacie will follow up with Tao regarding need for proposed ICH CE course to include non-US presenters.

1) Embracing Diversity: Minorities and Women in the Workforce, What has Worked and Why?” (Symposium) – Ofelia and Stacie

Comments: Timely proposal; important topic for SOT members. Suggested this should be an informational session. WIT suggested to add a speaker placeholder as TBD – still waiting to hear from Arlene Blum. Also may want to consider contacting Rita Caldwell. **Action: Stacie will follow-up with Ofelia.**

Post-Meeting Note: Arlene Blum accepted the invitation for Ofelia’s proposal 30-Apr-09

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2) Women’s Health: Toxicology and Safety of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (Symposium) – Brinda and Diana

- Food and specialty section will also endorse

Comments: Well thought out, good proposal. WIT felt this was a good topic to endorse. Note, there are 2 speakers requesting full funding. A 3rd speaker has recently requested funding. WIT recommended that the 3rd speaker be listed as no additional funding needed and to follow-up with speaker. **Action: Brinda and Diana will work with NCAM (National Complementary and Alternative Medicine) organization to obtain funding for this 3rd speaker.**
3) Toxicological Considerations of Pharmacotherapy During Pregnancy (Symposium or Informational Session) – Melissa and Ofelia

Comments: WIT felt this should be proposed as an Informational session. Good topics. May want to add an introduction with a review of reproductive toxicology studies and product labels as a link to the first speaker on selecting the right medicines for pregnant patients. Melissa will submit proposal.

Post-Meeting Note: Melissa added a speaker to discuss reproductive toxicology and pregnancy labels as the 1st talk of the session and proposal was submitted as an information session.

4) Reg. Tox and Risk Assessment processes for Preventative and Therapeutic vaccine development (CE course) – LeighAnn Burns Naas

Comments: Very timely proposal, especially with all the discussion around a swine flu vaccine. Good selection of speakers – well developed proposal. Action: Stacie will follow-up with LeighAnn.


Comments: Would support more strongly if perspective was more global (eg, include presentation from EU regulator). Action: Stacie will follow-up with Tao.

6) Gender Differences in Toxicological Response (attached) – Kathy Gabrielson
**Comments:** Important topic, good speakers including some strong men speakers. Discussion around whether this was suitable for a symposium and WIT felt that it is cutting edge and should be submitted as a symposium. **Action: Stacie to follow-up with Kathy.**

**Gender differences in toxicological response**


**Comments:** well-thought out and prepared proposal. Good speakers. Includes a global perspective (Japan). A strength as SOT strives to be a global force in toxicology. **Action: Laura will follow-up with William.**

8) Science Communication in 2010 – A new decade in Toxicology and Need for Better Communication – Banalata Sen and Sneha Bhatia (Brinda Mahadevan)

**Comments:** Good topic we should endorse. Good fit with WIT – Linda Birnbaum will speak and she’s been a great supporter of WIT. Chairpersons were planning to propose as CE course, WIT recommended that it be submitted as an Education-Career Development Session. **Action: Brinda will follow-up with Bana.**

**Other Business**

**Newsletter:** Stacie is updating with SOT Reception news and photos. **Action:** Stacie will send to group next week for review.

**Post-Meeting Note:**

Communication from Laura Andrews on 11-May-09

- A proposal from Sally Darney was distributed for comment.
- The symposium presented by Bill Brock was originally considered as an endorsement but is now being asked for Primary sponsorship.
- Two symposia (listed below) requested Primary Sponsorship and ranking was requested:
  a. Ovarian Toxicity: Current Concepts in Toxicology, Pathology and Mechanisms
  b. Women's Health: Toxicology and Safety of Complementary and Alternative Medicine