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II. Activities:

**2015 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held in San Diego, California on Monday, March 23, 2015 at the San Diego Convention Center Room 31 CC. Approximately 40-60 people were in attendance. Dr. Faustman called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00PM

**Awards Presented:**

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Abstract #2061: Penfluridol, an Antipsychotic Drug-Mediated Suppression of Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Metastasis to Brain through Inhibition of Integrinα6β4.

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2015 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions Sponsored or Cosponsored by our Specialty Section:

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7:00 AM to 7:45 AM, CC Ballroom 6B
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SR01 CE Basic

Chairperson(s): James E. Klaunig, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN; and Udayan M. Apte, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS.
Endorser(s): Carcinogenesis Specialty Section

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Strategies for Exposure and Risk Assessments

Chairperson(s): George M. Woodall, NCEA, US EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC; and Paul White, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON, Canada.
Endorser(s): Carcinogenesis Specialty Section, Mixtures Specialty Section, Risk Assessment Specialty Section

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4:30 PM to 5:50 PM, CC Ballroom 6E
Roundtable Session: The Future of Carcinogenicity Testing

Safety Assessment Approaches for Product Development

Chairperson(s): Yvonne Dragan, DuPont, Newark, DE; and James E. Klaunig, Indiana University, Ellettsville, IN.
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Symposium Session: Chromatin Structure, Genomics, and Transcriptional Responses to Environmental Insults

Epigenomic Influences in Toxicological Responses

Chairperson(s): Ivan Rusyn, Integrative Biosciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX; and Igor Pogribny, National Center for Toxicological Research, Jefferson, AR.
Endorser(s): Carcinogenesis Specialty Section, Mechanisms Specialty Section, Molecular and Systems Biology Specialty Section

Treasury Report:
The current balance of our budget is $2,841 as of May 31, 2015. The current number of members is 250. This breaks down as: 14 associate members, 2 associate international members, 1 emeritus full member, 29 full international members, 136 full members, 4 postdoctoral international members, 13 postdoctoral members, 41 student members, and 10 student international members.

Endowment Fund Details:
The Environmental Carcinogenesis Research Fellowship Endowment Fund (by Helmut Zarbl, Ph.D., ATS, CSS Past President).
Over the last 2 years we launched a newly named endowment fund that will provide stipends for research, travel to scientific meetings, and special training courses for students and postdoctoral fellows who are recipients of awards given for excellence in carcinogenesis research. The first award(s) from the fund will be given when the Fund has assets in excess of $50,000. Although this seems like a daunting and lofty goal, SOT has just made it a whole lot easier.

Between June of 2013 and June of 2016, SOT announced and we discussed at the business meeting that it will provide matching funds, $ for $ on all donations to named funds!!! Matching will continue (on a first come, first served basis) until the $400,000 they have allotted to this cause has been expended.

The current balance in the fund is $2,833.

At the business meeting there was some excitement generated by “auctioning” off the remainder of SOT logo mugs. Many people participated and we generated anywhere from $50 to $200 per mug. If this fund does not reach the goal of $50,000 these funds revert to the CSS.

Updates on possible endowment options were presented to the Carcinogenesis Specialty Section. Membership discussed options for increasing contributions to our award. At the Annual meeting last year Helmut Zarbl, past president, offered to auction off ballroom dance lessons which were very popular. This time we only had mugs to auction!

Dharm Singh Carcinogenesis Award Fund (Endowment) continues as a successful fund supporting the Dharm Singh graduate student award every year. The current balance in this award is $38,470 (March 31, 2015).

**Newsletters:** Spring 2015, Winter 2014 (see attached)

**Teleseminars:** None

**White Papers:** None. The Carcinogenesis Specialty Section leadership discussed with the Issue Statement Review Task Force, on behalf of SOT Council, their request to help in reviewing a SOT Issue (or Position) Statements (IS) Updates on whether the following document should be retained; retained, but updated; or retired. The Tox Topic in question was titled “Breast Cancer As a Multifactorial Disease: Interaction of Genetics, Life Stage, and the Environment”. It was decided that this topic had little reference to toxicology and breast cancer as written and would need to be recreated with a new construct. Further development of this topic did not occur.

**Contributions to SOT website:** NA

**Other Specialty Section 2014-2015 Activities:**
Conference calls every month to 1.5 months. Established a program committee that helped with program review. Regular newsletters.
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Elaine M. Faustman, Ph.D. DABT

Dear CSS Members:

Hello! Greetings from the Carcinogenesis Specialty Section! As we head to the SOT annual meeting it is my pleasure to share with you many of the opportunities for our members.

