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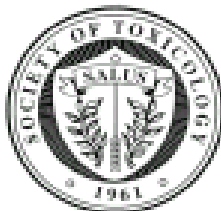
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President's Message

Dear Colleagues/ Members of
DTSS

Christmas has gone, the new year is now more than six weeks old, and we are anticipating both the first signs of Spring – and the annual meeting of the SOT in Baltimore.

During the last few months the Officers of the Specialty Section having been working hard to ensure that the DTSS is in good shape financially, and that all the necessary arrangements are in place for a successful meeting in March. Please make a note that the DTSS Evening Reception is scheduled to take place on Tuesday March 23rd.

At the Reception winners of the DTSS Science Awards will be announced, and newly elected Officers introduced.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that there are two sessions at the annual meeting for which the DTSS was the primary sponsor: (1) a Basic Continuing Education Course entitled : Skin Sensitization and Allergic Contact Dermatitis, and (2) a Workshop: Current Status and Future Considerations for the Development

of Skin Toxicology Alternative Methods. Please show your support for the Specialty Section by attending these, and other relevant sessions, in Baltimore.

We must now also give some thought to preparation for the annual meeting in 2005, and in particular the development of proposals from the DTSS for the scientific programme. Dr Nancy Monteiro Riviere is now pulling together suggestions and those selected will have to be finalised shortly after the annual meeting. Please can you support Nancy's efforts by sending her your suggestions for future Symposia, Workshops, Continuing Education Courses and Round Table Discussion sessions etc.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the support I have received this year from my fellow DTSS Officers, and the excellent work that they have done in furthering the interests of our Specialty Section. My thanks go to Jim Riviere (Past President), Nancy Monteiro Riviere (Vice President), Bob Bronaugh (Vice President Elect), Dee Sailstad (Secretary/Treasurer), Cindy Ryan (Senior Councilor) and Carol Auletta (Councilor)

Best Wishes

Ian Kimber
President DTSS

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Dee Sailstad

The figures provided are an *estimate* of the DTSS financial status. The funds available are estimated to be \$7,225 as demonstrated in figure (A). This includes the estimated yearly DTSS income (\$3,325) plus the assets that were transferred from last year (\$3,900). A separate breakdown of the income for this year alone (figure B) shows the importance of membership and registration (member attendance) at SOT. The membership values are estimates, based on last years figures. Additionally, this year we have contributions (thanks to Carol Auletta's work) which may actually be under represented in this figure.

Figure A.

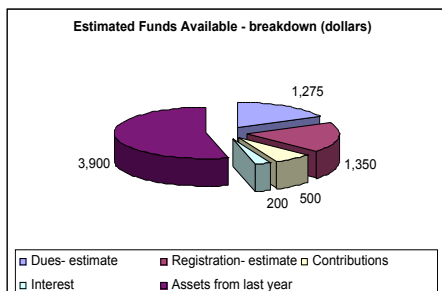


Figure B.

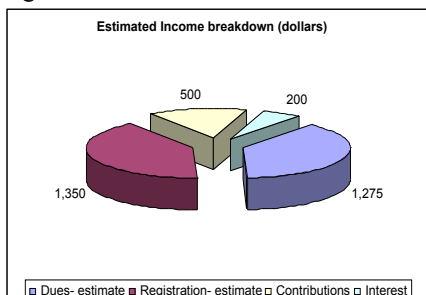
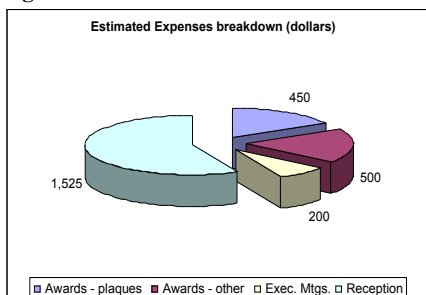


Figure C.



Our estimated expenditures total \$2,675. Our major expense is the annual reception (Figure C).

However, the officers' have all been financially prudent (frugal); evaluating options for each of our expenditure categories. Thanks for this effort; DTSS should move into the next year with \$4,000 in assets.

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considering providing sponsorships and we hope to announce their names at our reception/meeting at SOT and in our next newsletter. Please contact me if you are interested.

