

# Dermal Toxicology Specialty Section

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## President's Message

The first purpose of this message is to pay tribute to the outstanding work undertaken during the last year by Jim Riviere who completed his term of presidency in May. Under his leadership and guidance the Dermal Toxicity Specialty Section (DTSS) has continued to thrive, and we now have in excess of 80 members. We are fortunate that Jim continues this year as an officer of the DTSS in his role as immediate Past President of the Section. In this capacity he will assume responsibility for nominations for the election of officers (Vice President Elect and Junior Councilor) in 2004.

One of the challenges for this year is to consolidate further our position and to recruit more members of the Society into the DTSS. I would urge each of you to take every opportunity to bring to the attention of your colleagues the scope and importance of the areas embraced by this Specialty Section, and to encourage them to join us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mike Robinson for his really outstanding work as first Editor of the DTSS newsletter. His efforts did much to promote the interests of the Section and to bring to the attention of a wider audience the exciting world of dermal toxicology.

This year we said goodbye also to Frank Gerberick who served during the last 12 months as immediate Past President of the Section and who (with Anna Shedova and others) was one of the 'founding fathers' of the DTSS.

It is appropriate here to draw to your attention the names and responsibilities of the DTSS officers for the coming year. Vice President is Nancy Monteiro Riviere who, in this capacity assumes responsibility for putting together the DTSS proposals for the scientific program at the 2005 SOT meeting. One of the most important responsibilities of a Specialty Section is to put forward exciting and well-crafted proposals to the Scientific Program Committee (Symposia, Workshops, Continuing Education courses, Round Table sessions etc). Please could you help Nancy by providing her with suggestions for future sessions. For your information scientific sessions scheduled for the 2004 annual meeting in Baltimore for which the DTSS were primary sponsors are (a) a basic Continuing Education course entitled: Skin Sensitization and Allergic Contact Dermatitis, and (b) a Workshop entitled: Current Status and Future Considerations for the Development of Skin Toxicology Alternative Methods.

In the coming year Bob Bronaugh serves as the Vice President Elect and one important responsibility of this office is leadership of communications within the DTSS, including preparation of the Section Newsletter (that you are reading now), and management of the DTSS website. Please continue to provide Bob with interesting pieces of

information and scientific and technical issues that you believe would be of interest to other members of the Section.

Our Secretary/Treasurer is Dee Sailstad who has the joint responsibilities of organising and recording the minutes of DTSS executive committee meeting, and of ensuring that we maintain a solid financial foundation for the section.

Senior Councilor this year is Cindy Ryan. Cindy has the task of managing DTSS awards (student and post-doctoral scientist) at the 2004 annual meeting. For details of the process for nomination please see elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter. She will be in contact with each of you in due course regarding the process for nomination.

Finally (but importantly) the new Councilor is Carol Auletta. Carol has responsibility for securing sponsorship for the DTSS that will allow us to make the social event at the next annual meeting as attractive as possible, and to ensure that we are able to make worthwhile awards to young scientists within the Section.

We will all be working hard now during the run up to the 2004 annual meeting to make sure that the DTSS has an increasingly influential role within the Society, and makes a major contribution to the scientific program at the annual meeting in 2005.

I look forward to seeing you in Baltimore.

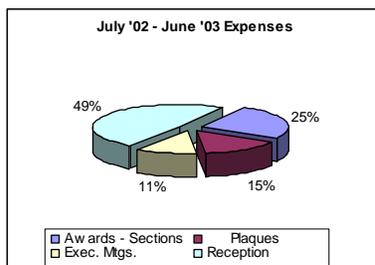
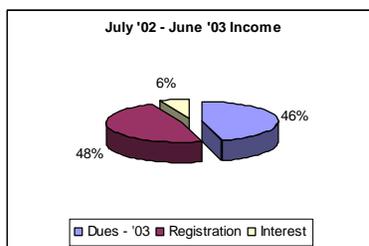
With best wishes,  
Ian Kimber, President DTSS

## Treasurer's Report

Charts are based on the information provided by SOT for the DTSS for the time period of July 2002 – June 2003. Income for this time period includes three major categories; Dues, Registrations fees, and Interest. For the same time period the DTSS expenses included; Awards and Plaques (together total 40%), Reception and Executive Meeting Fees. There were several

ways that these expenses were kept to a minimum. Our Newsletter has been prepared and distributed by Mike Robinson thus avoiding SOT fee for this service. Other selections (reception choices, executive meeting options) were carefully evaluated to monitor our specialty sections costs. During the DTSS Officer's Meeting, officers agreed to continue the distribution of information outside of SOT's services with Bob Bronaugh (Vice President Elect) picking up the communication duties. Additionally, outside resources, when possible, will be sought out for award contributions. Carol Auletta (Junior Councilor) will assume this role. Further more, it is extremely important to maintain the membership within DTSS and to encourage potential members to join, especially students. Our year ending balance is adequate as long as membership continues, contributions are encouraged and we carefully assess our expenditures.

Carol Auletta reports that we have recently received a pledge of sponsorship for our 2004 meeting from RIFM (Research Institute for Fragrance Materials, Inc.). Their very generous pledge is for support at the "Silver" level, a \$500 contribution.



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## Committee Updates

### Awards Committee

Submitted by Cindy Ryan

The SOT Dermatoxicology Specialty Section (DTSS) is sponsoring up to 2 Student Awards that will be presented during the 2004 SOT meeting in Baltimore. The awards recognize outstanding student candidates, including post-docs, for their contribution to advancing the understanding of skin toxicology and pharmacology. There are two new award criteria for this year. First, applicants are required to submit the full presentation, rather than abstract only, for consideration for the awards. And second, the number of awards given will be dependent upon the number of submitted presentations: a minimum of 3 submissions must be received for the presentation of one award and a minimum of 5 submissions are required for the presentation of two awards. Neither the student nor the student's advisor need to be a member of the DTSS in order to be eligible. All interested students are encouraged to apply. The deadline for submission of the presentations is February 23, 2004. Winners will be notified the week prior to the SOT meeting. Awards will be presented at the DTSS Reception/Business meeting during the 2004 SOT meeting in Baltimore.

Eligible and interested students are encouraged to apply!

DTSS Student Awards Guidelines:

1. Send an electronic copy of the full presentation, either poster or slides, to Cindy Ryan at ryan.ca@pg.com by February 23, 2004.
2. Include the following information with the submission:
  - Name
  - University
  - Department
  - Program (BS, MS, PhD or Post-doc)
  - Year of Study in the Program
  - Your e-mail address, phone and fax numbers
  - Your Advisor's Name, e-mail address, phone and fax numbers

Please indicate if you will be attending the 2004 SOT meeting.

For more information contact:  
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## **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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## **Member Awards**

Dr. Richard P. Moody, a Research Scientist with the Systemic Toxicity & Pharmacokinetics Section of the Environmental & Toxicology Division, Environmental Health Centre, Health Canada in Ottawa, has received an Alternative Research Fund (ARF) award from the Animal Defence League of Canada (ADLC) to support their Automated In vitro Dermal Absorption (AIDA) research. The AIDA research has recently branched out more into the area of skin viability and percutaneous absorption. The \$10,000 ADLC award will be used to purchase equipment for monitoring human skin viability.