President’s Message

Dear colleagues,

With another SOT meeting coming up, I’d like to take this opportunity to highlight exciting Food Safety related events happening at the Annual Meeting.

First, let me congratulate our long-standing member and previous FS³ President, Dr. Jiasheng Wang, for winning this year’s Translational Impact Award. You may attend the SOT Awards Ceremony to congratulate him in person, or listen to the Award Lecture to learn more about his translational research.

We have received an increasing number of proposals seeking sponsorship from FS³. As the result, there are five wonderful scientific sessions sponsored or co-sponsored by us. When you attend the oral and poster sessions to connect to the current science, don’t forget that it is time to start thinking of proposals for next year, because the deadline is less than three months away.

I’d like to welcome you to the FS³ Reception Tuesday night to enjoy good food and meet your friends and colleagues. The executive committee has been working very hard to prepare for this event. The FS³ financial report will be given, the results of the new officer election will be announced, and the student awards will be presented. Plenty of time to network as well! Thanks to the support from several generous donors (listed in this newsletter below), we were able to expand the reception menu and have drinking tickets as prizes to those who are “brave” enough to answer quiz questions, bring on proposal ideas, and make suggestions to the FS³ leadership. There should be a lot of fun!

If you are new to FS³, our Graduate Student Representative, Suresh Nagumalli, has made a poster that captures all the key information of our Specialty Section. This poster will be displayed together with other Specialty Section posters throughout the entire Annual Meeting. I encourage you to stop by and check it out!

With that, I wish for you to enjoy the scientific and social events offered at the SOT meeting. I hope the experience will lead to positive outcomes for you, including research ideas, future collaborations and career opportunities. See you in San Antonio!

Yu (Janet) Zang, PhD, DABT

President, SOT-Food Safety Specialty Section (2017-2018)
FSSS Mentoring Event

The SOT Food Safety Specialty Section (FS3) is pleased to host its first mentoring event at 2018 SOT Annual Meeting, thanks to the efforts of our Vice President-Elect, Mansi Krishan; graduate student representative, Suresh Nagumallli and post-doctoral representative, Gopi Gadupudi.

Our main goal is to stimulate interest in food safety as it relates to the science of toxicology.

Through this mentoring event, we would like to provide the young toxicologists an opportunity to meet with experts/mentors (in different sectors- academia, government, industry, CRO/ non-profit organization) and explore the different career paths in food safety.

This mentoring event is partially sponsored by GMA Science and Education Foundation.

Time: Monday, March 12, 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM
Location: Grand Hyatt Lone Star E

SOT Issue Statements

Last year two SOT issue statements were published, both related to food safety:

1. “Food and Feed Safety of Genetically Engineered Food Crops”
   

   

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**FS3 Officers Meeting:** for current (2017-2018) officers not incoming officers  
*Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM*  
*Location: Marriott Riverwalk Cactus Flower Restaurant*

**FS3 Reception:**  
*Tuesday, March 13, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM*  
*Location: Grand Hyatt Lone Star A*

**FS3 Mentoring Event:**  
*Monday, March 12, 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM*  
*Location: Grand Hyatt Lone Star E*

**FS3-Sponsored Sessions:**  
*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*  
*Location: CC 300 level*

*Moving Beyond Theory to the Use of Systematic Review for Evidence-Based Risk Assessment*  
*Monday, March 12, 12:10 PM to 1:30 PM*  
*Location: CC Stars at Night Ballroom B1*

**Arsenic: a Gift and Malice:a Historical Perspective**  
*Historical Highlights Session*  
*Tuesday, March 13, 11:00 AM to 12:20 PM*  
*Location: CC Hemisfair Ballroom C2*

**Plant-Based Color Additives Used in Foods**  
*Tuesday, March 13, 1:30 PM to 4:15 PM*  
*Location: CC Room 301*

**Assessment of Food Substances in Early Life**  
*Thursday, March 15, 8:30 AM to 11:15 AM*  
*Location: CC Stars at Night Ballroom B2*
**Poster Sessions:**

*Food Safety and Nutrition (P841-P878)*  
*Monday, March 12, 9:15 AM-4:30 PM*  
*Location: CC Exhibit Hall*

*Natural Products (P451-P473)*  
*Wednesday, March 14, 9:15 AM-4:30 PM*  
*Location: CC Exhibit Hall*

**Other Sessions of Interest:**

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### Participate in Free Toxicology-Related Training by SOT and the US FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

Covering emerging science in food and ingredient safety and held at the US FDA campus, the SOT FDA Colloquia are simulcast and recorded for additional learning opportunities.

Visit [www.toxicology.org/fda](http://www.toxicology.org/fda) to sign up for upcoming events and view past colloquia.

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2019 Annual Meeting Proposal Deadline:  
May 15, 2018

2017-2018 Event Sponsors:  
ConAgra Foods ($600)  
Grocery Manufacturers Association ($600)  
GMA Science and Education Foundation ($500)  
Vanguard Global Associates ($600)  

Please contact Raul Suarez ([Raul@toxicology.org](mailto:Raul@toxicology.org)) if you are willing to make a donation to FS3!
Dr. Laurie Dolan receiving service award from past FS³ president Dr. Brent R. Kobielush

Blake Rushing (East Carolina University) receiving Frank C. Lu award from FS³ president Dr. Laurie Dolan

Suresh Nagumalli (University of Louisiana at Monroe) receiving SS Burdock award from FS³ president Dr. Laurie Dolan
Upcoming Events

GMA Science Forum, Washington, DC, March 26-29, 2018
http://www.gmaonline.org/forms/meeting/Microsite/scienceforum18,2

IAFP Annual Meeting - International Association for Food Protection, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2018.
https://www.foodprotection.org/annualmeeting/

Society of Risk Analysis, annual meeting, New Orleans, December 2018
http://www.sra.org/events/sra-2018-annual-meeting

Fifth World Congress on Risk, Cape Town, South Africa, May 6-8, 2019.

America College of Toxicology annual meeting, West Palm Beach FL, November 2018,
https://www.actox.org/am/am2018/splashpage.asp

Genetic Toxicology Association meeting, Newark, Delaware, May 2 - 4, 2018.
http://www.gta-us.org/

Interested in Food Safety and Toxicology?

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

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