



December 2012 Newsletter

Dear Clinical and Translational Specialty Section Members,

I wanted to remind you of some important upcoming deadlines and activities of the Clinical and Translational Toxicology Specialty Section.

December 15, 2012-Membership dues

Please renew your SOT membership by December 15, 2012 *as well as that for the Clinical and Translational Toxicology Specialty Section*. Thank you if you have already renewed. We are honored that the SOT President, William Slikker Jr, has renewed already. Please follow his example. If we are to survive as a new Specialty Section, it is really important that all our current members renew and that we continue to recruit new members

If you know of a colleague, graduate student or postdoctoral fellow with an interest in clinical and translational toxicology, please invite them to join our Specialty Section. The specialty section fee is relatively inexpensive (\$15) and a graduate student and postdoctoral fellow can join one specialty section at no cost.

December 17, 2012-CTTSS elections

The Clinical and Translational Toxicology Specialty Section will be holding its first formal elections in 2013-2014. Those proposing to stand for election must prepare a biosketch, which must be submitted to Allister Vale (allistervale@npis.org) by December 17, 2012 so that it can be considered by the Nominations Committee prior to submission to SOT Headquarters before December 31, 2012. If you would like to nominate someone (self-nominations are welcome), please contact me by *December 10, 2012*.

Members may like to know that the Interim President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer are proposing to stand for formal appointment.

The ballots will be mailed to all members from SOT Headquarters in January 2013 and the results will be sent to Specialty Section Presidents in February 2013, prior to the formal announcement at the Business Meeting.

A sample biosketch is given below; this is a guideline – you may revise at your discretion.

[Full Name, including degrees and affiliations]

Dr. [Last Name] is a/the [Current position] at [Place of employment], where he/she [Summary of work]. He/She received his/her doctorate in [Field] from [School/University] in [Year] and was a postdoctoral fellow at [Institution] from [Years, i.e. 1995-1998]. Dr. [Last Name] has served on the [Study sections, Panels, etc.] at the [Organization, i.e. NIH, EPA, etc.]. He/She is author/co-author of [Number] [Publications including peer-reviewed articles and/or book chapters, etc.]. He/She has been a member of the SOT since [Year] and has served the SOT in the following capacities: [Offices/positions held].

December 31, 2012-CTTSS travel awards

This is the deadline for submission for graduate student and postdoctoral fellow (postdoctoral fellow/researcher; fellow in clinical/medical toxicology) travel awards which will be given for attendance at the 2013 SOT Annual Meeting and will be presented formally at the Clinical and Translational Toxicology Specialty Section Business Meeting.

The arrangements for both awards are the same.

1. An abstract must have been submitted and accepted for the 2013 SOT Annual Meeting with the graduate student/postdoctoral fellow as the presenting author;
2. A letter must be received from a mentor who is a CTTSS member outlining the graduate student's/postdoctoral fellow's role in the research
3. Recipients of this award will not accept travel awards from any other Specialty Section for the 2013 SOT Annual Meeting;
4. The awardee will receive a monetary prize of \$300 and recognition plaque;
5. A graduate student/postdoctoral fellow can only win the CTTSS Postdoctoral Fellows Travel Award once.

A copy of the accepted abstract and a statement from the graduate student or postdoctoral fellow's mentor must be sent as an electronic file attachment (Word or pdf) to Allister Vale (allistervale@npis.org) no later than December 31, 2012. The awardee will be notified by February 1, 2013.

Tax-deductible donations for CTTSS awards

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Clinical and Translational Toxicology Specialty Section graduate student and postdoctoral fellow travel awards. The Officers of the CTTSS have agreed to donate \$2000 in 2012 towards the establishment of SS awards in 2013-2014.

Would you help us please by donating \$25 (suggested amount, please feel free to donate whatever amount) to the awards fund for CTTSS. We are trying to build up a reserve that we can use for graduate student and postdoctoral fellow travel awards and, in addition, to offer awards that will recognize career achievements of clinical and/or translational toxicologists.

Please contact John Benitez, Secretary/Treasurer for details on how to contribute to our section awards. (john.benitez@vanderbilt.edu)

March 10 - March 14, 2013-SOT Annual Meeting

Please plan to attend the SOT Annual Meeting, particularly the CTTSS sponsored sessions.

The CTTSS Workshop, ***Mechanistic, Occupational, and Clinical Aspects of Lead Exposure***, is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2013 from 9 am to 11:45 am. Please make time to attend and encourage others to attend this important workshop as well.

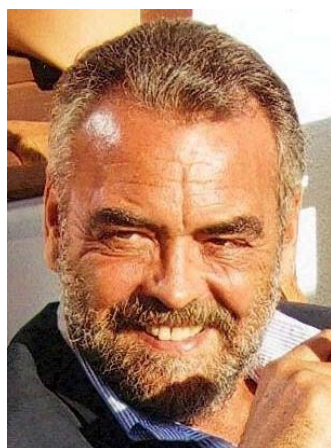
The topics included in the Workshop are:

Novel mechanisms of toxicity *R Clark Lantz*

Threshold toxic dose: what can we learn from the NHANES studies? *Howard Hu*

Occupational exposure limits: do they protect workers? *Michael Kosnett*

Chelation therapy for lead poisoning: unanswered questions and controversies
Sally Bradberry



The Clinical and Translational Toxicology Specialty Section Business and Awards Meeting will be held on the evening of Monday, March 11, 2013.

We have a special presentation by a distinguished clinical researcher, Professor Marcello Lotti, who is also a member of the Specialty Section. Marcello Lotti's presentation is entitled:

Translational Toxicology and its many facets

Professor Lotti, MD, is Chair, Occupational Medicine, Medical School, University of Padua

CTTSS website

This can be found at: www.toxicology.org/isot/ss/CTTSS/index.asp. All the information regarding the Specialty Section is posted there, including information on awards and our newsletters.

With very best wishes

Allister Vale

Interim President, Clinical and Translational Toxicology Specialty Section

