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Dear CSS Members

We are well into the new academic year and your CSS Officers are hard at work in maintaining a strong CSS presence within the SOT. We are proud to honor our Postdoctoral and Graduate Student awardees from the 2013 Annual meeting, and strongly encourage all students to apply for these awards for the 2014 cycle by the deadline Nov 16, 2013.

The 2014 SOT annual meeting will be in scenic Phoenix, AZ, (March 23-27), and two of the major symposia (“Perinatal Exposures and Children’s Health Outcomes” and “Mechanisms of Metal-Induced Disruption of DNA Repair”) have been organized by CSS Officers. We encourage you to support these symposia by your attendance and be proud of the CSS visibility at the Annual meeting. Acceptance of a proposed symposium is a real honor but involves hard work and acceptance by the Program Committee. It is not too late to start thinking of topics for the 2015 meeting as applications will be solicited before the Phoenix meeting.

As funding cuts are more and more the norm for both research grants and travel, our Past President, Helmut Zarbl has taken the initiative to establish a new CSS endowment fund, the Environmental Carcinogenesis Research Fellowship Fund. The money will be used to support students and postdoctoral fellows within the first 3 years of training. This effort will only succeed with CSS member contributions, and so we are strongly requesting that you (particularly the more senior CSS members) be as generous as possible. A link to the donation form can be found below.

I would like to thank our responsive and dedicated CSS Officers (shown below). Our regular conference calls allow us to keep the business of the CSS on track, and in addition to the annual meeting events, awards and new endowment fund, we are working on establishing interactions with other SOT Specialty Sections. The CSS is now 266 members strong so please contribute your expertise – with additional ideas and with volunteering. Together we can make a difference.
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**Important Deadline:**
Applications for 2014 CSS awards are due by November 16, 2013

**2013 Student and Postdoc Award Honorees**

**Dharm V. Singh Carcinogenesis Endowment Graduate Student Award ($500): Chad Walesky** – Dept Pharmacology, University of Kansas, Kansas City, MO

**CSS Graduate Student Awards:**
First Place - $300 – **Anand Ravindran** – Dept Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, Penn State U, State College, PA.
Second Place $200 – **Philip Shelton** – Dept Pharmacology, U of MD School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.
Third Place (tie) $100 – **Sandra Wise** – Dept Applied Medical Science, U of Southern Maine, Portland, ME.
Third Place (tie) $100 – **Xi Li** – College of Medicine, Texas A&M, Houston, TX.

**CSS Postdoctoral Awards:**
First Place (tie) $300 – **Esra Mutlu**, US EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC.
First Place (tie) $300 – **Michelle DeSimone**, Dept.Genetics, NC State University, Raleigh, NC.

**Career Development**
Are you looking for advice regarding the next step of your career? SOT has some great resources available to students regarding career development. Some of these include:

- **Workshops at the Annual Meeting**: Workshops are available that contain a broad range of information, such as: “How to Pursue a Career Path”, toxicological writing, grant writing, CV/resume critiquing, interview tips, etc.

- **Job Bank**: SOT provides an online job bank that allows potential job candidates easy access to available job openings. Further, many employers post job openings at the Career Resource and Development booth at the Annual Meeting. The Job Bank can be found at [https://www.toxicology.org/ai/newcrad/](https://www.toxicology.org/ai/newcrad/).

- **Mentor Match**: SOT has a Mentor Match program designed to “provide a service that matches mentees with potential mentors from the SOT membership to provide advice on career path selection and success and life/work balance issues”. This service can be found at [http://www.toxicology.org/ai/newcrad/mentormatch.asp](http://www.toxicology.org/ai/newcrad/mentormatch.asp).

In addition, SOT student members are eligible for many awards sponsored by Regional Chapters, Special Interest Groups, and Specialty Sections. Deadlines vary. Award information can be found at [http://www.toxicology.org/ai/af/awards.aspx](http://www.toxicology.org/ai/af/awards.aspx).

**Recent Accomplishments by CSS Students**
Treasurer’s Report:

The CSS will enter the 2014 SOT Annual Meeting with a balance of $5373, which is down $925 from last year, possibly partly because of a decreased volume of membership dues (we now have 266 members). Please encourage a friend or colleague to join our Specialty Section to increase our membership numbers.

The Dharm V. Singh Student award endowment fund is in good shape. As of June 30, 2013 the balance was $33,450.64.

The Environmental Carcinogenesis Research Fellowship endowment fund had a $0 balance as of June 30. This fund will provide awards for research that integrates emerging science into studies focused on mechanisms of susceptibility to, and prevention of, carcinogenesis. You can fill out the donation form and mail or fax it in to the SOT.

The live Web Link for the Donation Form is:  

New Funding Opportunity

HESI SOLICITS EMERGING ISSUES PROPOSALS FOR 2014 ACTION
Deadline:  Friday, 6 December 2013

The ILSI Health and Environmental Sciences Institute (HESI) seeks your suggestions for priority emerging scientific issues (human or environmental health) that should be addressed through a focused, multi-sector collaborative program. The most promising proposals will form the basis of new scientific initiatives within HESI, and will receive supporting funds to initiate activities – by fall 2014.

Proposal submissions do not require a commitment of resources or any current or prior affiliation with the HESI organization. Click here for more information about the HESI Emerging Issues Proposal process. To submit a proposal, complete the attached proposal form (or access it here), and return it to Ms. Cyndi Nobles (HESI) at (fax: 202-659-3617) or cnobles@hesiglobal.org.

Contact: Nancy G. Doerrer, MS, HESI Associate Director
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Obituary for Dr. Allan H. Conney

Professor Allan Conney passed away in September 2013 at the age of 83. Because he began his career in the area of carcinogenesis, and became a giant in the emerging field of cancer prevention, recognition of his many achievements may be instructive for the members of the CSS.

Allan H. Conney, a world-renowned pharmacologist and cancer researcher at Rutgers University Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, whose decades of research demonstrated, among other things, that drinking green tea and getting more exercise prevents cancer induction, died unexpectedly on September 10, 2013. He was 83, and had a long and distinguished record of research, teaching and service. Allan was among the seven most cited scientists in the world in the field of pharmacological science from 1965-1978 (in Science Citation Index), and he authored more than 500 papers. Allan was elected to the National Academy of Sciences (USA), and the Pioneers of Cancer Prevention, and was recognized for his achievements with many outstanding awards, including the Arnold J. Lehman Award from the Society of Toxicology, the Outstanding Investigator Award from the National Cancer Institute, and the IBM-Princess Takamatsu Cancer Research Fund Lecturer Award.

Allan Conney, was born in Chicago, received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, and lived the last 26 years of his life in Princeton as Professor of Pharmacology at Rutgers, and founder and director of the Susan Lehman Cullman Laboratory for Cancer Research. His many impressive achievements belie the fact that Allan was a genuinely nice person who was always supportive of the research of his younger colleagues. Allan was a wonderful listener, and was always willing to provide insightful comments if asked. The world of biomedical research is much the poorer with his passing.