



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 50th 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**). 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** (GWMille@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.

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

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