

Comparative Toxicology, Pathology, and Veterinary Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2020-2021

May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

I. Officers:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
President:	Bhanu P. Singh	Satya Achanta
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Councilors:	Vincius Carrerira Katharine Horzmann	Vincius Carrerira Sonika Patial
PDA Representative:	Caroline E. Moore	Caroline E. Moore
Graduate Student Representative:	Jaclynn F. Andres	Jaclynn F. Andres
Committees:	None	None

II. 2020 Membership total: 159

III. Key Outcomes in 2020-2021: As approved by SOT Council, the new, merged Specialty Section (Comparative Toxicology, Pathology, and Veterinary Specialty Section (CTPVSS) began operating as of May 1, 2020. Officers agreed on the bylaws, officer roles and responsibilities and website design.

IV. Activities:

A. **2021 SOT Annual Meeting Virtual Activities (e.g., courses, scientific sessions, or virtual receptions):** The 2021 Virtual Meeting and Awards Reception was held on Monday, March 15, 2021. No proposals were received for endorsement by the SS. CTPVSS had a virtual poster at the Annual Meeting. GSLC and PDA CTPVSS representatives served as judges for the SOT 3-minute thesis competition and helped host mixers/social events for graduate students and post-docs and supported undergraduate student poster presentations through FUTURE.

B. **2021 Awards:** *Names of awards reflect combined CTPVSS. New Trainee Award created to support veterinary students, graduate students, and post-doctoral scholars to attend the annual meeting.*

Roger O. McClellan Student Award – Andressa Gonsioroski
Charles River Travel Award – Carmen Lau
CVSS and TEPSS Student Travel Award – Danielle Kozlosky and Itishree Kaushik
STP Student Award – Melissa Wilkinson
Trainee Award - Ishita Choudhary

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

Endorsed session proposals for 2021 Meeting: none.

Webinars:

CTPVSS Virtual Business Meeting/Award Recognition

Date: August 14, 2021

Duration: 1 hour

Attendees: 33

Co-sponsored Webinar with CTSS – Advanced Tissue Imaging and AI Data Analysis: The Opportunities and Challenge for Application in Supporting Drug Discovery

Date: April 7, 2021

Duration: 1 hour

Speaker 1: Richard Goodwin, PhD, Head of Imaging & AI Imaging & Data Analytics, Clinical Pharmacology & Safety Sciences, AstraZeneca R&D

Speaker 2: Matthew Jacobsen, PhD, DipACVP, Director of Pathology Regulatory Safety Centre of Excellence, clinical Pharmacology & Safety Sciences, AstraZeneca R&D

Attendees: 112

Co-Sponsored Webinar with ASIO - Health Effects of Tear Gas Agents

Date: Feb 25, 2021

Duration: 1 hour

Speaker: Satya Achanta, DVM, PhD, DABT, Assistant Professor in Anesthesiology, Duke University School of Medicine

Attendees: 62

Writing

Dr. Caroline Moore wrote for the Summer 2020 Postdoctoral Assembly Post-y Newsletter on “Postdocs rising to the pandemic challenge...with a call for rigorous wildlife disease surveillance” to support DVM/PhDs in toxicology and disease surveillance.

D. Communication Activities:

Newsletter publication frequency: Fall 2020

Key Announcements/blogs: Included in Newsletters (i.e., member news)

Website highlights: New website went live August 2020. The CTPVSS website has been maintained and updated as needed.

- E. **Mentoring activities:** 2021 mentoring event and poster was cancelled due to virtual setting of SOT Annual Meeting. Book club in the process of getting set up but due to poor outreach through SOT, difficult to find participants.

V. Feedback and Ideas:

- A. **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.

Once in person: Additional budget for refreshments for mentoring events.

In general: Need a better way to easily connect and communicate with SS members, as the current platform hides all information behind an email/log in/email/attachment download just to see a newsletter. The original email needs to be the newsletter, or announcement, even if it's just headers.