

Carcinogenesis Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2023–2024
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I. Officers:

<u>2023–2024</u>	<u>2024–2025</u>
President: Jia-Sheng Wang Vice President: John Wise, Sr. Vice President-Elect: Maria Dagli Secretary-Treasurer: Jonathan Urban Past President, Councilor: Chad Brocker Councilor: Kelly Magurany Councilor: Zhongyu (June) Yan Postdoctoral Representative: Haiyan Lu Graduate Student Representative: Idoia Meaza Isusi	President: John Wise, Sr. Vice President: William Bisson Vice President-Elect: Justin Colacino Secretary-Treasurer: Xilin Li Past President, Councilor: Jia-Sheng Wang Councilor: Luma Melo Councilor: June Yan Postdoctoral Representative: Haiyan Lu Graduate Student Representative: Idoia Meaza Isusi

Committees:

2023 Awards Committee: This committee consisted of three subcommittees each tasked with selecting the 2024 CSS award winners. CSS officers with a conflict of interest were not allowed to participate in the selection process. The subcommittees were (members names in parentheses): The James A. Swenberg Carcinogenesis Merit Award (Jia-Sheng Wang and Maria Lucia Zaidan Dagli) Postdoctoral & Young Investigator Award and the Environmental Carcinogenesis Merit Award for Postdoctoral Fellows (Jon Urban & Chad Brocker) The Environmental Carcinogenesis Merit Award for Graduate Students and the Dharm V. Singh Graduate Student Endowment Awards (Kelly Magurany & June Yan)

II. 2024 Membership total: 175

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2023–2024:

The Carcinogenesis Specialty Section accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person meeting/mixer
- Virtual meetings
- Endorsed session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Poster session for trainees
- Trainee awards conferred
- Scientist investigator awards conferred
- Member highlights
- Newsletter(s)
- Webinars
- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

The Carcinogenesis Specialty Section collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

- Co-hosted a webinar with Women in Toxicology

V. Communication Methods:

The Carcinogenesis Specialty Section stayed in contact with its members throughout the year through the following mechanisms.

- ToXchange
- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Specialty Section website
- Newsletter(s)

VI. Promotion of Inclusivity

The Carcinogenesis Specialty Section maintained an inclusive organization through the following activities.

- Nominate a diverse slate of candidates for elections
- Solicit equitable input from all executive committee leaders
- Utilize virtual meetings for convening Specialty Section leadership
- Utilize standardized rubrics for judging awards/posters
- Include inclusive descriptions of Awards
- Highlight trainee research
- Solicit member feedback for development of Specialty Section activities (such as webinar topics)
- Use multiple approaches to communicate with membership

VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:

The Carcinogenesis Specialty Section hosted the following mentoring activities throughout the year for its membership.

- None of the above

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	6
Early Career	6
Mid Career	
Late Career	

IX. Key Outcomes and Improvements:

- 1) We co-hosted a webinar with Women in Toxicology on the topic of "Weight of Evidence Approach to Assess the Human Carcinogenic Risk of Pharmaceuticals: Overview of the ICH SIB Addendum and Implementation" on Jan 31st, 2024. The webinar extended beyond the Specialty Section to engage with the broader SOT community.
- 2) We improved our communication with members by sending out timely reminders for session proposals, awards, events, and the membership increased from 168 to 178.

X. Strategic Plan:

The Carcinogenesis Specialty Section supported the following SOT Strategic Priorities.

- Proactively pursue impactful scientific content

- Support the development and application of tools that advance toxicology
- Foster connectivity across scientific disciplines
- Develop a talent pool of toxicologists for the future
- Enhance member recognition and visibility at all levels

XI. Scientific Topics of Interest:

The Carcinogenesis Specialty Section is interested in seeing the following topic areas developed into sessions at future SOT Annual Meetings.

- New Approach Methodologies in Carcinogenesis; Quantitative Analysis for Carcinogenesis Risk Assessment; Artificial Intelligence; One Environmental Health Approaches in Carcinogenesis

XII. Feedback to the Society:

- A. What is the one thing the Society should be doing that it currently does not do (or does not do effectively) that would be of importance/benefit to the members of the Specialty Section?

The SOT could use LinkedIn to help us advertise our events and Specialty Section. There is an increasing number of professionals, especially young trainees, in scientific fields starting to use LinkedIn to get information about career and training opportunities.

- B. What is the one thing the Society is currently doing that impacts the Specialty Section that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?

SOT could do a better job at giving us data on the best way to communicate with members, the Society, and the greater scientific community. It is hard to know how well the updates, newsletters, Annual Reports, and the website are actually reaching the right audience.