

NAME OF SPECIALTY SECTION Biotechnology

## ANNUAL REPORT: 2014-2015

May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015

### I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
President:	Robert House	Mary Jane Hinrichs
Vice President:	Mary Jane Hinrichs	Tom Gelzleichter
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	Scott Manetz	Scott Manetz
PDA Representative:		Amy Sharma
GSLC Representative:	Vijaykumar ("Vijay") Kale	Adhithiya Manohar-Charle

### II. Activities:

**2015 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held in San Diego, CA on March 25, 2015

Approximately 40 people were in attendance.

Dr. House called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Business Meeting Speaker: Robert House

- Financial summary to date shared
- Awards presented
- Overview of committee activities

#### Awards:

##### **Student Achievement Award:**

*Jessica Sid*

University of South Carolina School of Medicine (Ph.D. student)

##### **Monsanto Best Fellowship Proposal Postdoctoral Travel Award:**

*Amy Sharma, Hons. B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D.*

“Innate immune recognition of noxious xenobiotics and emerging biotherapeutics.”

Immunobiology, Yale University, School of Medicine.

**Best Paper Award:**

Nicole Kleinstraeyer, Jian Yang, Ellen Berg, Thomas Knudsen, Ann Richard, Matthew Martin, David Reif, Richard Judson, Mark Polokoff, David Dix, Robert Kavlock and Keith Houck. 2014. Phenotypic screening of the ToxCast chemical library to classify toxic and therapeutic mechanisms. *Nature Biotechnology* 32(6); 583-594.

**Outstanding Young Investigator Award:**

**Jane Sohn, Ph.D.**

FDA, CDER

**Career Achievement Award**

**Mary Ellen Cosenza**

Executive Director Regulatory Affairs, US Regulatory Head, Amgen

**2015 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:****Continuing Education**

- Nonclinical evaluation of CNS administered therapeutics - dose routes, study considerations, and data interpretation
- The New World of Cancer Immunotherapy: Challenges in Bench to Bedside Translation

**Symposium**

- Immunostimulant Cancer Treatments: Toxicology Programs with an Autoimmune “Twist”

**Workshops**

- Utility of animal models in the preclinical safety assessment of CNS drugs
- Friend or foe – challenges and perspectives for nonclinical development of antibody-drug conjugates

Endowment Fund Details: None

Newsletters: 2

Teleseminars: None

White Papers: None

Contributions to SOT website: BTSS website