



SOCIETY OF TOXICOLOGY **EXPOSURE SPECIALTY SECTION**

Fall 2026 NEWSLETTER

Happy Fall! This newsletter includes a call for nominations for officers for the ESS Executive Committee, important information about the Annual Meeting, and opportunities for members to engage via the member survey and donations. We look forward to hearing your feedback and seeing you at the Annual Meeting!

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2026-2027 ESS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



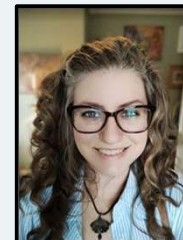
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OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2027-2028!

Call for nominations!

The Exposure Specialty Section is seeking nominations for officers for 2027–2028. Please consider running for a position. It is a great way to impact exposure science at SOT and to meet new colleagues! To self nominate, please send a note to the ESS (exposuresot@gmail.com) by **November 14, 2026**.

The open positions include:

- Vice President-Elect (4-year term)
- Junior Councilor (2-year term)
- Secretary/Treasurer (2-year term)
- Vice Postdoctoral Representative (2-year term)
- Vice Graduate Student Representative (2-year term)



SOT 2027 ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW

ABSTRACT DEADLINES

General abstract deadline:

November 13, 2026 at 11:59PM EST

Late-breaking abstract submission period:

December 15, 2026–January 22, 2027

EVENTS



ESS will host its Annual Business Meeting virtually in February before the SOT 2027 Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Stay tuned for a forthcoming announcement for the date and time.



The ESS luncheon during the Annual Meeting in San Antonio is scheduled for [Tuesday, March 16, 2027 at noon](#). We look forward to this opportunity for members and nonmembers to network and engage with colleagues. Please consider attending if you would like to learn more about ESS and other opportunities.



Please join ESS at the SOT Career Advancement, Mentoring & Network (CAMAN) Committee event (NetworX Night) on [Monday, March 15 from 7:30-9:00 pm](#) with several other Specialty Sections and Special Interest Groups. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to socialize with your fellow SOT attendees!





SOT 2027 ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW

ACCEPTED SESSIONS

We received and endorsed 17 proposals, 11 of which were accepted.
Please see below for more information about the sessions.

Session Title	Session Day	Session Time (CT)
Emerging Toxicology of Illicit Opioids: From Overdose Pathophysiology to Organ Injury and Medical Countermeasures	Monday	9:15 AM – 10:30 AM
Federal and State Toxicologists Dancing the Federal 2-Step: Protecting the Environment and Public Health	Monday	9:15 AM – 10:30 AM
Defining the Chemical Universe for Understanding Chemical Safety	Monday	1:15 PM – 2:30 PM
Integrating Exposomics into Neurotoxicity Studies to Better Understand Mixtures and Cumulative Risk	Monday	1:15 PM – 2:30 PM
Raising the Bar: Modern Intake Assessments and the New Regulatory Landscape for Food Ingredient Safety	Tuesday	3:00 PM – 4:15 PM
From Thresholds to Frameworks: The Evolution of TTC for Modern Safety Assessment	Wednesday	8:00 AM – 9:15 AM
Occupational Exposure to 3D Printing Emissions and Potential Health Impacts	Wednesday	9:30 AM – 10:45 AM
Environmental Toxicology in the Era of Big Data: Using the CHAMACOS Cohort as a Model for Exposure Science and Advancing Risk Assessment	Wednesday	9:30 AM – 10:45 AM
Clearing the Canopy: Advancing Predictive Confidence in Respiratory <i>In Vitro</i> NAMs Through Model Characterization	Wednesday	1:00 PM – 2:15 PM
What's on Your Plate? Unintentional Food Contaminants and Nutritional Strategies for Health	Wednesday	2:45 PM – 4:00 PM
Complementary <i>In Vitro</i> and <i>In Vivo</i> Approaches to Address Emerging Inhaled Pollutants: E-cigarettes Aerosols, Microplastics, and Air Pollution	Wednesday	2:45 PM – 4:00 PM



SOT 2027 ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW

AWARDS

The Exposure Specialty Section (ESS) is soliciting applications for awards and recognitions! Winners will be presented at the 2027 Annual Meeting. ESS sponsors individual Graduate Student and Postdoc Travel Awards (\$500 each). **Applications are due by January 15th, 2027** and can be submitted using the [SOT Awards platform](#). See below and [on our website](#) for more information about each award.



ESS BEST OVERALL ABSTRACT RECOGNITION



Eligibility: SOT-accepted Annual Meeting poster abstracts applying exposure science to toxicology. Judging considers exposure assessment/methodology, scientific quality, significance, impact/novelty, and clarity. ESS encourages the submission of abstracts presented in sessions not focused on exposure. ESS will use keyword search terms to identify candidates from the SOT accepted abstract database from exposure-related sessions. ESS membership is not required.

To apply: Self-nominate any accepted poster abstract using the [SOT Awards Platform](#) by January 15, 2027.



