Members of the Dermal Toxicology Specialty Section;

It is hard to believe that the Salt Lake City meeting is almost upon us. It is turning out to be a busy event. Please mark your calendars to attend the Wednesday evening reception. We will announce the winners of the student competition as well as your newly elected slate of officers. As outlined in the newsletter, we also have two programs at this meeting, which the DTSS supported. Please show your support by attending these.

Please remember that the programs put on at the national meeting largely originate in the specialty sections. In support of Ian Kimber’s efforts for 2004, please contact him with your ideas for programs. I cannot stress how important it is for specialty sections to be active in this arena.

I also would like to express DTSS’s sincere thanks for Mike Robinson’s management of this newsletter. He has done an outstanding job of keeping the members of DTSS connected.

Thank you for your support this past year and I look forward to seeing you at the Salt Palace in March.

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The goal of the Communications Committee of the DTSS is to coordinate the collection and dissemination of information relevant to the needs of dermal toxicologists within the specialty section, as well as assisting the Council in outreach to the general toxicology community. We do so through the use of a specialty section newsletter and an SOT-linked web site.

The newsletter is published 3 times each year and contains reports from the president, committee updates, job postings, member news, member honors and awards, and member publications. The newsletter is sent to all members by email and is posted to the web site. The web site also includes postings of the DTSS by-laws, current DTSS membership, current DTSS council members, special announcements, the annual report, a President’s Corner, and the current and previous DTSS newsletters.

Mike Robinson will step down as Communications Committee chair and newsletter editor in conjunction with the 2003 SOT meeting. Anyone interested in serving the DTSS in this capacity should contact the President and President-Elect (email addresses listed above) or make your wishes known at the DTSS specialty section meeting at SOT. If you have any questions about these duties, please contact Mike via email or phone.

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The Dermal Toxicology Specialty Section is pleased to recognize two of its charter members, Past President and Counselor G. Frank Gerberick, and President-Elect Ian Kimber. Frank and Ian are recipients of the 2003 SOT “Enhancement of Animal Welfare” award in recognition of their years of collaborative effort on development and validation of the local lymph node assay for skin sensitization and their continuing work on in vitro skin sensitization test methods. This award will be presented at the SOT Awards Presentation on Sunday March 9, 2003 in the Salt Palace Ballroom (Ballroom B; 5:15 – 6:30 PM). Congratulations Frank and Ian from all your DTSS friends and colleagues.

Member Publications

Each newsletter will feature a listing of specialty section member publications (journal articles, book chapters, books) that have appeared in print since the last edition. While the editors will do their best to survey the indexing services relative to the current membership roster, it is likely that some mistakes and omissions will occur. This is particularly true for books and book chapters. If we have inadvertently omitted a recent publication or listed something incorrectly, please advise us by email and we will see that this is corrected in the following newsletter. Also, we welcome your help in this endeavor. Please send us your citations for any recently published articles and books. That will aid us in our literature searching. Thank you - eds.

Recent Publications (DTSS authors in bold):


(Patlewicz GY, Wright ZM, Basketter DA, Pease CK, Lepoittevin JP, Gimenez Arnau E. Structure-activity relationships for...


