

Immunotoxicology Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2023–2024

May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

I. Officers:

<u>2023–2024</u>	<u>2024–2025</u>
President: Marie-Soleil Piche Vice President: Alessandro Venosa Vice President-Elect: Andrew Gow Secretary-Treasurer: Allison Ehrlich Past President, Councilor: Berran Yucesoy Senior Councilor: Thea Golden Junior Councilor: Lauren Walker Postdoctoral Representative: Brandon Lewis Graduate Student Representative: Hannah Lovins	President: Alessandro Venosa Vice President: Andrew Gow Vice President-Elect: Debra Laskin Secretary: Allison Ehrlich Treasurer: David McMillan Past President, Councilor: Marie-Soleil Piche Senior Councilor: Lauren Walker Junior Councilor: Brandon Lewis Postdoctoral Representative: Samuel Cochran Graduate Student Representative: Hannah Lovins

Committees:

- President: Alessandro Venosa
- Past President: Marie-Soleil Piche
- VP: Andrew Gow
- VP Elect: Debra Laskin
- Secretary: Allison K Ehrlich
- Treasurer: David Mc Millan
- Senior Councilor: Lauren Walker
- Junior Councilor: Brandon Wayne Lewis
- Postdoc Representative: Samuel Cochran
- Graduate Student Representative: Hannah B Lovins

II. 2024 Membership total: 307

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2023–2024:

The Immunotoxicology Specialty Section accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person meeting/mixer
- Endorsed session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Mentoring/career development events
- Trainee awards conferred
- Scientist investigator awards conferred
- Paper of the year award
- Member highlights
- Newsletter(s)
- Webinars
- Bylaws changes
- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)

- Updated standard operating procedures
- Utilized/expanded Endowment Fund(s) for Component Group

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

The Immunotoxicology Specialty Section collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

- Biotechnology
- In Vitro and Alternative Methods

V. Communication Methods:

The Immunotoxicology Specialty Section stayed in contact with its members throughout the year through the following mechanisms.

- ToXchange
- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Newsletter(s)
- Through Graduate Student/Postdoc Representatives

VI. Promotion of Inclusivity

The Immunotoxicology Specialty Section maintained an inclusive organization through the following activities.

- Utilize virtual meetings for convening Specialty Section leadership
- Utilize standardized rubrics for judging awards/posters
- 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
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VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:

The Immunotoxicology Specialty Section hosted the following mentoring activities throughout the year for its membership.

- Speed mentoring

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	4
Early Career	4
Mid Career	1
Late Career	1

IX. Key Outcomes and Improvements:

Splitting the Secretary/Treasurer position. Changed trainee award description and presentation

X. Strategic Plan:

The Immunotoxicology 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
- Provide mentoring and networking opportunities for all career levels
- Enhance member recognition and visibility at all levels

XI. Scientific Topics of Interest:

The Immunotoxicology Specialty Section is interested in seeing the following topic areas developed into sessions at future SOT Annual Meetings.

- NAMs for immunotoxicity assays

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?

1a) Allowing SS to reach out across other Sections (for trainee recruitment and for webinar series, etc.).

1b) Resume funding (matching) for SS reception

1c) also consider stopping charging for breakfast/allow the SS to select a timeframe for leadership meeting.

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.)?

Resume travel support for international conferences.