

NAME OF SPECIALTY SECTION Food Safety

ANNUAL REPORT: 2017-2018

May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018

I. Officers/Committees:

Officers	2016-2017	2017-2018
President:	Laurie Carpenter Dolan	Yu Janet Zang
Vice President:	Yu Janet Zang	Karin (Qingdong) Ke
Vice President-Elect:	Karin (Qingdong) Ke	Mansi Krishan
Secretary/Treasurer:	Lisa Navarro	Lisa Tonner Navarro
Past President	Brent R Kobielski	Laurie Carpenter Dolan
Councilors:	Brenna Flannery	Cody L Wilson
	Brinda Mahadevan	Mike Bolger
	René Viñas	René Viñas
	Pam Marone	Pam Marone
PDA Representative:	Murphy L Y Wan	Gopi Srinivas Gadupudi
Vice Postdoctoral Representative:	Ashwini S Phadnis-Moghe	
GSCLC Representative:	Jalissa Wynder	Suresh Nagumalli

Career Development Committee: Mansi Krishan, Gopi Gadupudi and Suresh Nagumalli

II. Activities:

2018 Officers Meeting was held in San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk/Cactus Flower Restaurant 6:30am-8am on March 13 2018. Officers discussed annual meeting details and other official business for next year.

2018 SOT Annual Meeting Reception was held in San Antonio, Texas 6pm-7:30pm on March 13, 2018. Approximately 70 people were in attendance.

Dr. Janet Zang called the business meeting to order at 6pm and reported general business items, including membership statistics and donations received in support of the annual meeting reception and the career event. Dr. Lisa Navarro reported the financial status of Food Safety SS and reemphasized the importance of membership because the amount of subsidy from the Headquarters is decided by the membership counts. Then, Dr. Mansi Krishan gave a report on the first FSSS mentoring event held on March 12, which was a great success. Later, Dr. Karin Ke thanked outgoing officers and announced/introduced the newly elected officers to the 2018-19 board (Dr. Chester Rodriguez for VP-elect; Dr. Sharon Mayer for Secretary/Treasurer; Drs. William Tolleson and Logeswari Ponnusamy for junior councilors.). Finally, the student awards were presented by Dr. George Burdock (for the Burdock Student Travel Award) and Dr. Laurie Dolan (for the Frank C Lu Best Abstract Award).

Awards: Burdock Student Travel Award: Jalissa Nguyen
Frank C. Lu Best Abstract Award: Sumira Phatak

2018 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:

- 1) The What, When and How of Using Data from Alternative Testing Method in Risk Assessment. CE minicourse. Sunday, March 11, 7:00 AM to 7:45 AM
- 2) Moving Beyond Theory to the Use of Systematic Review for Evidence-Based Risk Assessment. Monday, March 12, 12:10 PM to 1:30 PM
- 3) Arsenic: a Gift and Malice:a Historical Perspective Historical Highlights Session. Tuesday, March 13, 11:00 AM to 12:20 PM
- 4) Plant-Based Color Additives Used in Foods. Tuesday, March 13, 1:30 PM to 4:15 PM
- 5) Assessment of Food Substances in Early Life. Thursday, March 15, 8:30 AM to 11:15 AM

Newsletters:

- 1) Fall newsletter: October 2017
- 2) Spring newsletter: March 2018

Officer Conference Calls:

- 1) May 8, 2017: introducing new officers, responsibilities
- 2) May 24, 2017: proposal review
- 3) Sep 6, 2017: general business, including annual meeting planning
- 4) Oct 23, 2017: budget discussion, including donation status
- 5) Jan 19,2018: annual meeting preparation

Contributions to SOT website:

Updated the FSSS officer responsibility document on the FSSS website.

Other Specialty Section 2017-2018 Activities:

- 1) Reached out to outside donors for support. Received the following support for the annual meeting reception and for the FSSS Mentoring event at the annual meeting.
 - a. ConAgra Foods (\$600)
 - b. Grocery Manufacturers Association (\$600)
 - c. GMA Science and Education Foundation (\$500)
 - d. Vanguard Global Associates (\$600)
- 2) Organized the first FSSS Mentoring/Career event at the annual meeting.
- 3) Participated in the SIG collaboration effort (Cody Wilson)
- 4) Nominated the student representative (Suresh Nagumalli) for the SOT Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership Award (Awarded)