

Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2025–2026

May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026

I. Officers:

<u>2025–2026</u>	<u>2026–2027</u>
President: Damani Parran Vice President: Sara Farahmand Vice President Elect: Jennifer Tanir Past President, Councilor: Lauren Brown Secretary-Treasurer: Colleen McLoughlin Councilor: Kel DeShong Councilor: Shoba Iyer Postdoctoral Representative: Opeyemi Ogunsuyi Student Representative: Milica Pavlovic	President: Sara Farahmand Vice President: Jennifer Tanir Vice President-Elect: Britt McAtee Secretary-Treasurer: Cody Wilson Past President, Councilor: Damani Parran Councilor: Kaley Beins Councilor: Shoba Iyer Student Representative: Milica Pavlovic

Committees:

No appointed committees

II. 2026 Membership total: 77

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2025–2026:

The Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person meeting/mixer
- Virtual meetings
- Sponsored session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Endorsed session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Mentoring/career development events
- Poster session for trainees
- Trainee awards conferred
- Scientist investigator awards conferred
- Paper of the year award
- Member highlights
- Newsletter(s)
- Webinars
- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

The Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

- Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Committees; CAMAN

V. Communication Methods:

The Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology 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 Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology 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
- Include inclusive descriptions of Awards
- Prioritize diversity in selection of speakers/panelists
- 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 Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section hosted the following mentoring activities throughout the year for its membership.

- Career panel(s)
- Speed networking
- Actively recruit members to be part of the SOT Mentor Match system
- Networking luncheon/reception

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	1
Early Career	1
Mid Career	1
Late Career	0

IX. Key Outcomes and Improvements:

- A. Fall 2025 Webinar, "Safe and Sustainable by Design Framework" had 153 registrants with 91 attending in live, concurrent attendance peaked at 77; Spring 2026 Webinar, "Sustainable Chemicals Roundtable" had 164 registrants with 91 attending live, concurrent attendance peaked at 85
- B. Area of improvement: member recruitment

X. Strategic Plan:

The Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section supported the following SOT Strategic Priorities.

- Proactively pursue impactful scientific content
- Support the development and application of tools that advance toxicology
- Effectively communicate scientific advances
- Foster connectivity across scientific disciplines
- Develop a talent pool of toxicologists for the future
- Provide training and education that reflects the needs of members
- Provide mentoring and networking opportunities for all career levels
- Enhance member recognition and visibility at all levels

XI. Scientific Topics of Interest:

The Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section is interested in seeing the following topic areas developed into sessions at future SOT Annual Meetings.

- AI for hazard assessment and toxicity data evidence gathering - how it can help and what to be cautious of

XII. 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?

It would be beneficial for SOT to provide more visibility for Specialty Sections through its main social media channels (LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, etc.). While some of our webinars and events have been shared, there is not much regular promotion of Specialty Sections in general. This would be helpful for smaller, niche Specialty Sections.

- 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.)?

Increased visibility of Specialty Sections and Special Interests Groups