For example we are sponsoring or endorsing 4 activities at the annual meeting (listed below) and I hope to see many of you there.

In addition we are very pleased to introduce our student award winners. We have posted both their pictures and times for their presentations below to encourage you to meet them and congratulate them personally. Great research by all who submitted! Special thanks to those who reviewed their materials!

We have just formed an ad hoc program committee to help with submission of new proposals for Carcinogenesis at the 55th Annual Meeting March 13–17, 2016 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. Special thanks in advance to Yvonne Dragan (Principal Research Toxicologist at DuPont), Udayan Apte (Associate Professor at the Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics at the University of Kansas Medical Center), Wei Xu (Professor of Oncology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison) and Bhaskar Gollapudi (Senior Managing Scientist at Exponent) who have agreed to be on this committee. Jim Klaunig (our incoming president) and I have discussed that frequently the last minute push to propose new sessions is frustrating and does not always build on the best science nor our experiences in how to develop proposals that program committee can accept. We ask members who have suggestions to drop us a line to let us know you are thinking of developing a session as we would like to help in any way possible to ensure success. We will also talk about ideas at the annual meeting in San Diego.

Our reception will be Monday, March 23 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Convention Center Room 31C. As is tradition we will ask the students to post their posters and will have a business meeting with plenty of time for networking. In fact we will have one table designated as a “mentor” table for CSS members who would like to meet and specifically interact with our junior members. We invite you to stop by to say hello to our new members and share a lesson learned or job or professional idea.

Please see many new activities at SOT this year including the “Meet the Leaders” each day from 3:00 pm–4:00 pm and learn more about the component groups within the Society of Toxicology. The newsletter lists many of these opportunities. In addition we just had to brag for Robert Schiestl’s as he has been selected the 2015 Professional of the Year by the American Registry for Outstanding Professionals (see more on page 9). It is not every day that a member of the CSS council gets their picture on Times Square!!! Robert way to go!!

See you in San Diego!!

Elaine Faustman, President Carcinogenesis Specialty Section
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**Student and Postdoctoral Awards to be presented at the Carcinogenesis Specialty Section Meeting/Reception**

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Room 5B The Mentoring Breakfast is for SOT members at any career stage—from graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to senior scientists—who are seeking a mentor. A brief presentation will be followed by small group discussions led by trained facilitators.

Tuesday, March 24, 12:00 Noon–1:15 PM: Postdoctoral Assembly Luncheon, Ballroom 5
Amidst the hubbub of Annual Meeting events, the Postdoctoral Assembly (PDA) Luncheon is time for postdocs to relax, celebrate achievements, and have fun! All postdoctoral scholars are invited to a casual luncheon organized by the PDA. Three postdoctoral scholars will be given the Best Postdoctoral Publication Award and postdoc award recipients from SOT Regional Chapters, Special Interest Groups, and Specialty Sections will also be recognized. The current PDA Board will review the year’s accomplishments and the new officers will share their vision for the future. Door prizes are always a highlight of the event. Postdoctoral scholars reserve a ticket for $10 when they register for the Annual Meeting. Guests who arrive by 12:30 pm will be served lunch.

Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM: Tox ShowDown, Marriott Marquis Marina Ballroom D (All Attendees Welcome)
Chairperson(s): Sue M. Ford, St. John’s University, Jamaica, NY; and Phil Wexler, NIH-NLM, Bethesda, MD. Hosted by: Graduate Student Leadership Committee
The Tox ShowDown, hosted by GSLC, is held on Tuesday evening during the Annual Meeting, is an engaging quiz game patterned off the popular long-running show, “It’s Academic”. Three teams (The Endocrine Disruptors; the Free Radicals; the Toxic Metabolites) of contestants compete at answering questions concerning toxicology not only in its scientific context, but as it relates to society, history, the arts, and culture. The Tox ShowDown creates a truly festive atmosphere allowing the audience to participate with the teams. Door prizes are raffled off and the winning team receives prizes that range from restaurant gift cards to toxicology books. If you are interested in becoming a contestant on one of the teams, email the GSLC Secretary or SOT Headquarters today!

Carcinogenesis Specialty Section Events at 2015 Annual Meeting:

This year the Carcinogenesis Specialty section was successful in presenting and endorsing four sessions at the 2015 SOT meeting in San Diego. These include a continuing education session, a workshop, roundtable and symposium as noted below.

