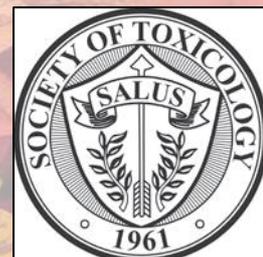


# IMMUNOTOXICOLOGY Specialty Section

Fall Edition



## President's Message

### 2020-2021 Executive Committee

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It is with great honor that I begin my term as President of the Immunotoxicology Specialty Section (ITSS). I follow many who have provided vision and direction and led our Specialty Section to what it is today. I especially want to take this opportunity to thank Mark Collinge, Past President, for his leadership during a difficult year when the COVID-19 pandemic redefined our personal and professional landscapes. While we are still adjusting to the various challenges presented by new variants, I am amazed at the vaccines and therapies that have become available at an unprecedented rate. A great reminder of how very relevant immunotoxicology and immunosafety are in these challenging times.

As we start another year, I am looking forward to working with an excellent Executive Committee during 2021-2022: Berran Yucesoy (Vice President), Marie-Soleil Piche (Vice President-Elect), Andrew Gow (Secretary/Treasurer), Mark Collinge (Past President), Alessandro Venosa (Senior Councilor), Amy Sharma (Junior Councilor), Valentina Galbiati (Postdoctoral Representative), and Cassandra Houser (Graduate Student Representative). The Executive Committee has monthly teleconferences on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month.

Notwithstanding the current challenges and uncertainties, we are pleased to have been able to endorse excellent CEs, symposia, and a workshop for presentation at the 2022 SOT Annual Meeting in San Diego.

I look forward to being able to see all of you in person again in March of next year.

Florence G. Burleson, PhD  
Executive VP, Burleson Research Technologies, Inc.  
President ITSS, 2021-2022



# ITSS Member Achievements



Want to highlight your amazing accomplishments?

We invite **ALL ITSS members** to share their achievements over this past year to be published in the Winter ITSS Newsletter.

Please do so before the deadline December 1<sup>st</sup> 2021!

*This includes grants, awards, and publications!*

Use the link to submit your achievements ASAP!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ffA\\_ieFDZn3JZAKnYmbZ\\_Jz5KlodluEbRkySqBqTvOA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ffA_ieFDZn3JZAKnYmbZ_Jz5KlodluEbRkySqBqTvOA/edit?usp=sharing)



# JOIN US!

## HESI Immuno-Safety Technical Committee (ITC) Career Webinar

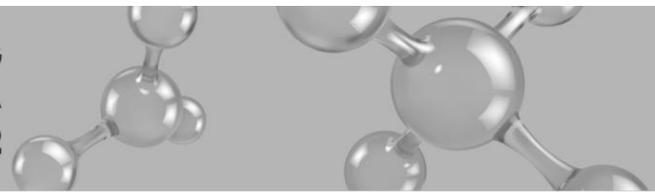
Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Registration is free- register now!**

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4907903663081657616>

The HESI ITC Science Outreach Group aims to increase awareness about careers in the immunosafety and immuno-pharmacology fields, with a target audience of graduate students, post-docs, and early career scientists. This webinar will allow meaningful Q&A interactions between the audience and speakers to give insight on their respective career pathways.





**The SOT 2022 Annual Meeting and ToxExpo  
is open for registration and housing!**

Early bird registration deadline is  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Abstract submission deadline is  
**October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



## **SOT 2022 Awards**

SOT offers several awards to recognize distinguished toxicologists at every career level through hundreds of Awards. We encourage you to review each award description closely to discover the nomination and application procedures and apply!

<https://www.toxicology.org/events/am/am2022/awards.asp>

# ITSS 2022 Awards and Deadlines



ITSS offers awards for outstanding postdoctoral trainees, graduate students, and junior and senior scientists! Please review each award description and consider submitting a nomination or application. Application deadline is **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.

## Immunotoxicology SS Best Paper of the Year Award

**What is it?** An engraved plaque will be awarded to the authors of the best paper in the area of Immunotoxicology, published in ANY peer-reviewed journal. The paper must have been published between January 1<sup>st</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup> of the prior calendar year. The first publication date (either electronic or paper) will be considered the date of publication.

**How do I nominate?** The nomination for this award should provide a full citation of the paper and a short discussion of the value of the research to the field of Immunotoxicology. *Authors may not self-nominate their own papers.* Review papers are not eligible for this award. Final decisions will be made by the ITSS Awards Committee and Senior Councilor (Chaired by the Senior Councilor).

Please submit nomination to Alessandro Venosa at [alessandro.venosa@pharm.Utah.edu](mailto:alessandro.venosa@pharm.Utah.edu)

## Immunotoxicology SS Best Presentation by a Postdoctoral Trainee Award

**What is it?** An engraved plaque and cash award (\$500) will be presented to the postdoctoral trainees whose work in the field of Immunotoxicology is deserving of recognition.

