

Stem Cells Specialty Section

President's Message

Greetings from the Stem Cells Specialty Section! It's been a while since we've had a newsletter, but we're still around and today is your lucky day. On behalf of the executive committee, we thank you for your past involvement in our Specialty Section and encourage your continued participation. And *SPREAD THE WORD!!* We want to see continued growth. Let's get your friends and colleagues involved too

First things first, let's thank our outgoing officers:

Erik Tokar, Past President

Colleen Hegg, Secretary/Treasurer

Aaron Bowman, Councilor

Sanket Gadhia, Postdoc Representative

Rachana Nitin, Student Representative

They kept the torch going and handed it off to your newly elected officers:

Timothy O'Toole, President

Patrick Allard, Vice President

Fang Liu Secretary/Treasurer

Petra Haberzettl, Councilor

Anthony Luz, Postdoc Representative

Piyush Joshi, Student Representative



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SOT

Society of Toxicology

We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer with family and friends, but one that was also scientifically productive! As we head into October (and unfortunately see our daylight hours dwindle) there are several SOT and Specialty Section items to be aware of:

2019 SOT Annual Meeting

- I hope we all plan to attend in Baltimore, March 10-14. This is our one chance to get together as a group to see all the great work we have going on, catch up with old friends, and make new friends to collaborate with.
- Our Specialty Section sponsored two Symposia and one Workshop which made it into the final program!

Symposia:

“Stem Cells and Metals Toxicity: From Tissue Regeneration and Repair to Carcinogenesis”

chaired by our former officer, Erik Tokar, NIEHS, Research Triangle Park, NC

“Not Your Father’s ED: Expanding the Definition and Understanding of Endothelial Dysfunction (ED) Due to Inhaled Toxicants”

chaired by active member Daniel Conklin, University of Louisville, KY

Workshop:

“Air Pollution-Induced Cardiovascular Toxicity: Endothelial Progenitor Cells as Critical Mediators”

chaired by our Councilor, Petra Haberzettl, University of Louisville, KY

Please make every effort to attend these interesting sessions. Consult the final schedule (coming early 2019) for exact times and places. Thanks to our members for their proposal suggestions and let's have even more for SOT 2020!

- If you want to present your work as a poster, remember the abstract deadline of Oct. 19. Consult the SOT website on how to submit. Lots of great discussion and networking takes place at the posters.
- ***AND MOST IMPORTANTLY.....***.....Plan to attend our Specialty Section reception to be held Monday, March 11 at the Baltimore Hilton from 6-7:30 PM. Let's have a strong turnout and support the activities of our Specialty Section! Consult the final schedule (coming early 2019) for location. Be there for science and fun.

Officers cont.

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Travel Awards

Once again our Specialty Section will be sponsoring awards to graduate students and postdocs to attend the 2019 SOT Annual Meeting. Successful applicants must have submitted a first author abstract to 2019 SOT by the October 19 deadline. To be considered for these awards submit:

- an extended abstract of the work to be presented at the Annual Meeting. This abstract should be no more than two single-spaced pages in length, including figures and figure legends.
- a letter from the applicant's advisor stating that the work was performed while the applicant was a student/fellow and detailing the role of the student/fellow in the research project.

Please send these items by Dec. 31, 2018 to Timothy O'Toole, President SCSS (tim.otoole@louisville.edu). Award winners will be notified in the spring of 2019 and may be asked to give a short presentation (5-10 min) on their work at our annual reception.

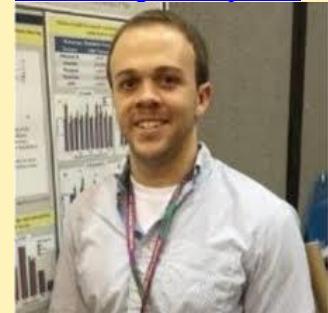
Mentoring

As a part of 2019 SOT, we are trying to gauge interest in a mentoring event. If you are a graduate student or postdoctoral scholar who has career questions or wish to seek advice from more established investigators we will try to connect you with an advisor for an informal discussion session. If you are one seeking advice or if you are willing to serve as a mentor, please contact our Postdoctoral Representative, Anthony Luz (aluz@integral-corp.com) or our Graduate Student Representative Piyush Joshi (piyush.joshi@vanderbilt.edu). We will try to arrange these informal sessions based upon interest and number of participants.

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Call for officers

Serving on the executive committee of our Specialty Section is a great way to get involved in the workings of SOT and network with your peers (and involves a minimal time commitment!).

We have a current opening for:

- Vice President-Elect to serve until May 2019, whereupon this candidate will serve subsequent years as Vice President, President, and Past President.

In early 2019, we will have our annual elections for:

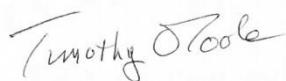
- Vice President-Elect, to serve in this position May 2019 to May 2020 and then subsequent years as Vice President, President, and Past President.
- Councilor – a two-year commitment
- Postdoctoral Representative – a one-year commitment
- Graduate Student Representative – a one-year commitment

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, contact Timothy O'Toole (tim.otoole@louisville.edu) or another member of the current executive committee. A biosketch (statement of interests and involvement in SOT and stem cells) will be needed by December of 2018 with elections occurring in early 2019.

Membership renewal

When renewing your SOT membership dues, do not forget to renew your membership in our Specialty Section. Please keep in mind that to keep our membership growing and support the future of our Specialty Section, we need to recruit as many new members as possible. The more members that we have, the better our financial outlook. Mentors, encourage your Students and Postdoctoral Scholars to join the Section. Students and Postdocs remember that you get one FREE specialty section membership with your SOT membership.

OK, that's it for now. As we dive into the autumn months, enjoy the changing colors, raking leaves (?), and your favorite football team. We'll see you next March in Baltimore!!!



Timothy O'Toole, PhD
SCSS President