

Exposure Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2025–2026

May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026

I. Officers:

<u>2025–2026</u>	<u>2026–2027</u>
President: Esra Mutlu Vice President: Marie Bourgeois Vice President Elect: Daniel Conklin Past President, Councilor: Neha Sunger Secretary-Treasurer: Paul DeLeo Senior Councilor: Alison Pecquet Junior Councilor: Claire Hamaji Postdoctoral Representative: Elise Hickman Vice Postdoctoral Representative: Zakiyah Henry Graduate Student Representative: Antonio Saporito Vice Student Representative: Chloe Chou	President: Marie Bourgeois Vice President: Daniel Conklin Vice President-Elect: Alison Pecquet Secretary-Treasurer: Paul DeLeo Past President, Councilor: Esra Mutlu Councilor: Claire Hamaji Junior Councilor: Chelsea Weitekamp Postdoctoral Representative: Zakiyah Henry Vice Postdoctoral Representative: Eva Vitucci Graduate Student Representative: Chloe Chou Vice Student Representative: Sydnie Toler

Committees:

Awards Committee
Nominating Committee
Program Committee
Webinar Committee
Fundraising Committee
Communications Committee

II. 2026 Membership total: 149

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2025–2026:

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

- In-person meeting/mixer
- Virtual meetings
- Sponsored session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Endorsed session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Mentoring/career development events
- Trainee awards conferred
- Scientist investigator awards conferred
- Paper of the year award
- Member highlights
- Newsletter(s)
- Webinars
- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)
- Utilized/expanded Endowment Fund(s) for Component Group

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

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

- Risk Assessment

V. Communication Methods:

The Exposure 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 Exposure 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
- Waive fees for meetings or membership due to financial hardship
- Highlight trainee research
- Solicit member feedback for development of Specialty Section activities (such as webinar topics)
- Provide volunteer activities for the membership to be engaged
- Use multiple approaches to communicate with membership

VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:

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

- Career panel(s)
- Speed networking
- Actively recruit members to be part of the SOT Mentor Match system
- Networking luncheon/reception

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	3
Early Career	0
Mid Career	1
Late Career	0

IX. Key Outcomes and Improvements:

- A. New linkedin page Fundraising
- B. Reaching out to like minded organizations for social events/collaboration

X. Strategic Plan:

The Exposure Specialty Section supported the following SOT Strategic Priorities.

- Proactively pursue impactful scientific content
- Support the development and application of tools that advance toxicology
- Effectively communicate scientific advances
- Foster connectivity across scientific disciplines
- Develop a talent pool of toxicologists for the future
- Provide training and education that reflects the needs of members
- Provide mentoring and networking opportunities for all career levels
- Enhance member recognition and visibility at all levels

XI. Scientific Topics of Interest:

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

- Exposure and consumer products, with modeling integrated into assessment strategies, and then generally tox assessment of pfas treatment in drinking water

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?

Better platform for scoring awards and session proposal submissions

- 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.)?

In person meetings should be less expensive. We understand that you can't do a lot about 'baked in' costs, but there should be a wider range of options for lower enrollment/moneyed groups.