CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO MBSS NEWSLETTER AND MBSS WEBSITE

Attention MBSS membership: Are you looking for a post-doc? Do you have a programmatic symposium or new resource that you would like to advertise? You are invited to submit announcements or news of special interest to research scientists in molecular toxicology to the MBSS newsletter. E-mail your newsletter requests to the MBSS Secretary/Treasurer, Heidi Einolf at heidi.einolf@pharma.novartis.com. Check the pulse of MBSS and other Society of Toxicology news at: http://www.toxicology.org

2005 MBSS Election Results
The MBSS membership welcomes a new panel of MBSS officers: President, Melissa Runge-Morris of Wayne State University, Vice President, Craig Marcus of the University of New Mexico, Vice President-Elect, Richard Pollenz of the University of South Florida, Secretary-Treasurer, Heidi Einolf of Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp., Senior Councilor, Thomas Sutter of the University of Memphis, Councilor, Michael J. Carvan, III of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Student Representative, Andrew Annalora of the University of New Mexico, (Craig Marcus, mentor). We appreciate these individuals’ willingness to step up to the plate and serve the MBSS.

Update from the New MBSS President, Melissa Runge-Morris

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the MBSS in a leadership position this year. I know that the cracker-jack team of MBSS officers will make my job that much easier. I appreciate the help and support of my MBSS colleagues as we endeavor to meet program submission deadlines and strive to strengthen communications within our specialty section. I understand from the Society that we have 129 active members, which represents a significant increase from previous years. We also have a strong graduate and postdoctoral research awards program which represents our bridge to future directions in this challenging and rapidly changing field. Please continue to encourage your professional colleagues and students to participate in MBSS-sponsored programs and initiatives. With your help, we can expect a banner year in 2006. See you in San Diego!
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winners of the MBSS 2005 Student Research Awards. The 2005 MBSS reception and student awards ceremony was an unqualified success. Special thanks are extended to key MBSS members and supporters who made the student awards program possible. These individuals include former President Jack Vanden Heuvel, former Senior Councilor Richard Pollenz, former Secretary-Treasurer Elizabeth Wattenburg, Michael Denison, Taylor-Francis Publishers, and members of the research awards review panel including former Councilor Thomas Sutter, and dedicated MBSS members Hollie Swanson and Timothy Zacharewski. The first prize for meritorious student research went to Andrew Annalora of the University of New Mexico (Craig Marcus’ lab). Second prize was awarded to Mary Hassani of the University of Montana (Howard Beall’s lab), and third prize went to Issabelle Plante of the Universite du Quebec (Mike Charbonneau’s lab). Jingbo Pi of the NIEHS received the 2005 postdoctoral research award (Michael Waalkes’ lab). Congratulations to all of the winners and participants in the MBSS student research awards program.

MBSS members with talented students and postdocs should plan to send research award applications this Fall to our new Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Heidi Einolf, Novartis Pharmaceutical Corp., Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics, One Health Plaza, East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080; or Email: heidi.einolf@pharma.novartis.com.

Call for 2006 Program Submissions. The Society of Toxicology has a short time-frame with which to plan and finalize the program for next year’s annual meeting. In addition to CE courses, symposia, and workshops, the SOT encourages members to submit ideas for a new program category called historical perspectives in toxicology. The SOT program committee plans to select one signature “historical perspectives” session for the 2006 meeting. Historical perspective sessions should be designed to last 90 minutes, and can include multiple speakers. The successful historical perspectives submission will show-case the contributions of toxicology to major advances in human health. The SOT website for CE course, symposia, workshop and historical perspective program submissions can be accessed through the following link: http://sot2006.abstractcentral.com. The 2006 program submission website will remain open from March 15, 2005 through April 30th, 2005. Remember to submit copies of your proposal to the MBSS executive committee c/o our president (m.runge-morris@wayne.edu). The MBSS is interested in sponsoring multidisciplinary, human health-oriented program submissions with an emphasis on molecular approaches to current challenges in toxicology. Please encourage your colleagues to contribute to the enrichment of the SOT scientific program by submitting proposals to the SOT programs website.

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