

**Molecular Biology Specialty Section (MBSS)
ANNUAL REPORT: 2005-2006**

I. Introduction

Officers 2006

Craig Marcus, President
Richard Pollenz, Vice President
Heidi Einolf, Secretary/Treasurer
Tom Sutter, Vice President Elect Michael Carvan, Councilor
John Robertson, Councilor
Edward Dougherty, SAC Representative
Melissa Runge-Morris, Past President

of Members: 138

73 = University/Colleges
40 = Industry
18 = National Institutes/Government agencies
5 = Nonprofit Organizations
2 = not indicated (136 paying dues with 46 students)

II. Activities

a) Annual Business Meeting/Reception:

The Annual Business Meeting was held at Tuesday, March 7, 2006 6:00- 7:30 pm at the San Diego Convention Center (at the annual meeting). Approximately 40 people were in attendance. The theme of the scientific portion of the meeting) was to announce the winners of the annual awards. Each winner presented their research in brief (5 minutes each). The business meeting was called to order by President Melissa Runge-Morris at at 6:30 pm. The program is described below.

b) Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Research Award Winners 2006

- Travel Award: Andy Annalora (\$250) Univ. of New Mexico
- Graduate Student 1st place: Darrell Boverhof (\$500) Michigan State Univ.
- Graduate Student 2nd place: Edward J. Dougherty (\$300) Univ. S. Florida
- Graduate Student 3rd place: Mary Hassani (\$100) University of Montana
- Postdoctoral Award: Joshua Gray, Ph.D. (\$500) Rutgers Univ.

c) MBSS Sponsored Symposia, Workshops, Roundtables, and CE Courses presented at the 2006 SOT Annual Meeting:

2 CE courses:

- Use of genome databases for toxicology (basic)
- Functional analysis of gene and protein expression: from experimental design to data analysis (advanced)

2 Symposia:

- Regulation of Phase II Xenobiotic Metabolizing Enzymes: Implications for Health and Disease (Symposium)
- Alternative Model Organisms For The Analysis Of Developmental And Molecular Toxicology (Symposium)

III: Financial Reports:

Financial Report at 2006 Annual Meeting:

- Assets from 2005 were \$330.
- 2005 income totaled: \$4916 (Dues '05 \$2175; Meeting registration '05 \$2702; Total interest received \$19 for June + \$20 for July)
- Expenditures in 2005 totaled: \$4819 (Awards '05 \$1400; Plaques '05 \$364; Executive Meeting '05 \$88; Reception '05 \$2967)
- The current reported balance was \$428 as of March 7, 2006

Current Financial Status (Aug 2006)

- Current (Aug. 2006) 2006 assets are \$695.
- Current 2006 income totals to date (Aug. 06) : \$5650.31 (Novartis contribution \$1400; Dues '06 \$1950; Meeting registration '06 \$2267.20; Interest \$33.11)
- Current expenditures in 2006 totaled: \$5363 (Plaques '06 \$369.82; Ribbons \$89.93; Awards \$1400 + Travel Award \$250; Executive Meeting '06 \$128.22 + Audiovisual \$88.79; Reception '06 \$3020.92; Misc (Assn Innovation & Mgmt Inc) \$15.)

IV. Future Plans

The MBSS continues to be an active SS with major contributions to the Program of the Annual Meeting, as evidenced by the number of CE courses, symposia and roundtables that have been supported by our members. Nine program proposals were submitted by MBSS of the 2007 meeting and seven were accepted. The SS will celebrate its 20th Anniversary at the 2007 Annual Meeting. Several goals will be addressed for the current year:

1). Continue to Enhance membership. The membership within MBSS has remained stable over the past year, but has not regained the peak levels experienced 5-6 years ago. In order to maintain the MBSS' commitment to enhancing the molecular biology content of the annual meetings, the membership must continue to grow. In particular, student membership will be emphasized as will student and postdoctoral participate in the awards presented at the Annual Meeting.

2). Continue to Improve the web pages of MBSS. The current MBSS website was recently revised and is significantly improved, however additional enhancements and resource access are planned.

Name of Specialty Section: Molecular Biology

<u>Areas of Responsibility</u>	<u>Name of Contact Person</u>	<u>E-Mail Address of Contact</u>
Awards - Student	Michael Carvan	carvanmj@uwm.edu
Awards - Other, e.g., Life Achievements	Craig Marcus	cbmarcus@unm.edu
Certificates	Michael Carvan	carvanmj@uwm.edu
Plaques	Michael Carvan	carvanmj@uwm.edu
Scientific Programs for SOT Annual Meeting	Richard Pollenz	pollenz@mail.cas.usf.edu
Other SOT Annual Meeting Events	Craig Marcus	cbmarcus@unm.edu
Other Scientific Programs (i.e. , CCTs or other SS-sponsored programs outside of Annual Meeting)	Craig Marcus	cbmarcus@unm.edu
Newsletter - SS	Craig Marcus	cbmarcus@unm.edu
Newsletter - <i>Communiqué</i>	Craig Marcus	cbmarcus@unm.edu
Broadcast E-mails	Craig Marcus	cbmarcus@unm.edu
Continuing Education	Richard Pollenz	pollenz@mail.cas.usf.edu
Mentoring Programs	N/A	
Student Representative	Edward Dougherty	edougher@mail.usf.edu
Post-Doctoral Representative	N/A	
Website	Jack Vanden Heuval	Jpv2@psu.edu