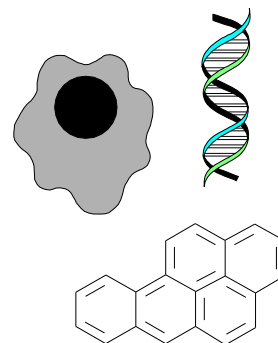


# ***Molecular Biology Specialty Section***

## ***NEWS!***



Society of Toxicology

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### **THE 2006 SOT MBSS GRADUATE STUDENT AND POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW RESEARCH AWARDS:**

#### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS!**

The MBSS is pleased to announce the opportunity for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows to compete for research awards in molecular toxicology. Please submit applications for the awards to Dr. Thomas Sutter by email by **November 1, 2005** ([tsutter@memphis.edu](mailto:tsutter@memphis.edu)). Details of the application submissions for both awards are described below.

#### **2006 Graduate Student Awards:**

Applicants must be full-time students as of October 1, 2005 and research should be in the general area of molecular toxicology. Applicants should submit an electronic version of their abstract, a 2-page narrative describing their research hypothesis, background and significance, and a letter of recommendation from their advisor. Three awards will be made: 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive \$300, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive \$100. All awardees will receive a plaque at the annual meeting of the

SOT, and will present a 5-minute synopsis of their research at the MBSS meeting. In addition, the 1<sup>st</sup> place graduate student award winner will have the opportunity to serve as the student representative of the MBSS in the upcoming year.

#### **2006 Post-Doctoral Fellow Research Award:**

Applicants must have completed a Ph.D. and be either a student or post-doctoral member of SOT. Research should be in the general area of molecular toxicology. Applicants should submit an electronic version of their abstract, a 2-page narrative describing their research hypothesis, background and significance, and a letter of recommendation from their advisor. A single post-doctoral award will be made in the amount of \$500. The winner will also receive a plaque at the annual meeting of the SOT and will present a 5-minute synopsis of their research at the MBSS meeting.

#### **SOT MEMBERSHIP**

Membership renewal is coming up, by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005! Don't forget to sign-up for the MBSS! You can renew on-line at:

<http://www.toxicology.org/dotnet/2005dues.aspx>

Not a member and want to be? Sign up for SOT membership at the following link:

[http://www.toxicology.org/dotnet/membership\\_app.aspx](http://www.toxicology.org/dotnet/membership_app.aspx)

The next review of SOT membership applications will be Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 and again May 1<sup>st</sup> and Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2006.

### **2006 SOT ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN DIEGO, MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**

Just as a reminder, abstract submissions are quickly approaching, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005!

Early bird registration is Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and standard registration is Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

A preliminary program of the scientific sessions and important MBSS dates, such as the Officers meeting and MBSS reception should be available soon on-line at <http://www.toxicology.org>

#### **MBSS Sponsored Scientific Sessions**

MBSS is the sponsor or co-sponsor of many enticing Symposia at the 2006 Annual Meeting. Specifically, we are the primary sponsors of the Symposia:

*Alternative Model Organisms for the Analysis of Developmental and Molecular Toxicology*

*Regulation of Phase II Xenobiotic Metabolizing Enzymes: Implications for Health and Disease*

A detailed list of all of MBSS sponsored Scientific Sessions will be available shortly in the preliminary program. Be sure to check it out!

#### **Students and postdocs**

Keep these dates open for the 2006 SOT meeting! This is a great opportunity for students and post-doctoral fellows to gather, to meet new colleagues, and to re-establish relationships in an informal atmosphere at the meeting.

*Student/Post-Doctoral Fellow Mixer*

Sunday, March 5, 7:30 PM–8:30 PM

*Post-Doctoral Assembly Event*

Sunday, March 5, 8:00 PM–9:00 PM

*SOT Council Meeting with Students/Post-Doctoral Fellows*

Wednesday, March 8, 4:45 PM–5:30 PM

SOT has a fantastic job placement service at the annual meeting. If you are finishing up your degree or completing your post-doctoral fellowship, check out the SOT On-line Career Resource and Development Service at the following link:

<http://www.toxicology.org/ai/crad/login.asp>

Remember to sign up before the meeting.

### **UPDATE OF THE SOT SPECIALTY SECTION LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP**

Aug 9-10, 2005

Sheraton Gateway Suites, Chicago, IL

by Dr. Craig Marcus

As a new initiative, SOT Leadership convened a meeting for Specialty Section (SS) officers (Presidents and/or VPs) with the overall objective of increasing the successes of SOT Specialty Sections by improving their effectiveness as organizations and by maximizing the value of the specialty sections to the SOT membership.

This recent workshop provided a forum for SS officers to meet and communicate experiences and build cooperative networks. It also provided an opportunity for SS officers to learn more about the SOT resources available to the specialty sections and their members, as well as a forum for the SS officers to present SS needs and challenges to SOT Council representatives. SOT Council members also utilized this meeting to further educate the SS officers as to their duties and roles and the expectations of SS and

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their officers by SOT Council. The objective was to develop new goals for the SS sections working with Council to serve SOT members needs.

The meeting was highly successful and productive. Just as a few examples, several highlights of this productive meeting included an immediate response to the extensive discussion of how SS could recruit more students into SS and better serve their existing student members. The SS Student representatives in conjunction with the Student Advisory Committee which created new descriptions of the Specialty Sections in a flyer to include in student new member information packets and also to distribute at Regional Chapter meetings.

Secondly, a Task Force was created to attempt to develop a new scientific and educational activity for SOT and the SS's. To this end, an Internet-based Toxicology Seminar Series would be developed that would be open to all SOT members. The basic outline of the concept to be developed will be that SS's would provide the speakers, and SOT would provide resources to coordinate the Seminars and Web/telephone-assisted audio visual feed for the presentations, as well as disseminate the slides/handouts for the lectures.

SOT Council representatives encouraged SS's to support and develop more Contemporary Concepts in Toxicology (CCT) Meetings that could be sponsored by SOT and reiterated the SOT resources that are available to support such specialty meetings.

Vice President-Elect: Richard Pollenz

Secretary-Treasurer: Heidi J. Einolf

Senior Councilor: Thomas Sutter

Councilor: Michael J. Carvan III

Student Representative: Andrew Annalora

### **MBSS Officers 2005- 2006:**

President: Melissa Runge-Morris

Vice President: Craig Marcus