PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

This past year has been a very eventful one for the field of food safety. The FDA’s issuance of the Dietary Supplement Rule and GRAS Guidance, along with finalization of FSMA rules, has undoubtedly injected a large dose of change into the workplace. It is clear that policy involving food has evolved into a preventative rather than a reactionary stance. Although improvements have been made in food safety over the past few years, frequent reports of recalls for mislabeling or contamination show that we still have a way to go to accomplish the task of prevention.

It’s not too soon to be thinking about proposals for 2018 – the deadline is May 15. The selection committee will be implementing a new pilot program of guaranteed proposal acceptance in 2018. In a nutshell, each specialty section will be guaranteed to have their #1-ranked proposal presented at a meeting. Because there are more specialty sections than slots at each meeting, a three-year rotation schedule was developed that allows 9 specialty sections to have guaranteed acceptance in a particular year. FS3’s year for the 2018-2020 schedule is 2018. The remaining sessions for 2018 (and all of FS3’s sessions for 2019 and 2020) will undergo the same ranking process as in years’ past (rankings by FS3 as well as endorsing sections). I encourage you to get cracking on a dynamite proposal and to attend the proposal submission webinar on February 21 for more information. If your meeting proposal is rejected, don’t forget that you have the option of submitting it as a webinar.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Pratt Street Alehouse for the reception. The FS3 leadership thought that the benefits from a venue change (reduced cost and a fun atmosphere) outweighed the negatives (a short walk or cab ride from the conference site). As mentioned previously, only FS3 members will be given tokens for beverages. The FS3 leadership invites ideas from all section members about how we can improve all aspects of the section, including the reception.

Laurie C. Dolan, PhD
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. With our conservative approach to events for this year we anticipate ending the fiscal year in June with a growth in our overall operational funds compared to the prior year. Critical fund contributions come from membership dues and SOT participation funds. 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. The fiscal year ends in June and we will have updated budget details by end of the August. Thanks for your membership! I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Baltimore!

Lisa Navarro, PhD, DABT
Interested in Food Safety and Toxicology?

How do toxicology graduate students and postdoctoral scholars prepare themselves for careers in regulatory toxicology?

This is an important question both for those seeking jobs and for those who are hiring. Many students and postdoctoral scholars are not familiar with opportunities that exist in the field of regulatory toxicology or how they could enhance their skills in this field of toxicology. The Awareness in Regulatory Toxicology (ART) Work Group, a group within the SOT Graduate Education Subcommittee, was recently formed to raise awareness and encourage knowledge about the field of regulatory toxicology among trainees. The ART Work Group is composed of a diverse group of volunteers who bring experience from academia, government and industry. One of the first tasks for the ART Work Group is to compile a list of resources that students and postdoctoral scholars can access to seek more information about regulatory toxicology and training opportunities within the field. The ART Work Group will be sharing the list of resources with trainees during the SOT 2017 meeting. If you would like to learn more about the goals and activities of the ART Work Group, or if you have resources to share, please contact Angela Lynch alynch@toxplusconsulting.com or Betty Eidemiller at bettye@toxicology.org.

Congratulations to all! We are pleased to share our members’ happiness in making scientific achievements and reaching career milestones. If you have exciting news that you want to share with us, please send to sotfoodsafety@gmail.com.

Learn more at:
Food Safety Specialty Section Website: https://www.toxicology.org/groups/ss/FSSS/index.asp
Society of Toxicology: http://www.toxicology.org/
SOT Calendar of events: http://www.toxicology.org/events/calendar/events.asp
FDA What’s New: http://www.fda.gov/Food/default.htm
Please submit articles or share your career achievements with us at sotfoodsafety@gmail.com.

We would like to hear from you!
2017 Annual Meeting Sessions of Interest

**FS3 Officers Meeting:** for current (2016-2017) officers not incoming officers  
Monday, March 13, 7:00 – 8:00 am, Miss Shirley’s Café, 750 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21202

**FS3 Reception:**  
Monday, March 13, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Pratt St. Ale House, 206 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21201

**FS3-Sponsored Sessions:**  
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)

**Other Sessions of Interest:**  
Merit Award Lecture: Cell Proliferation and Carcinogenesis: Bad Luck and the Environment, Monday, March 13, 12:30 – 1:20  
Workshop: Controversies in Pesticide Toxicology, Monday, March 13, 2:00 – 4:45 pm  
Informational Session: Thresholds of Toxicological Concern: 21st Century Safety Assessment, Tuesday, March 14, 8:00 – 9:20  
Distinguished Toxicology Scholar Lecture: Dioxins and the Ah Receptor: Synergy of Discovery, Wednesday, March 15, 12:30 – 1:20  
Roundtable: Herbo-Metallic Mixtures in Traditional Medicines, Wednesday, March 15, 12:30 – 1:50  
Informational Session: Communicating Toxicology to the Public, Wednesday, March 15, 12:30 – 1:50  
Education-Career Development Session: Mastering Soft Skills to Advance Your Scientific Career, Wednesday, March 15, 5:00 – 6:20 pm

**2018 Annual Meeting Proposal Deadline:** May 15, 2017
Jennifer Briens (University of Saskatchewan) receiving Burdock Group Travel Award from Dr. Laurie Dolan

Incoming FS3 President Dr. Laurie Dolan presenting service award to outgoing President Dr. Brent Kobielush

FS3 President Dr. Brent Kobielush presenting at the FS3 reception

Gopi Gadupudi (University of Iowa) receiving Frank C. Lu Student Award from Senior Councilor Dr. Mansi Krishan
The Toxicology Forum’s 43rd Annual Summer Meeting
July 10-12, 2017

Loews Annapolis, Annapolis, Maryland
A diverse scientific program is being developed to capture important, relevant developments in toxicology. Ample opportunities for expanded discussions and networking with colleagues are a highlight of the meeting. Coming soon! The detailed scientific program, information on registration and housing accommodations will be available soon on the Toxicology Forum website at www.toxforum.org