

Stem Cells Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2023–2024
May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

I. Officers:

<u>2023–2024</u>	<u>2024–2025</u>
President: Blake Anson Vice President: Nicole zur Nieden Vice President Elect: Xiugong Gao Secretary-Treasurer: Aaron Bowman Past President, Councillor: Petra Haberzettl Councillor: Mike Clements Graduate Student Representative: Dowlette-Mary Alam El Din	President: Nicole zur Nieden Vice President: Xiugong Gao Vice President-Elect: Sebastian Medina Secretary-Treasurer: Xian Wu Past President, Councillor: Blake Anson Postdoctoral Representative: Anke Tukker Graduate Student Representative: Shabnam Etemadi

Committees:

We have not formed any subcommittees, as we're still too small of a section.

II. 2024 Membership total: 64

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2023–2024:

The Stem Cells Specialty Section accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person meeting/mixer
- Endorsed session(s) at the Annual Meeting

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

The Stem Cells Specialty Section collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

V. Communication Methods:

The Stem Cells Specialty Section stayed in contact with its members throughout the year through the following mechanisms.

- ToXchange
- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Other Social Media (Facebook, X, etc.)

VI. Promotion of Inclusivity

The Stem Cells Specialty Section maintained an inclusive organization through the following activities.

- Nominate a diverse slate of candidates for elections
- Highlight trainee research

VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:

The Stem Cells Specialty Section hosted the following mentoring activities throughout the year for its membership.

- None of the above

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	1
Early Career	1
Mid Career	
Late Career	

IX. Key Outcomes and Improvements:

None. However, for the upcoming year, now that all positions are filled, we're motivated to improve the services that we offer our members. We're planning to hold a virtual meeting with the new officers soon, so that we can brainstorm. Unfortunately, we have a low number of members, which does not allow us to increase the number of awards by much, however, I do believe that there should be some additional awards, even if they do not come with a large monetary prize.

X. Strategic Plan:

The Stem Cells Specialty Section supported the following SOT Strategic Priorities.

- Develop a talent pool of toxicologists for the future
- Provide mentoring and networking opportunities for all career levels

XI. Scientific Topics of Interest:

The Stem Cells Specialty Section is interested in seeing the following topic areas developed into sessions at future SOT Annual Meetings.

- Although not a very new topic, a session on oxidative stress would be great. In covering emerging topics, we should also not forget that the mechanisms of toxicity are still highly interesting.

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?

N/A

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.)?

During Annual Meetings, please do not hold Section meetings concurrently when the topics of the Sections overlap. For example, in prior years our reception conflicted with RDTSS and IVAM, so that most people went to the bigger events.