

ANNUAL REPORT: 2024–2025
May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

I. Officers:

<u>2024–2025</u>	<u>2025–2026</u>
President: Jason Pinkstaff Vice President: Edward Dere Vice President-Elect: Hervé Lebrech Secretary-Treasurer: Ashwini Phadnis Moghe Past President, Councilor: Tod Harper Senior Councilor: Adhithiya Charli Junior Councilor: Lauren Lewis Postdoctoral Representative: Yunjia Lai Graduate Student Representative: Rajat Gupta	President: Edward Dere Vice President: Hervé Lebrech Vice President Elect: Elizabeth Mutter-Rottmayer Past President, Councilor: Jason Pinkstaff Secretary-Treasurer: Ashwini Phadnis Moghe Senior Councilor: Lauren Lewis Junior Councilor: Satheesh Anand Postdoctoral Representative: Ankit Laddha Graduate Student Representative: Madhura More

Committees:

II. 2025 Membership total: 147

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2024–2025:

The Biotechnology Specialty Section accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person meeting/mixer
- Endorsed session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Mentoring/career development events
- Scientist investigator awards conferred
- Newsletter(s)
- Webinars

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

The Biotechnology Specialty Section collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

- Immunotoxicology

V. Communication Methods:

The Biotechnology Specialty Section stayed in contact with its members throughout the year through the following mechanisms.

- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Specialty Section website

VI. Promotion of Inclusivity

The Biotechnology Specialty Section maintained an inclusive organization through the following activities.

- Nominate a diverse slate of candidates for elections
- Solicit equitable input from all executive committee leaders
- Utilize virtual meetings for convening Specialty Section leadership
- Utilize standardized rubrics for judging awards/posters
- Solicit member feedback for development of Specialty Section activities (such as webinar topics)
- Provide volunteer activities for the membership to be engaged

VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:

The Biotechnology Specialty Section hosted the following mentoring activities throughout the year for its membership.

- Mentor-mentee program within the Specialty Section

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	1
Early Career	1
Mid Career	0
Late Career	0

IX. Strategic Plan:

The Biotechnology Specialty Section supported the following SOT Strategic Priorities.

- Proactively pursue impactful scientific content
- Support the development and application of tools that advance toxicology
- Foster connectivity across scientific disciplines
- Provide training and education that reflects the needs of members
- Provide mentoring and networking opportunities for all career levels
- Enhance member recognition and visibility at all levels

X. Scientific Topics of Interest:

The Biotechnology Specialty Section is interested in seeing the following topic areas developed into sessions at future SOT Annual Meetings.

- NAMs

XI. Feedback to the Society:

A. What is the one thing the Society should be doing that it currently does not do (or does not do effectively) that would be of importance/benefit to the members of the Specialty Section?

Need more students in the section

B. What is the one thing the Society is currently doing that impacts the Specialty Section that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?

None