

Drug Discovery Toxicology Specialty Section

**ANNUAL REPORT: 2012-2013**

May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013

**I. Officers/Committees:**

**Officers:**

	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
President:	John Wisler	Yvonne Will
Vice President-elect:	Andrew Olaharski	Dan Kemp
Vice President:	Yvonne Will	Andrew Olaharski
Secretary/Treasurer:	Donna Mendrick	Brandon Jeffy
Councilors:	Eric Harstad	Eric Harstad
	Stefan Ruepp	Robert Dunn
<i>Past-President</i>	Craig Thomas	John Wisler
SAC Representative:	Vince Ramirez	Monica Langley
PDA Representative:	Li Zhan	Durga Nand Tripathi

**II. Activities**

**2012 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held March 13, 2013 in San Antonio and was well attended by the membership. John Wisler, the President and Master of Ceremonies, gave the opening and closing remarks while Donna Mendrick gave the membership an overview of our current budget. The top three DDTSS Emil Pfitzer Student Awards for students were presented by Eric Harstad and Stefan Ruepp presented Pfitzer awards for the top three postdoctoral fellows. These awards are funded by the Emil Pfitzer Student Award Fund within the SOT Endowment Fund. Andrew Olaharski recognized our new and outgoing officers. Yvonne Will presented ideas for DDTSS-sponsored symposia, workshops, continuing education courses. Yvonne also gave some ideas about possible CCT themes.

Graduate Student winners

**First place (\$1000)**

Arya Sobhakumari (University of Iowa)

**Second Place (\$400)**

Monica Langley (Iowa State)

**Third Place (\$150)**

Kazuhisa Miyakawa (Michigan State)

Postdoc winners

**First place (\$1000)**

Durga Tripathi (Texas A&M)

**Second Place (\$400)**

Rachel Church (The Hamner)

**Third Place (\$150)**

Mili Mandal (Rutgers)

**Emil A. Pfitzer Student Award Endowment Fund Details:** The Emil A. Pfitzer Drug Discovery Student Award Fund proceeds support our Specialty Section by providing student awards to outstanding students that apply modern toxicologic science in the field of drug discovery. The Pfitzer Fund was created by the initial generous contributions from Hoffmann-LaRoche, the Research Institute for Fragrance Materials (RIFM) and the family and friends of Emil Pfitzer. Dr. Pfitzer worked at Hoffman-LaRoche for 22 years serving as Vice President of Toxicology and Pathology where he championed the use of mechanistic toxicology. After retiring from Roche, he served five years as the President of RIFM. Dr. Pfitzer also served as President of the Society of Toxicology in 1985-1986. The balance of the fund as of March 31, 2012 was \$69,780 (prior to deductions for payouts to 2012 award winners).

**Newsletters:** The Summer 2012 newsletter was submitted to the DDTSS website and the 2013 letter is in progress.

**Other Specialty Section 2012-2013 Activities:**

Date	Topic	Location
March 2013	Annual specialty section meeting	SOT Annual Meeting (San Antonio TX)
March 2013	Primary sponsor of 3 accepted sessions and endorser of 6 accepted sessions	SOT Annual Meeting (San Antonio TX)
March 2013	Student/Postdoc Poster Awards	SOT Annual Meeting (San Antonio TX)
April- May 11, 2013	Review of 2013 Annual meeting submissions	Final review via Teleconference
May, 2012- May-2013 (Quarterly)	Teleconferences – newsletter, scientific sessions, poster competition, and website planning	Teleconference