

Carcinogenesis Specialty Section

**ANNUAL REPORT: 2024–2025**

May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

**I. Officers:**

<u>2024–2025</u>	<u>2025–2026</u>
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	President: William Bisson Vice President: Justin Colacino Vice President Elect: Xiang Xue Past President, Councilor: John Wise Secretary-Treasurer: Xilin Li Councilor: Amber Goetz Councilor: Luma Melo Councilor: Zhishan Wang Postdoctoral Representative: Idoia Meaza Isusi Graduate Student Representative: Charlotte McVeigh

**Committees:**

**2024 Awards Committee** This committee was responsible for selecting the recipients of the 2025 CSS awards. CSS officers with any conflicts of interest were recused from the selection process. Committee members included: William Bisson, Justin Colacino, June Yan, Xilin Li, and Luma Melo.

**2025 SOT Scientific Session Proposal Committee** This committee was responsible for reviewing and ranking the 2026 SOT scientific session proposals. CSS officers with conflicts of interest were excluded from the ranking process. Committee members included: Justin Colacino, John Wise, Xilin Li, Zhishan Wang, Idoia Meaza Isusi, and Charlotte M. McVeigh.

**II. 2025 Membership total: 161**

**III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2024–2025:**

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.

- Molecular and Systems Biology
- Co-hosted a webinar with Women in Toxicology, Toxicologist of African Origin

**V. Communication Methods:**

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

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

**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:**

<b>Trainee</b>	5
<b>Early Career</b>	3
<b>Mid Career</b>	0
<b>Late Career</b>	2

**IX. 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

**X. 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; Extracellular Vesicles or other Circulating Markers; Quantitative Analysis for Carcinogenesis Risk Assessment; Artificial Intelligence; Mechanistic in Humans

**XI. 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 Society should foster interactions also at the SOT Annual Meeting. Perhaps, a virtual meeting twice a year with all the Presidents. To connect, network, exchange ideas. And one event for the Presidents to meet up in person at the Annual Meeting. Also as a social event.

- 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.