

**Mark your calendars!**  
**ELSI Specialty Section**  
**Meeting/Luncheon**  
**Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Noon to 1:30**  
**CC Room 31A**



**ELSI Welcomes Guest Speaker –**  
**Dr. Rick Becker,**  
**American Chemistry Council**

Grab your lunch and settle in on Wednesday at noon for:

***“Vox Veritas Vita: the Challenges and Opportunities for Toxicology and Risk Assessment”***

Dr. Becker is the recipient of the 2015 SOT Arnold J. Lehman Award. Dr. Becker has significantly contributed to the field of toxicology for over 30 years. During this time, he has been a major driving force for development and application of new technologies and approaches for improving the practice of human health risk assessment. He has consistently been one of the forerunners in support of efforts to scientifically move human risk assessment forward through innovative thinking and principled risk assessment practice.

In particular, his work with colleagues on development of methods for interpretation of chemical biomonitoring data, on hypothesis-driven weight-of-evidence frameworks for evaluating data for endocrine disruptors, on extending the work of the National Academy of Science from its Science and Decisions report, “Silver Book,” and on enhanced tiered toxicity testing frameworks with triggers for assessing hazards and risks of commodity chemicals, are all important contributions to the debate of scientifically based safety assessment in the US and abroad. Moreover, Dr. Becker has engaged and educated the scientific community through collaborative symposia that evaluate and review scientific evidence and strategies that enhance communication of chemical assessment information. All of these efforts have led to major progress in the use of new methodologies in health assessments conducted by industry, US federal agencies, and agencies around the world.

He received his PhD in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of California, Irvine. After postdoctoral training at the University of Toronto and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), he spent close to a dozen years as a scientist with the state of California. In 1999, he joined the American Chemistry Council (ACC), and in 2014, was appointed to lead ACC’s Science and Research Division. He now manages ACC’s Long-Range Research Initiative, a program focused on catalyzing innovations in toxicity testing and exposure science in the 21st Century. Dr. Becker has been a member of the Society of Toxicology since 1990. During this time he has served on the Regulatory Affairs and Legislative Assistance Committee, as well as the Congressional Science Fellowship Review Subcommittee. *[Excerpt from the SOT 2015 Program, Arnold J. Lehman Award]*



Thanks to our student representative, Lisa Hoffman, for putting our ELSI poster together for the student post-doc mixer on Sunday night! The poster will also be displayed at the ToxExpo, make sure to stop by and see it! A copy will also be uploaded to the SOT virtual gallery.



**ELSI Sponsored Sessions in San Diego**

Session Title	Chairpersons	Time and Location
Roundtable Session: Confronting and Overcoming the Barriers to Sharing Toxicological Research Data for Risk Assessment in the 21st Century - Strategies for Exposure and Risk Assessments	George M. Woodall, NCEA, US EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC; and Gary W. Miller, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.	Monday Afternoon, March 23 12:10 PM to 1:30 PM CC Ballroom 6E
Roundtable Session: Will Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS) Become an Endangered Species? Safety Assessment Approaches for Product Development	Ray A. Matulka, Burdock Group, Orlando, FL; and Emilia Lonardo, Grocery Manufacturers Association, Washington, DC.	Wednesday Afternoon, March 25 12:00 Noon to 1:20 PM CC Ballroom 6F

**Announcements during the luncheon:**

- 2014 Student Award Winner
- 2015-2016 Officer Elections – Candidate Introductions
- Business update



Congratulations to the ELSI Student Award Winner, Ms. Sarah Atreed, a graduate student at the Department of Environmental Medicine, New York University School of Medicine for her work, *Exposure to produced water from "Fracking" induces immunotoxicity in adult male mice*, SE Atreed, PB Tijerina, K Galdanes, C Hoffman---Budde, S Doherty--Lyons, K Kaur, JL Blum, A Nadas, M McCawley, JT

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