

Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2024–2025

May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

I. Officers:

<u>2024–2025</u>	<u>2025–2026</u>
President: Senthilkumar Perumal Kuppusamy Vice President: Claire Neilan Vice President-Elect: Manoj Aggarwal Secretary-Treasurer: Jessica Sapiro Past President, Councilor: Hilary Sheevers Senior Councilor: William Klaren Junior Councilor: Dahea You Postdoctoral Representative: Taylor Carter Graduate Student Representative: Olivia Lampe	President: Claire Neilan Vice President: Manoj Aggarwal Vice President Elect: April O'Connell Past President, Councilor: Senthilkumar Perumal Kuppusamy Secretary-Treasurer: William Klaren Senior Councilor: Dahea You Junior Councilor: Timothy McGovern Postdoctoral Representative: Taylor Carter Graduate Student Representative: Olivia Lampe

Committees:

Guidance subcommittee: Jessica Sapiro, Dahea You, Kevin French, Pramila Singh, Logeswari Ponnusamy, Jossie Garthoff, Gina Hilton, Erik Pacyniak, Stephen Ford, Francis Kruszewski, James Kim

Program Committee: Krisa Camargo, Nikolaos Georgiadis, Claire Neilan, Deirdre Dalmas Wilks, Kevin French, Ashley Brinkman, Kristin Noell, Sherleen Adamson, Medelyn (Mimi) Huang, William (Bill) Klaren, Brent Yamamoto, Manoj Aggarwal

Awards Committee: Claire Neilan, Manoj Aggarwal, Kevin French, Katy Goyak, Doug Keller, Sandepp Kondakala, April Lake O'Connell, Monica Langley

Endowment Committee: Madeyln (Mimi) Huang, Hilary Sheevers, Brent Yamamoto, Ken Hastings

II. 2025 Membership total: 689

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2024–2025:

The Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person meeting/mixer
- Endorsed session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Trainee awards conferred
- Scientist investigator awards conferred
- Paper of the year award
- Member highlights
- Newsletter(s)
- Webinars

- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)
- Utilized/expanded Endowment Fund(s) for Component Group

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

The Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

- Computational Toxicology

V. Communication Methods:

The Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section stayed in contact with its members throughout the year through the following mechanisms.

- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Specialty Section website
- Newsletter(s)
- Through Graduate Student/Postdoc Representatives
- LinkedIn

VI. Promotion of Inclusivity

The Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section maintained an inclusive organization through the following activities.

- Nominate a diverse slate of candidates for elections
- Solicit equitable input from all executive committee leaders
- Utilize virtual meetings for convening Specialty Section leadership
- Utilize standardized rubrics for judging awards/posters
- Highlight trainee research
- Solicit member feedback for development of Specialty Section activities (such as webinar topics)
- Provide volunteer activities for the membership to be engaged
- Use multiple approaches to communicate with membership

VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:

The Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section hosted the following mentoring activities throughout the year for its membership.

- Invited our trainee award winners to an RSESS mentoring and celebration lunch at the annual meeting.

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	11
Early Career	0
Mid Career	1
Late Career	0

IX. Strategic Plan:

The Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section supported the following SOT Strategic Priorities.

- Proactively pursue impactful scientific content
- Effectively communicate scientific advances
- Foster connectivity across scientific disciplines
- Develop a talent pool of toxicologists for the future
- Provide mentoring and networking opportunities for all career levels

X. Scientific Topics of Interest:

The Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section is interested in seeing the following topic areas developed into sessions at future SOT Annual Meetings.

- Tox testing strategies for novel therapies/modalities Recent approvals in food safety Regulators perspectives on recent position paper on alternatives to animal testing for monoclonal antibodies, and what alternative methods are currently being accepted by regulators

XI. Feedback to the Society:

- A. What is the one thing the Society should be doing that it currently does not do (or does not do effectively) that would be of importance/benefit to the members of the Specialty Section?

The leaders/officers of the different SS do not have a dedicated forum to meet and discuss ideas as to how to improve the experience for our members, and to network and collaborate on various topics.

- B. What is the one thing the Society is currently doing that impacts the Specialty Section that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?

We had a lot of feedback that cutting back on food at our breakfast meetings and sharing the room with other SS officers did not work. The SS could be encouraged to meet off-site in order to save costs. If we know it is acceptable to do this, we would be happy to organize ourselves. We also received feedback regarding the food situation at our annual reception at the annual meeting. Attendees thought the food variety was poor and the quantity low. We also had an issue identifying the person who had the drink tickets. They did not announce themselves to our officers and were not obvious to us; as a result we did not drink tickets distributed until 30 mins into our reception.