ESS BEST PUBLICATION RECOGNITION



Eligibility: Peer-reviewed publications applying exposure science to toxicology, accepted for publication December 1, 2025–December 1, 2026, with an SOT member as first or last author. Judging considers exposure assessment/methodology, scientific quality, significance, impact/novelty, and clarity. ESS membership is not required of any of the authors

To apply: Submit the paper's citation using the [SOT Awards Platform](#). The ESS Executive Committee may identify additional candidates through literature review.



ESS GRADUATE STUDENT AND POSTDOCTORAL TRAVEL AWARDS



Eligibility: Students and postdocs presenting submitted SOT Annual Meeting abstracts applying exposure science to toxicology. Graduate student applicants must hold a bachelor's degree and be pursuing a second bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree. All applicants must be an SOT member or provide evidence of application; ESS membership is encouraged but not required. Judging considers exposure assessment/methodology, scientific quality, significance, impact/novelty, clarity, and financial need.

To apply: Submit your 2027 SOT abstract, proof of student/postdoc status (e.g., advisor letter), a 200-word statement on how your work advances exposure science within SOT, and a travel-funding need statement (≤100 words) using the [SOT Awards Platform](#).

THE MEMBER SURVEY IS OPEN!

Make your voice heard!

Please consider completing our ESS Member Survey! Your responses to our survey provide extremely important feedback regarding your planned participation at the 2027 SOT meeting in San Antonio and the types of programming you'd like to see the ESS offer to its membership both in-person at the annual meeting and virtually.

Please follow [this link](#) to access the survey.

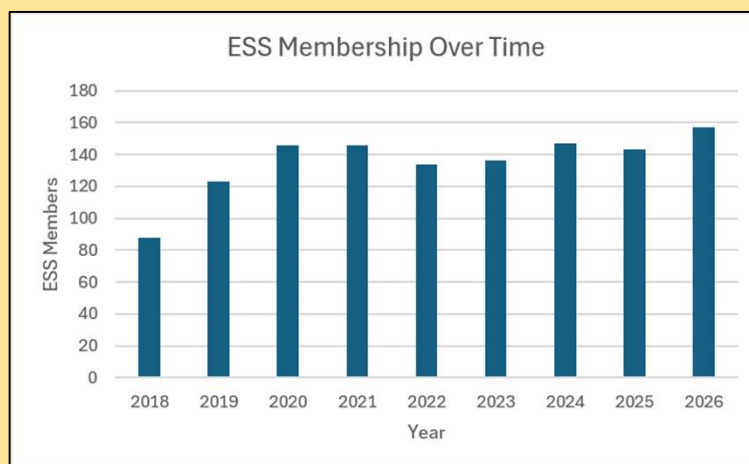
The survey is only 12 questions and will take less than 5 minutes, so please consider completing it.

Thank You!



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership in the SOT Exposure Specialty Section has been growing incrementally over the past several years. We currently have 157 members! Please continue to help spread the word about ESS so we can increase our membership!



WEBINARS & MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

ESS WEBINAR HIGHLIGHTS

ESS continued this year's successful webinar series with two engaging events that showcased cutting-edge exposure science and strengthened collaboration across professional societies.

★ **New Milestone:** the ESS's first-ever joint webinar with the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) Exposure Assessment Specialty Group (EASG).

July ESS-EASG Joint Webinar

- *Converging Perspectives on Microplastics: The Interface of Exposure and Hazard*
- **Speakers:** Dr. Ashish Jachak and Dr. Matthew Campen

September ESS Award Winners Webinar

- Tri Huynh – Best Abstract Award recipient
- Dr. Yongcheng Li – Postdoctoral Travel Award recipient

 **Slides and webinar recordings** available on the [ESS Events page](#).



Looking ahead: Joint webinar with the Risk Assessment Specialty Section (RASS) in February 2027.



GET INVOLVED

Are you interested in joining the SOT Speaker Directory as an expert in exposure science? The directory helps members and Regional Chapters find speakers for annual meetings. To nominate yourself, please email evitucci@tamu.edu

For more ESS news and updates, follow our [Linkedin page](#).

See SOT efforts in expressing support for science [here](#).

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

We invite SOT members to help support our growing specialty section via donation. Your contribution directly supports critical initiatives that strengthen our field and develop the next generation of toxicology professionals!

Why We Need You: ESS operates without an endowment fund, making member contributions essential for program sustainability and growth. Your donation directly supports our mission to advance exposure science and strengthen our professional community. We are specifically asking for donations towards the following efforts:

Student & Postdoc Travel Award Program

Provides \$500 to one student and one postdoc to offset the cost of attending the annual meeting. Donations will sustain program funding and expand support for additional awards.

Annual Meeting Enhancement Fund

Provides programming at the annual meeting, including professional development, student mentoring, and research recognition awards

Your support ensures ESS continues to foster scientific excellence, professional development, and community building within the Exposure and Toxicology fields. We appreciate your consideration of this investment in our collective future.

How to Contribute: Access the [SOT Component Group Donation Form](#)

Donation Process:

1. Select "Exposure Specialty Section" from the checkbox menu (Item #18)
2. Specify fund allocation preference in additional information field: if nothing is selected the amount will go to general fund
3. Choose recognition preferences (public acknowledgment or anonymous)

Alternative Donation Option: Donate through the [GiveSmart platform](#)