



In Vitro Specialty Section Winter Newsletter - 2007

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LAST CHANCE CALL FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOMINATIONS!!

The Election Ballots will be sent to IVSS members soon, so if you have not already done so, please send your nominations for the following Executive Officer positions that will be open.

VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT
COUNCILOR
VICE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Serving as an elected officer helps shape the IVSS and through your leadership help advance the application of *in vitro* techniques.

The Vice-President Elect is a very important leadership position for the Specialty Section. The elected individual will serve for one year as Vice President after one year of serving as VP Elect and then become President of the In Vitro Specialty Section.

Councilors serve two years and aid in the development of IVSS and often lead key committees.

▣**NEW**▣- It has recently been proposed to create a new elected officer position – **Post-Doc Representative**. The proposed new office would allow post-doctoral members to be adequately represented in the Specialty Section and also allow IVSS to stay in touch with the up and coming Toxicologists. Watch out for this motion in the soon-to-be published Election Ballot.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: FEB 5th, 2007

Please send your nominations to Dan Kemp, VP at daniel.c.kemp@gsk.com



ANNOUNCEMENT – NEW IVSS EXECUTIVE OFFICER ELECTION DATE

An Election Ballot will be sent by mail to all IVSS members at the beginning of the new year. The new election date has been set for **Feb 15th** to facilitate a smoother transition between incoming and outgoing Executive Committee Officers.

A NEW NAME FOR THE SPECIALTY SECTION???

Have you ever thought that the Specialty Section should include other areas of Toxicology besides *in vitro* methods?

In order to better reflect the interest of the specialty section membership, it was proposed to alter the name of the Specialty Section to include alternative toxicology methods.

What's the proposed name?

▣NEW▣- In Vitro and Alternative Methods Specialty Section – IVAM-SS

This expansion would include alternative toxicology methods as well as *in vitro* methods that would allow for an increase in the exchanging of ideas, give a voice to members of SOT that really didn't fit in other specialty sections and could notably advance the acceptance of *in vitro* and alternative toxicology methods.

This motion will be available to be voted on by the general membership. Keep an eye out for it on the ballot.

IVSS MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of December 21st, 2006, IVSS had a total of **159 members**, which is up from 145 members at this same time last year. More and more Toxicologists are discovering the uses of *in vitro* methods to quickly and cost-efficiently evaluate the toxicological potential of test materials. We encourage you to spread the word about IVSS and invite your colleagues to join and actively participate in the growth of the IVSS and the advancement of this area of toxicology.



IVSS STUDENT AWARDS

The tally is in. 18 applicants submitted abstracts, which were reviewed by the Awards Committee led by the IVSS Vice President Dan Kemp. The applications were reviewed for scientific significance, quality of abstract, etc. All the scores have been compiled and the awards will be presented at the IVSS meeting at SOT in Charlotte, NC this coming March.

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