

## Neurotoxicology Specialty Section

### ANNUAL REPORT: 2020-2021

May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

#### **I. Officers/Committees:**

##### Officers

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
President:	Nikolay (Nick) Filipov	Jason R. Richardson
Vice President:	Jason R. Richardson	Jason R. Cannon
Vice President-Elect:	Jason R. Cannon	Marissa Sobolewski
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PDA Representative:	Carla Garza Lombo	Anke Tukker
Grad Student Representative:	Eduardo A. Gonzalez	Minhong Huang

##### **Committees:**

**Distinguished Neurotoxicologist Award Committee** (2020 cycle; 2021 was decided to be a gap year):  
Michelle Block (Chair), Jason Richardson, Jason Cannon, Jim O'Callaghan, Debbie Cory-Slechta, Ginger Moser,

**Trainee Virtual Poster Award Committee:** Lucio Costa (Chair), Kristen Ryan, Jason Cannon, Marissa Sobolewski and 32 NTSS members as judges

**Nomination Committee:** Michelle Block (Chair)

**Toshio Narahashi Neurotoxicology Endowment Fund:** Pam Lein (Chair)

#### **II. 2020 Membership total: 334**

#### **III. Key Outcomes in 2020-2021:**

- A. During the 2021 SOT, 7 Symposia, 2 Workshops, and 1 CE (91% Success Rate) were sponsored by NTSS.
- B. NTSS member Dr. Deborah Cory-Slechta was the recipient of the 2021 Distinguished Toxicology Scholar Award.
- C. NTSS member Dr. Wei Zheng was the recipient of the 2021 Education Award.

- D. NTSS member Dr. Michael Aschner was the Vice President-Elect of the Society of Toxicology for 2020-2021
- E. NTSS member Dr. Mary Gilbert was the Treasurer-Elect of the Society of Toxicology for 2020-2021

#### **IV. Activities:**

##### **A. 2021 SOT Virtual Annual Meeting Activities** (e.g., courses, scientific sessions, or virtual receptions):

###### **Neurotoxicology Specialty Section Virtual Meeting**

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 from 4:15 pm – 5:45 pm ET

**Summary:** The virtual event included the NTSS leadership's update on their activities and current state of NTSS, the recognition of the 2020 Distinguished Neurotoxicology recipient, Dr. Michael Aschner, 2021 awards ceremony, and member networking activities.

##### **B. 2021 Student/Postdoctoral Fellows Awards Information:**

###### 1. NTSS Virtual Poster Competition-Graduate Students Category:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Tim Andersen, University of Rochester; Mentor: Dr. Deborah Cory-Slechta

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Hendrik Greve, Indiana University; Mentor: Dr. Michelle Block

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Emma Foster, Northern Kentucky University; Mentor: Dr. Christine Curran

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Hyunjin Kim, Purdue University; Mentor: Dr. Aaron Bowman

###### 2. NTSS Virtual Poster Competition-Postdoctoral Fellows Category:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Katherine O'Shaughnessy, US EPA; Mentor: Dr. Mary Gilbert

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Callie Goeke, University of Rochester; Mentor: Dr. Marissa Sobolewski

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** David Pamies, Université de Lausanne; Mentor: Dr. Marie-Gabrielle Zurich

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Tauqueerunnisa Syeda, Purdue University; Mentor: Dr. Jason Cannon

###### 3. NTSS Outstanding Virtual Presentation Awards-Graduate Student Category:

**Winner:** Hendrik Greve, Indiana University; Mentor: Dr. Michelle Block

**Runner-up:** Jessica Carpenter, University of Georgia; Mentor: Dr. Nick Filipov

###### 4. NTSS Outstanding Virtual Presentation Awards-Postdoctoral Fellows Category:

**Winner:** David Pamies, Université de Lausanne; Mentor: Dr. Marie-Gabrielle Zurich

**Runner-up:** Eiki Kimura, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Center for Health and Environmental Risk Research, National Institute for Environmental Studies; Mentor: Dr. Chiharu Tohyama

##### **C. Other Educational Activities Conducted** (e.g., webinars, in person meetings): N/A

#### **D. Communication Activities:**

###### 1. Newsletter publication frequency: January 2021

###### 2. New or Significant Announcements/blogs:

###### 3. Highlight of Website enhancements: NTSS website has been maintained and updated as needed.

#### **E. Mentoring activities:** N/A

**V. Feedback and Ideas:**

- A. **In what ways is your group fostering and maintaining an inclusive environment?**  
*Diversity is one of the criteria we use during the nominating process.*
- B. **How might SOT better support your group's activities (perhaps something the Society should be doing that we currently do not do, or do not do effectively, that would be of importance/benefit to the members of your component group?):**  
**Note: If funding is listed, please provide detail on the membership need that the funding would support.**  
*N/A*
- C. **What is one thing that the Society is currently doing that impacts your component group that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?**  
*Ability to update information and the type of information that goes on our SS website should be broadened.*
- D. **What changes do your component group anticipate making in the way in which it operates in the coming year?**  
*Nothing major until our next council meeting.*