

Dermal Toxicology Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2025–2026

May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026

I. Officers:

<u>2025–2026</u>	<u>2026–2027</u>
President: Azita Cuevas Vice President: James Coleman Vice President Elect: Clive Roper Past President, Councilor: Sarah Gilpin Secretary-Treasurer: Mayukh Banerjee Councilor: Sadaff Ejaz Councilor: Ying Huang Graduate Student Representative: Andrew Roney	President: James Coleman Vice President: Clive Roper Vice President-Elect: Mansi Krishan Secretary-Treasurer: Mayukh Banerjee Past President, Councilor: Azita Cuevas Councilor: Sadaff Ejaz Councilor: Hans Raabe Postdoctoral Representative: Christina Awada Graduate Student Representative: Alma Avila Oropeza

Committees:

No appointed committees

II. 2026 Membership total: 105

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2025–2026:

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
- Poster session for trainees
- Trainee awards conferred
- Scientist investigator awards conferred
- Paper of the year award
- Member highlights
- Newsletter(s)
- Webinars
- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)
- Updated standard operating procedures

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

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

- Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology

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
- Highlight trainee research
- Solicit member feedback for development of Specialty Section activities (such as webinar topics)
- Provide volunteer activities for the membership to be engaged
- 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.

- Networking at DTSS reception during SOT

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	2
Early Career	0
Mid Career	0
Late Career	2

IX. Key Outcomes and Improvements:

- A. Improvements in communication
- B. Improved annual reception structure and content

X. Strategic Plan:

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

- Proactively pursue impactful scientific content
- Support the development and application of tools that advance toxicology
- Effectively communicate scientific advances

- Foster connectivity across scientific disciplines
- Develop a talent pool of toxicologists for the future
- Provide training and education that reflects the needs of members
- 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.

- Advancements in *in vitro* and *in silico* methods, with an emphasis on regulatory acceptance and evolving global frameworks
- Applications of artificial intelligence in toxicology, including its utility in safety assessment and predictive modeling
- Expanding research on the skin microbiome and its implications for dermal toxicity, product safety, and formulation development

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?

See below.

- 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.)?

Too much rigidity or inflexibility regarding ideas coming from Specialty Section leadership and membership. This discourages engagement. Empowering the Specialty Sections to do some things on their own (even as simple as individual logo design) without SOT restrictions would help foster engagement, encourage membership, and showcase the scientific value and contributions of smaller sections.