

NAME OF SPECIALTY SECTION: **Comparative and Veterinary**

ANNUAL REPORT: 2016-2017

May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017

I. Officers/Committees:

| <u>Officers</u> | <u>2015-2016</u> | <u>2016-2017</u> |
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| President: | Jeffrey Glen Sherman | Vijayapal R Reddy |
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| PDA Representative: | Satyanarayana Achanta | Satyanarayana Achanta |
| GSLC Representative: | Joanna Kreitinger | Logeswari Ponussamy |

Committees: None.

II. Activities:

A. Our **2017 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held in Baltimore, Maryland on Monday March 13th at the Fogo de Chão Brazilian Steakhouse (600 East Pratt Street), 12:15-2:00pm. CVSS had a lunch meeting in conjunction with the Toxicology and Exploratory Pathology Specialty Section (TEPSS) due to common topical interests and sharing evaluation and awarding of the Roger McClellan award. Leadership from both specialty sections worked together to pull off the joint meeting.

- ◆ Approximately 30 people were in attendance. Monday, March 13th 2017 12:15—2:00 pm
- ◆ Dr. Reddy called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm
- ◆ Meeting Minutes:
 - Dr. Reddy welcomed CVSS membership; key events at SOT were highlighted including the CVSS sponsored symposium.
 - Dr. Kinyamu-Akunda, in-coming president, gave a brief overview of the program for the luncheon (lunch, award presentation for CVSS, joint CVSS/TEPSS presentations for McClellan Award and first place travel award Brandon Lewis (won the Charles River Award)).
 - Award winners
 - **CVSS 1st place travel award** (US\$500.00) – Brandon W. Lewis (Louisiana State University). Abstract #1929: Early Postnatal Secondhand Smoke (SHS) Exposure Disrupts Bacterial Clearance and Abolishes Th2 Responses in Muco-Obstructive Lung Disease.
 - Brandon was also the winner of the TEPSS Charles river award presented by TEPSS, so he gave his presentation to the joint CVSS/TEPSS group in the second half of the meeting.
 - **CVSS 2nd place travel award** (US\$300.00) - Logeswari Ponnusamy (Texas Tech University). Abstract #1340: Epigenetic Aberrations during Acquisition of Doxorubicin Resistance in Breast Cancer Cells.

- **Roger O. McClellan Award.** Katharine A. Horzmann (Purdue University) Abstract #1219: Developmental toxicity of trichloroethylene (TCE) in zebrafish (*Danio rerio*).

B. 2017 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:

- ◆ **Title:** “Emerging Concepts in Nonclinical Development of Immuno-Oncology Agents: Enabling Translation of Non-Clinical Pharmacology and Safety Evaluation to First-in-Human Clinical Trials.” A symposium chaired by CVSS members Vijay Reddy and Jacqueline Kinyamu-Akunda. Endorsers: Immunotoxicology, Comparative & Veterinary and Toxicologic and Exploratory Pathology Specialty Sections.

C. Endowment Fund Details:

- ◆ The Roger O. McClellan Award was \$3000.00 this year. There has been some discussion amongst the CVSS leadership about exploring possibilities for expanding this endowment into two awards, in consultation with Roger O. McClellan. The endowment has grown considerably and the leadership feels it would be better split amongst two winners each year.

D. Newsletters:

- ◆ CVSS sent out one Newsletter in February 2017. The issue highlighted events occurring at the SOT annual meeting.

E. Teleseminars: None.

F. White Papers: None.

G. Contributions to SOT website: None.

H. Other Specialty Section 2016-2017 Activities:

- ◆ The CVSS leadership contributed to the review of the “Guiding Principles in the Use of Animals in Toxicology” statement of the Society which was being updated.