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Committee Updates

Awards Committee

Submitted by Cindy Ryan

The SOT Dermatoxicology Specialty Section (DTSS) is please to announce that it will present 2 Student Awards during the 2004 SOT meeting in Baltimore. This year we had a total of nine presentations submitted for consideration, five from Ph.D./M.S. students and four from Post-doctoral fellows. The overall quality of all of the submissions was outstanding and the selection process was truly a challenge (my thanks to Carol, Dee and Bob!). The awards given will recognize one student candidate, and one post-doctoral candidate, for their contribution to advancing the understanding of skin toxicology and pharmacology. All of the award candidates and their advisors have been invited to attend the DTSS Reception/Business meeting during the 2004 SOT meeting in Baltimore where the winners will be announced and presented with their plaques and checks.

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Fund Raising

Submitted by Carol S. Auletta,
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We are pleased to announce that we have received a Sponsorship donation of \$500 from RIFM (Research Institute for Fragrance Materials, Inc.). This is a great help to our section and we appreciate this generosity.

Other companies with an interest in dermal toxicology are currently

Communications

Submitted by Robert L.
Bronaugh

The duties of the previous Communications Committee of the DTSS have been turned over to the Vice-President Elect. Information of interest to specialty section members is collected and disseminated through the use of a specialty section newsletter and an SOT- linked web site.

Most recently the publication of the newsletter has been reduced to twice yearly because of a lack of submissions. Publication will occur in March of each year (prior to the SOT Annual Meeting) and again in September. The newsletter contains reports from the president, committee updates, and other submitted items such as job postings, member news, and member honors and awards.

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Honors and Awards

DTSS past president Jim Riviere was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies in October 2003.

Announcements

The 4th Edition of Bronaugh and Maibach's *Percutaneous Absorption* is in press and is scheduled for publication later this year.

SOT Annual Meeting Info

Listed below are the dates and locations of SOT meetings and scientific sessions of interest to DTSS members. Those sessions

included below are ones that are co-sponsored by our specialty section or include multiple papers pertaining to our specialty areas. However, many additional papers relevant to dermal toxicology are scattered among other platform and poster sessions.

DTSS Specialty Section Meeting and Reception:

Continuing Education Course (Co-Sponsored by DTSS): Skin Sensitization and Allergic Contact Dermatitis: Sunday March 21, 1:15 to 5:00PM location to be announced

Workshop (Co-Sponsored by DTSS): Current Status and Future Considerations for the Development of Skin Toxicology Alternative Methods: Monday March 22, 1:30 - 4:30, Convention Center, Rm 314.

Poster Session: Disposition/ Pharmacokinetics: Monday March 22, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Exhibit Hall

Poster Session: Hypersensitivity/ Allergy: Monday March 22, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, Exhibit Hall

Poster Session: In Vitro/Animal Alternatives I: Monday March 22, 9:30 AM -12:30 PM, Exhibit Hall.

Platform Session:Hypersensitivity I: Tuesday March 23, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Convention Center, Rm 324.

PosterSession:Immunotoxicology: In Vitro Mechanisms: Tuesday March 23, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, Exhibit Hall.

Poster Session: Safety Evaluation I: Tuesday March 23, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Exhibit Hall.

Poster Session: Risk Assessment I: Tuesday March 23, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Exhibit Hall.

Poster Session: Safety Evaluation II: Tuesday March 23, 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM, Exhibit Hall.

PlatformSession: Hypersensitivity II: Wednesday March 24, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM, Convention Center, Rm 317.

Symposium: Occupational Skin Exposure: Current Trends and Future Directions from the Field to Genomics: Wednesday March 24, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM, Convention Center, Rm 314.

Poster Session: In Vitro/Animal Alternative Models II: Wednesday March 24, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, Exhibit Hall.

Poster Session: Chemical & Biological Warfare: Wednesday March 24, 1:30 PM-4:30 PM, Exhibit Hall.

Poster Session: Risk Assessment II: Wednesday March 24, 1:30 PM-4:30 PM, Exhibit Hall.

Poster Session: Skin: Wednesday March 24, 1:30 PM-4:30 PM, Exhibit Hall.

Poster Session: Regulatory/Policy: Wednesday March 24, 1:30 PM-4:30 PM, Exhibit Hall.

Platform Session: Chemical & Biological Warfare: Thursday March 25, 8:30 AM- 11:30 AM, Convention Center, Rm 324.

Poster Session: Immunotoxicity: Methods and Validation: Thursday March 25, 8:30 AM-11:30 AM, Convention Center, Rm 307,308,309,310.

Platform Session: Animal Alternative Models: Thursday March 25, 8:30 AM- 11:30 AM, Convention Center, Rm 317.