

## Comparative and Veterinary Specialty Section

### ANNUAL REPORT: 2006-2007

July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

#### I. Officers/Committees:

<b>Officers:</b>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
President:	Wilson K Rumbeiha	Daniel K Ness
Vice-President:	Daniel K Ness	Jim Riviere
Vice President-elect	Jim E Riviere	Mike Murphy
Sec/Treas:	Randy Jones	Jay Harriman
Councilors:	Laurene Marie Fomby Kathleen Gabrielson	Ramesh Gupta Kathleen Gabrielson
<i>Past-President</i>	Myrtle Davis	Wilson K Rumbeiha
SAC Representative:	Shashidara Marulappa	Wei Zou

**Committees:** A CVSS Program Committee is chaired by Dan Ness, with Jim Riviere, Kathy Gabrielson, Val Beasley and Jackie Akunda as members.

#### II. Activities:

##### **2007 Annual Business Meeting/Reception**

**2007 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held on March 26<sup>th</sup> in the Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC. There were 27 people in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Wilson Rumbeiha. The Secretary/Treasurer's Report was given by Dr. Randy Jones. The financial status of the Specialty Section was reviewed, including the membership dues, income allocation and past expenses. The report was accepted as presented.

The introduction of new officers followed. The newly elected 2007 officers included: Dr. Mike Murphy, Vice-President Elect, Dr. Jay Harriman, Secretary/Treasurer and Dr. Ramesh Gupta, Councilor.

The CVSS Student Awards were presented by Dr. Jim Riviere. The first place award of \$500 and a plaque was presented to Mayurranjan Mitra, Department of Toxicology, School of Pharmacy at University of Louisiana at Monroe. The poster was entitled "Effects of moderate diet restriction and high fat diet-induced obesity on doxorubicin-induced cardiomyopathy". The second place award of \$300 and a plaque was presented to Joshua Kwekel, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Michigan State

University in East Lansing, Michigan. His poster was entitled “Cross-species comparison of tamoxifen and estrogen induced uterotrophy in rodents”.

Dr. Dan Ness presented highlights of the program committee. CVSS sponsored a scientific session at the 2007 annual meeting entitled “Novel Computational Strategies for Reducing Chemical Residues in Food of Animal Origin”. Additionally, CVSS endorsed a continuing education course entitled “Rodent Imaging – Overview for the Toxicologist”. Many proposals for the 2008 and future annual meeting were brought forth and discussed, including the following: species differences of kinase inhibitor toxicology, sentinel animals, the use of transgenic animal technology in toxicological research, introduction to pathology for toxicologists and study directors, prions as a protein toxicant, mercury intoxication in birds, IACUC 101, zebrafish modeling and the issues and investigations surrounding contamination of animal (pet) feed.

The CVSS newsletter update was presented by Dr. Kathy Gabrielson. An update on the website was presented by Dr. Rumbeiha on the behalf of Dr. Laurene Fomby who was unable to attend the meeting. The CVSS newsletter is distributed in the fall and winter, while the web site is updated by the senior councilor twice per year. The website was completely rebuilt in 2006 thanks to Dr. Fomby and the website committee.

The CVSS annual meeting included a seminar by Jack Harkema, entitled: *Toxicity in the Nose and Brain of Mice Exposed to Satratoxins from the Black Mold Stachybotrys chartarum*.

The recognition of outgoing officer awards was presented by Dr. Dan Ness that included a certificate of Recognition to Outgoing Councilor, Dr. Laurene Fomby, and a gavel plaque to Outgoing President, Wilson Rumbeiha.

### **Other CVSS Activities**

The CVSS sponsors a Veterinary and Pharmacokinetic Workshop held each fall in Raleigh, NC. The 2007 Veterinary and Comparative Pharmacokinetic Workshop is in its 5<sup>th</sup> year and is scheduled for October 11 through 13 in Raleigh. Instructors for the course are Dr. Mark Papitch and Dr. Jim Riviere.

### **III. Financial Report**

Net Asset Balance as of 8/31/06:	\$ 3,940
Net Asset Balance as of 3/31/07:	\$ 224

### **Scientific Sessions Endorsed by CVSS 2007**

Novel Computational Strategies for Reducing Chemical Residues in Food of Animal Origin

### **CE Courses Endorsed by CVSS 2006-2007**

## PM 13 Rodent Imaging – Overview for the Toxicologist