Women in Toxicology (WIT) - Special Interest Group
Society of Toxicology
EC F2F Meeting
24 Mar 2015
10:45 am (EDT), 9:45 am (CDT), 8:45 am (MDT), 7:45am (PDT)

Attendees F2F: Brenda Faiola, Courtney Horvath, Jessica Sapiro, Sharmilee Sawant, Phoebe Stapleton, Alex Lau, Tao Wang, Marie Fortin, Jaime Mirowsky
By Phone: Laurie Haws, Prathibha Rao

Agenda and Discussions:

1. SIG-GC
SIG-GC met on 23 March 2015 at the annual SOT meeting. Brenda Faiola and Tao Wang of WIT were present at the meeting. Tao and Prathibha will rotate off the SIG-CG while Brenda and Sharmilee will rotate on for the 2015-2016 term. The subject of the 2016 Global Hot topics event was discussed and mycotoxins was suggested. Please recommend speakers to Brenda if you know of any. This year’s Global Hot Topics subject was natural products; the SIG-CG may attempt to submit a proposal on this subject and also are asking for speaker suggestions.

2. Post-doc/GSLC updates
There was a networking activity which resulted in a lot of activity and visitors (75+) at the WIT poster at the student/postdoc mixer on Sunday evening at the annual meeting. Next year it would be helpful to have additional support from WIT EC or members to staff the poster. There were many questions about mentoring opportunities through WIT. A brown bag lunch, career panel and/or speed networking event was suggested to be organized by WIT for next year’s meeting.
Jessica won the outstanding graduate student leadership award; making this 2 years in a row where the WIT student rep has received this award.
Jessica provided an update on the GSLC priorities: Communication, professional development (webinars and joint symposium at annual meeting with PDA) and programming (Chat with an Expert, Student/Post-doc Mixer).
PDA meeting had not yet occurred at the time of the WIT F2F meeting.
Action Items: EC should consider WIT specific mentoring activity/initiative at future annual meeting.

3. Recommendations on Awards
The recommendations from the awards committee were reviewed. There was significant discussion on the mentoring award and updating the criteria so it is not biased towards academics as well as overall recommendations for the award selection process.
Action Items: Alex to update the award criteria and send a revised rubric to the EC taking into account the suggested changes recommended by the awards committee ahead of the May EC meeting; subsequent to reviewing this information, the EC will revisit this topic and modify the website descriptions as deemed necessary.

4. Update web content
Jessica to update the “committees” section of the webpage per the amended bylaws. There was discussion surrounding updating the “officer duties” page as the duties tend to fluctuate slightly with each installment of a new EC term. The descriptions on the webpage are currently very specific and reflect the duties as they were prior to the bylaws update from the time when Kristina Chadwick was
President. It was decided that it is best to retain this webpage but to provide less details and align the content with the duties as set forth in the amended bylaws. 

Action Items: Each EC rep to look at the officer duties content and suggest how the description can be changed (due at April 7th EC meeting). 

Post-meeting note: Brenda reviewed entire content and provided suggested changes on 07Apr15 ahead of the EC meeting.

5. WIT EC meetings
The meeting date and time (first Tuesday of each month at 3pm Eastern time) and TC line dial-in details will remain the same when the change in term goes into effect on 01 May 2015.

Post-meeting note: Brenda has extended the invitation through the next term.

6. Outreach event
Jessica provided an update on the San Diego Science Festival Event that occurred on 21 March 2015 and Courtney provided an update on the Girl Scouts of Eastern MA event that occurred on 15 March 2015. A summary of both events will be included in the next newsletter.

The next regular monthly WIT EC teleconference will be 07 Apr 2015 at 3:00 pm EDT. Incoming and outgoing EC members are to attend.