

Biotechnology Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2021-2022

May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022

I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
President:	Robert Li	Nicola Stagg
Vice President:	Nicola Stagg	Tod A. Harper
Vice President-elect:	Tod A. Harper	Jason Pinkstaff
Secretary:	Nardos Tassew	Rene Vinas
Treasurer:	Nardos Tassew	Rene Vinas
Past President:	Amy Sharma	Robert Li
Councilors:	Jason Pinkstaff Saurabh Vispute	Saurabh Vispute Jessica Sims
PDA Representative:	Muthanna Sultan	Muthanna Sultan
Grad Student Representative:	Alkeiver Cannon	Alkeiver Cannon

Committees: If applicable.

II. 2021 Membership total: 215

III. Key Outcomes in 2021-2022:

Activities:

A. 2022 SOT Virtual Annual Meeting Activities (e.g., courses, scientific sessions, or virtual receptions):

Biotechnology Specialty Section Virtual Reception Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, 3/29/2022 5:00pm – 6:00pm ET

Summary: The reception meeting was open to all interested virtual Annual Meeting attendees.

B. 2022 Awards Information:

Biotechnology SS Student Achievement Award – Alyssa Bellomo and Dipro Bose

Biotechnology SS Best Paper Award – Kambez H. Benam

Biotechnology SS Career Achievement Award – Herve Lebec

C. Other Educational Activities Conducted (e.g., webinars, in person meetings):

CAR-T Neurotoxicity webinar presented by Juliane Gust MD, PhD and hosted by Nicola Stagg on Feb 8, 2022

D. Communication Activities:

1. Newsletter publication frequency: Fall 2021
2. New or Significant Announcements/blogs: None
3. Highlight of Website enhancements: The BTSS website has been maintained and updated as needed.

E. Mentoring activities:

BTSS/MSBSS/MSS held joint mentoring event on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 7-9 pm during the SOT Annual Meeting at the Ballroom G, Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina.

- Objective: to bring together trainees and mentors from various sectors of toxicology to meet, network, and collaborate.
- Format: the event featured roundtable discussions between mentors and trainees

V. **Feedback and Ideas:**

- A. In what ways is your group fostering and maintaining an inclusive environment?
- Connecting dots across academia, industry and regulatory bodies.
 - Promote the involvement of more broad industries in BTSS community such as agriculture, cosmetics, and chemicals etc.
- B. How might SOT better support your group's activities (perhaps something the Society should be doing that we currently do not do, or do not do effectively, that would be of importance/benefit to the members of your component group?):
- Note: If funding is listed, please provide detail on the membership need that the funding would support.
- We are in need of funds and would like the SOT to help us with ways in which we can fundraise
- C. What is one thing that the Society is currently doing that impacts your component group that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?
- None identified
- D. What changes do your component group anticipate making in the way in which it operates in the coming year?
- Moving more back to more in-person events in lieu of re-opening of society