

Dermal Toxicology Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2023–2024

May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

I. Officers:

| <u>2023–2024</u> | <u>2024–2025</u> |
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| President: Kim Norman Vice President: Sarah Gilpin Vice President-Elect: Azita Cuevas Secretary-Treasurer: James Coleman Past President, Councilor: Sara Farahmand Councilor: Valentina Galbiati Councilor: Prajakta Shimpi Postdoctoral Representative: Alexandra Nail | President: Sarah Gilpin Vice President: Azita Cuevas Vice President-Elect: James Coleman Secretary-Treasurer: Prajakta Shimpi Past President, Councilor: Kim Norman Councilor: Valentina Galbiati Councilor: Ying Huang Postdoctoral Representative: Alexandra Nail Graduate Student Representative: Andrew Roney |

II. 2024 Membership total: 114

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2023–2024:

The Dermal Toxicology Specialty Section accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person meeting/mixer
- Virtual meetings
- Sponsored session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Endorsed session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Trainee awards conferred
- Scientist investigator awards conferred
- Paper of the year award
- Member highlights
- Newsletter(s)
- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

The Dermal Toxicology Specialty Section collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

- In Vitro and Alternative Methods
- Regulatory and Safety Evaluation
- Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology
- Out Toxicologists and Allies Special Interest Group

V. Communication Methods:

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

- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Specialty Section website
- Newsletter(s)
- Through Graduate Student/Postdoc Representatives
- LinkedIn

VI. Promotion of Inclusivity

The Dermal Toxicology 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
- Include inclusive descriptions of Awards
- Prioritize diversity in selection of speakers/panelists
- Waive fees for meetings or membership due to financial hardship
- Highlight trainee research
- Solicit member feedback for development of Specialty Section activities (such as webinar topics)
- Use multiple approaches to communicate with membership

VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:

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

- ECDC - Career webinar panelist

VIII. Awards Given:

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| Trainee | 3 |
| Early Career | 3 |
| Mid Career | 1 |
| Late Career | 0 |

IX. Key Outcomes and Improvements:

We held our first virtual standalone business meeting to allow more time for content at the SOT DTSS meeting. We also had a great turnout this year at the mixer. It was very well attended as compared to years past. Explored more creative opportunities for member engagement.

X. Strategic Plan:

The Dermal Toxicology Specialty Section supported the following SOT Strategic Priorities.

- Proactively pursue impactful scientific content
- Effectively communicate scientific advances
- Foster connectivity across scientific disciplines

- Develop a talent pool of toxicologists for the future
- Provide mentoring and networking opportunities for all career levels
- Enhance member recognition and visibility at all levels

XI. Scientific Topics of Interest:

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

- Allergens of concern and updates to the *in vitro* skin sensitization battery, sunscreen safety assessment, regulatory decision making using NAMs

XII. 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?

Provide aid in website and newsletter development. This is often a skill set we need to find within the SS and if don't have someone tech savvy and willing to do work such as formatting, it shows in our newsletter and website.

- 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.)?

It would be nice if we could have more budget friendly options for the Annual Meeting SS mixers. Often the required event catering and AV technologies are so expensive that a majority of the budget goes to food and drink vs expanding membership, awards, etc. External options or other avenues should be explored to help the SSs, especially the smaller ones such as DTSS.