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Additional News

**Contemporary Concepts in Toxicology (CCT):**


**UCLA Cancer Researcher Receives Professional of the Year Honor**

Carcinogenesis Specialty Section member and Vice President-elect Robert H. Schiestl, Ph.D. has been selected the 2015 Professional of the Year in Higher Education-Pathology and Cancer Research by the American Registry for Outstanding Professionals, awarded in recognition of individuals who have reached the highest standards in their chosen field. Schiestl was chosen out of a group of 1,200 highly accomplished candidates, all of whom were vying for the highly prestigious title. The American Registry of Outstanding Professionals bestows the high honor on an individual based on their body of work and leadership achievements in their field of study.

Photo of Schiestl with the UCLA logo is on display in New York's Times Square
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Dear CSS Members

In this issue of the newsletter we are proud to honor our Postdoctoral and Graduate Student awardees who will present their posters and receive their awards at the CSS reception (SOT 2014 Annual meeting) on Monday evening March 24, at the Sheraton Hotel Downtown Phoenix (340 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix), starting at 6PM.

Also at the annual meeting don’t forget the two major symposia sponsored and organized by CSS Officers:

- “Perinatal Exposures and Children’s Health Outcomes” – Mon. 3/24 at 2PM
- “Mechanisms of Metal-Induced Disruption of DNA Repair” – Wed 3/26, 9AM

Acceptance of a proposed symposium is an honor but involves hard work and evaluation by the Program Committee. Now is a good time to start thinking of topics for the 2015 meeting as applications will likely be solicited in March.

I would like to thank our dedicated CSS Officers, John Wise (Secretary/Treasurer), Yvonne Dragan (Councilor), Esra Mutlu (Postdoc representative) and Chad Walesky (Grad student representative) who will rotate off in May. I wish to welcome the newly-elected officers, Robert Schiestl, Joseph Landolph and Sandra Wise. Also, in May I will become the Past President, Elaine Faustman will rotate to the Presidency and Jim Klaunig, the VP Elect, will rotate to VP.

It has been my great pleasure to be CSS President during this period of growth and achievement. I thank the Officers for their excellent ideas and hard work (especially the conference calls and volunteering), and the membership (especially the students and postdocs) for showing us that carcinogenesis research has a bright future. See you all at the reception in Phoenix!
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**The current balance in the fund is $2556, which includes the matching funds.** If you have been thinking about donating, please do it ASAP to get the most BANG for your buck!!! In my final newsletter as CSS President, I appealed to all senior members to consider making a contribution towards this worthy cause. We have about 300 CSS members… so if all donate just
$100…… we can exceed our required $25,000 target, which will be matched by SOT to activate the fund. Many of the CSS leadership have already donated and/or pledged contributions in excess of $100, so we are well on our way. Please do your part and enjoy the pride of supporting something important. **Other Sections have already benefitted from matching funds. Let’s not miss the boat. See you in Phoenix!**

**The live Web Link for the Donation Form is:**

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**Contemporary Concepts in Toxicology (CCT) Meetings:**

**Opportunities for the Carcinogenesis Specialty Section**

(by Elaine Faustman, PhD, Vice-President)

The CSS will welcome **Ruth Roberts** to our March 24th reception to talk about Contemporary Concepts in Toxicology (CCT). These are meetings sponsored by a Specialty Section, which focus on special topics of interest to the members. Ruth will encourage us to think about what topics would excite and challenge the CSS membership. Cancer related topics, which have been a frequent focus, have particular relevance for our group. If you are interested in suggesting a topic please come to our reception, and/or contact Ruth or Elaine M. Faustman (incoming CSS president).

SOT conducts CCT meetings to achieve the SOT Strategic Objective of providing tools and resources to members that will enhance their professional and scientific development, as well as to provide an opportunity for building improved understanding of, and dialog around, emerging science critical to advancing the practice of toxicology. There have been 15 CCT meetings over the past 15 years, with 1 planned for September 2014.

**Examples of past CCT Meetings of particular interest for cancer researchers include:**


Prior to 2001 there were two CCTs, one on “Harmonization of Cancer and Non-Cancer Risk Assessment” and one on “Mechanisms of Nephrotoxicity and Nephrocarcinogenicity”. In addition, numerous CCTs have focused on *Tox21* and *In Silico* data. **We look forward to Ruth’s presentation and some new ideas from the CSS membership.**