

NAME OF SPECIALTY SECTION ____Biotechnology_____

ANNUAL REPORT: 2015-2016

May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016

I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
President:	Mary Jane Masson Hinrichs	Thomas R Gelzleichter
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GSLC Representative:	Adhithiya Charli Manohar Charle	Adhithiya Charli Manohar Charle

II. Activities:

2016 SOT Annual Meeting Reception was held in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 14, 2016.

Approximately 100 people were in attendance.

Dr. Mary Jane Hinrichs called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Business Meeting Speaker: Mary Jane Hinrichs

- Financial summary to date shared
- Awards presented
- Overview of committee activities and mentoring program
- Guest Speaker: Dr Bethany Kraft from the Ocean Conservancy gave a well-received talk on the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and its impact on the Gulf

Awards: Best Paper Award: Mary Jane Hinrichs and Rakesh Dixit
Outstanding Young Investigator Award: Kathila Rajapaksa
Student Achievement Award: Samantha Chun Feng and Blessy George
Career Achievement Award: Jeanine Bussiere

2016 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:

Continuing education:

- Next-Generation Sequencing in Toxicogenomics
- Unique Approaches to Safety Assessment of Gene, Cell, and Nucleic Acid-Based Therapies

Workshops:

- Developmental Immunotoxicology—Are We Adequately Evaluating Safety?

Roundtables:

- Combination Toxicology: Are We Testing the Right Things?

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Teleseminars: Hosted a webinar 'Careers in Biotechnology' in February 2016

Contributions to SOT website: BTSS website

Other Specialty Section 2015-2016 Activities: Hosted two mentoring sessions at the Annual meeting, including a lunch and learn event, as a well as coffee with a mentor event.
