



# Neurotoxicology Specialty Section

## NTSS Members:

The **Society of Toxicology** annual meeting begins in little more than a week, and I hope that you will be attending the meeting and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. This newsletter includes information you will find useful as you plan for the meeting. In addition, you will find **attached** as a separate document a **Table of Neurotoxicology-Related Sessions** and events occurring during the meeting assembled by NTSS Student representative **Jason Magby**.

**NTSS/SOT Election Results** In the recent NTSS elections **Anumantha Kanthasamy** was chosen for the position of Vice-President-Elect. The voting for Councilor ended in a **TIE** – the NTSS Council randomly determined that **Christine Curran** will begin serving in this position now, and **Chris Toscano** will begin his service in 2012. Thus, there will be no balloting for Councilor in 2012. Also, **Marion Ehrich** has been elected to the SOT Nominating Committee.

**SOT Award Winner** **Miki Aschner** is receiving the **Merit Award** and will give the Merit Award Lecture, "Neurotoxicology Goes Global: Scientific Collaboration and Mentorship", at **12:15 PM on Monday, March 7** in Room 201. The presentation will be made at the Awards reception, **Sunday, March 6, at 5:15 PM in Room 207** of the Convention Center. Congratulations on winning this prestigious award.

**Poster Competition** For those of you who have graduate students or postdocs participating in the poster contest (or who are serving as judges for the contest), the judging will take place at **4:45 pm on Monday March 7** in the Convention Center Exhibit Hall. Candidates and judges have received specific information and may enter the Exhibit Hall E entrance at 4:30. **Sue Schantz** is coordinating the contest this year, so please contact her directly if you have any questions prior to the meeting ([schantz@uiuc.edu](mailto:schantz@uiuc.edu)). Good luck to all students and postdocs who are participating, and a special thanks to all who have agreed to help with the judging! Prizes will be awarded at the **NTSS Reception**.

**NTSS Reception** This year our specialty section reception will be held **Monday, March 7 from 6-7:30 pm** in **Salon G** of the Convention Center. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend to enjoy the food and drink and visit with your NTSS colleagues. A short business meeting will be held at approximately 6:45 PM. An agenda outline is provided below. Please contact **Steve Lasley** if you would like to make an announcement at the business meeting.

### NTSS Business Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and opening remarks
- Introduction of new officers
- Recognition of outgoing officers
- Secretary-Treasurer's report
- NTSS Endowment Fund
- Poster competition awards
- 2012 Continuing education and program proposals
- Announcements/new business
- Closing remarks

**NTSS Endowment Fund** The **Neurotoxicology Fellowship Award Fund** has been initiated, and the campaign (“\$50 for 50 Years”) to encourage donations will begin at the Annual Meeting. Specifically, donation forms and information will be provided at the NTSS Reception, and Gary Miller will make a short presentation with more details. An NTSS endowment fund logo is needed for signage, stationery, etc. We will either have to re-size the logo at the top of the previous page for signage, or design a new logo. Members interested in helping design a new endowment fund logo should contact **Gary Miller (GWMiller@emory.edu)**.

**CE and Program Proposals for 2012** It's not too early to start thinking about symposia, workshops, roundtables or CE courses you would like to organize for the 2012 Annual Meeting. It would be a good idea for those interested in submitting proposals to speak to current NTSS officers at the Annual Meeting to further develop your idea. An NTSS pre-review committee will review all proposals received by **April 15** and offer suggestions for strengthening the proposal prior to submission to the SOT Program Committee. **Themes for the 2012 meeting** are listed below:

#### **Scientific Program Themes**

- Aberrant Gene Expression in Toxicity and Disease - Epigenetics and MicroRNAs
- Characterizing Toxic Modes of Action and Pathways to Toxicity
- Influence of Global Climate Change on Environmental Health Issues
- Clinical Toxicology from Bedside to the Bench and Back
- Regulatory Science: Bridging the Gap between Discovery and Product Availability

#### **CE Target Areas**

- Assessment of the Role of Neuroinflammation in Neurotoxicity
- Noncoding RNAs and their Role in Biology and Toxicology
- Drug Metabolism

**NTSS Historical Poster** Please check out the **NTSS Historical Poster** at the Annual Meeting. Specialty Section posters will be displayed at the **L Street bridge area of the Convention Center at the entrance to the Exhibit Hall**. NTSS Postdoctoral representative Josh Harrill was largely responsible for the content and layout of the poster with the assistance of several NTSS officers.

**27<sup>th</sup> International Neurotoxicology Conference** An announcement and program overview for this conference are provided as attachments to this Newsletter.

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