

NAME OF SPECIALTY SECTION: Biotechnology

## ANNUAL REPORT: 2018-2019

May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019

### I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
President:	Janice A Lansita	Jorg Blumel
Vice President:	Jorg Blumel	Kelly M Flagella
Vice President-Elect:	Kelly M Flagella	Amy Sharma
Secretary/Treasurer:	Amy Sharma	Nicola Stagg
Past President	Thomas R Gelzleichter	Janice A Lansita
Councilors:	Jacintha M Shenton	Robert Li
	Robert Li	Kenneth Olivier
PDA Representative:	Kshama Doshi	Kshama Doshi
GSLC Representative:	Joseph Lionel Jilek	Joseph Lionel Jilek

### II. Activities:

**2019 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held in Baltimore, Maryland on Mar 11, 2019.

- Approximately 120 people were in attendance.
- Dr. Jorg Blumel called the meeting to order at 6 PM on Mar 11.

#### Meeting Minutes

- Jorg Blumel presented on BTSS activities, accomplishments and budget 2018/2019;
- Jorg Blumel thanked the BTSS sponsors and outgoing officers;
- Will Proctor from the SOT Educational Committee shared topics of interest and encouraged submission of CE proposal for SOT 2020;
- Nicola Stagg (for absent Robert Li) presented the awards (see below);
- Incoming president Dr. Kelly Flagella closed the meeting and welcomed incoming officers;

#### Awards

- Best Paper Award: **Sharmila Rajan** "A pharmacology guided approach for setting limits on product-related impurities for bispecific antibody manufacturing" J Pharmacol Toxicol Methods (2018), 94: 19-25
- Student Achievement Award: **Paige Glumac** (University of Minnesota) and **Dharmin Rokad** (Iowa State University)
- Outstanding Young Investigator Award: **Amy Sharma**, Genentech Safety Assessment
- Boehringer Ingelheim Award for Excellence in Biotherapeutic Safety: **Ekram Chowdhury** (Texas Tech University)
- Battelle Postdoctoral Award in Biotechnology: **Samantha Faber** (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill)
- Career Achievement Award: **Lauren E. Black** (Charles River Laboratories)

### **2019 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions**

- Symposium: Monday, March 11 9:51am to 12:00pm: “Novel Genetic-Based Tools for Evaluating Toxicity Potential, Mechanism of Action, and Population Dynamics”
- Workshop: Tuesday, March 12 1:00pm to 2:30pm: “Adverse or Not-Adverse? Thinking Process behind Adversity Determination During Non-Clinical Drug Development”
- Symposium: Wednesday, March 13 1:30pm to 4:15pm: “Consideration for Safety Assessment of Chemically Synthesized Therapeutic Peptides: A Drug Development Paradigm in between the Large and Small”

### **Endowment Fund Details (Boehringer Ingelheim Endowment Fund)**

- As of March 2019, net assets of \$61,115.00

### **Newsletters**

- Winter 2018-2019 newsletter

### **Teleseminars**

- Educational Webinar “**Breaking into the Biotech Industry – Insights for smooth sailing**”
  - February 25, 2019 at 12:00 pm ET, speakers: Liz Mutter-Rottmayer (Roviant), Kshama Oza (Surface Oncology), Amy Sharma (Genentech) and Mimi Huang (NIH)
  - Attendees: 24
- Scientific Webinar “**How to choose the Starting Dose for First-in-Human (FiH) Clinical Trials: Principles and Current Use of MABEL**”
  - March 04, 2019 at 01:00 pm ET, speakers: Robert Li (Genentech) and Michael Leach (Pfizer)
  - Attendees: 251

### **Contributions to SOT website**

- BTSS homepage updated throughout the year as needed

### **Other Specialty Section 2018-2019 Activities:**

- BTSS cooperation with CRL Biotech symposium to grant BTSS members a registration discount continues in 2019