

NAME OF SPECIALTY SECTION Food Safety

## **ANNUAL REPORT: 2016-2017**

May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017

### **I. Officers/Committees:**

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
President:	Brent R Kobielush	Laurie Carpenter Dolan
Vice President:	Laurie Carpenter Dolan	Yu Janet Zang
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	Brenna Flannery	René Viñas
	Brinda Mahadevan	Pam Marone
PDA Representative:	Murphy L Y Wan	Ashwini S Phadnis-Moghe
GSLC Representative:	Jalissa Wynder	Jalissa Wynder

Committees: If applicable.

### **II. Activities:**

**2017 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held in Baltimore, Maryland on March 12-15

Approximately 60 people were in attendance.

Dr. Dolan called the meeting to order at 7 PM on March 13

Meeting Minutes: Lisa Navarro presented the Frank Lu Award, Laurie Dolan presented the Burdock Group Award and Brent Kobielush presented the Frank Lu Award. Laurie communicated to the audience that SOT granted guaranteed acceptance for one FS3 proposal for the 2018 meeting, so members should focus their efforts on crafting well-developed proposals on specific issues that food safety professionals are interested in.

Awards: Frank Lu – Blake Rushing

Burdock Group – Suresh Nagumalli

Service – Laurie Carpenter Dolan

2017 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:

FS3-Sponsored Sessions:

Workshop: Scientific, Regulatory, and Safety Considerations for Probiotics and Microbiome Targeted Therapeutics. Monday, March 13, 9:30 – 12:15

Symposium: Evaluating the Reproductive and Developmental Effects of Botanical Dietary Supplements, Thursday, March 16, 8:30 – 11:15.

Poster Sessions:

Wednesday, March 15, 9:30 – 12:45, Food Safety/Nutrition (P401-P432)

Wednesday, March 15, 9:30 – 12:45, Natural Products (P433-P455)

Treasury Details: The Food Safety Specialty Section continues to have a healthy bottom line. We began 2017 with an operating balance of \$14,826 and a balance of \$41,965 in the Frank Lu Endowment Fund, slightly up due to market fluctuations.

Membership Details: As of February, we have 204 members, with dues assessments of \$20 for Full/Associate SOT Members and \$15 for Student/Postdoctoral Members. The membership fees totaled \$4,365 in 2016. SOT grants a portion of the meeting fees to each specialty section based on membership participation. After SOT 2016 in New Orleans we were granted \$1,455.

Newsletters: Two newsletters prepared during the year, one in September and the other in February, which are posted on the website.

Teleseminars: FS3 sponsored two SOT webinars in the summer of 2016, one on Food-Relevant Chemicals in ToxCast and Potential Integration of High-Throughput Toxicity Testing in Assessing Chemical Safety Webinar and the other on Applicability of In Silico/In Vitro Test Methodologies for Food Ingredients