**How do I apply?** This award requires a submission of a complete written version (including all graphs and tables) of an Immunotoxicology presentation to be made at the SOT Annual Meeting. Please note that manuscripts will not be accepted. This presentation is to be accompanied by a letter of nomination from the Postdoctoral Trainee's advisor. Final decisions will be made by the ITSS Awards Committee and Senior Councilor (Chaired by the Senior Councilor).

Please submit nomination to Alessandro Venosa at [alessandro.venosa@pharm.Utah.edu](mailto:alessandro.venosa@pharm.Utah.edu)

# ITSS 2022 Awards and Deadlines



## Immunotoxicology SS Best Presentation by a Student Award

**What is it?** An engraved plaque and cash award (\$500) will be presented to the postdoctoral trainees whose work in the field of Immunotoxicology is deserving of recognition.

**How do I apply?** This award requires a submission of a complete written version (including all graphs and tables) of an Immunotoxicology presentation to be made at the SOT Annual Meeting. Please note that manuscripts will not be accepted. This presentation is to be accompanied by a letter of nomination from the Postdoctoral Trainee's advisor. Final decisions will be made by the ITSS Awards Committee and Senior Councilor (Chaired by the Senior Councilor).

Please submit nomination to Alessandro Venosa at [alessandro.venosa@pharm.Utah.edu](mailto:alessandro.venosa@pharm.Utah.edu)

## Immunotoxicology Mitzi and Prakash Nagarkatti Research Excellence in Immunotoxicology Award

**What is it?** This cash award will assist graduate students or postdoctoral scholars in attending an SOT Annual Meeting and presenting their research. This award is made possible by the Mitzi and Prakash Nagarkatti Research Excellence in Immunotoxicology Award Fund of the SOT Endowment.

**How do I apply?** Applicants should submit their CV, recommendation letter from their supervisor/advisor, and a brief letter describing the importance of receiving this award to travel to the SOT Annual Meeting and how it will impact their career in Immunotoxicology. Final decisions will be made by the ITSS President, last three ITSS Past Presidents, the Vice President, and Vice President-Elect (Chaired by the Vice President).

Please submit nominations to Berran Yucesoy at [berranyucesoy@gmail.com](mailto:berranyucesoy@gmail.com)

# ITSS 2022 Awards and Deadlines



## Immunotoxicology SS HESI Immunotoxicology Young Investigator Travel Award

**What is it?** An engraved plaque and cash award will be awarded to a young investigator who is within five years of receiving a PhD. This cash award is provided to assist young investigators in attending SOT and presenting their research.

**How do I apply?** Both US and international investigators are encouraged to apply.

The guidelines for this award are:

- Less than 5 years from having completed their graduate dissertation.
- Letter from postdoctoral advisor and/or employer indicating the individual's past contributions to Immunotoxicology (or a closely-related discipline) and potential future contributions to the discipline.
- *Curriculum Vitae*
- Letter from applicant on how attendance at SOT will contribute to their career development in Immunotoxicology.
- The individual must have submitted an abstract and be able to attend the Annual Meeting. The abstract must be included in the application
- Both US and International individuals are eligible.
- The individual need not be a member of SOT, but those who are members or who are in the process of becoming members will be given preferential consideration.
- Selection of the recipient will be made by the President, last three Past Presidents, the Vice President, and Vice President-Elect (Chaired by the President). An individual cannot be the recipient of the award more than once.

Please submit applications to Berran Yucesoy at [berranyucesoy@gmail.com](mailto:berranyucesoy@gmail.com)

# ITSS 2022 Awards and Deadlines



## Immunotoxicology SS Outstanding Young Immunotoxicologist Award

**What is it?** An engraved plaque will be awarded to the Young Investigator whose work has made significant contributions to the field of Immunotoxicology. This award is for scientists in academia, industry, or those who have had an impact on regulatory issues.

**How do I nominate?** The nominee must have *10 years or less* of experience since obtaining their highest degree. Exceptions to the 10 year limitation can be made if careers have been interrupted for family or health reasons, or clinical practice, etc. Reasons for the exception should be documented in the nomination letter. Nominators are required to document the contributions of the candidate and also provide a curriculum vitae and bibliography. The depth, breadth and significance of the scientific contributions of the nominee to advancing the field of Immunotoxicology should be addressed, as well as service to the Immunotoxicology community.

All nominations of candidates that have not received the award will be retained and considered for an additional two years unless the nomination is withdrawn by the sponsor. Final decisions will be made by the Vice President and members of the Awards Committee (Chaired by the Vice President).

Please submit nominations to Berran Yucesoy at [berranyucesoy@gmail.com](mailto:berranyucesoy@gmail.com)

# ITSS 2022 Awards and Deadlines



## Immunotoxicology SS Outstanding Senior Immunotoxicologist Award

**What is it?** An engraved plaque will be awarded to a Senior Investigator whose work has made significant contributions to the field of Immunotoxicology. This award is for scientists in academia, industry, or those who have had an impact on regulatory issues.

**How do I nominate?** The nominee must have *greater than 10 years* experience since obtaining their highest degree. Nominees must have distinguished themselves as leaders in their chosen area of Immunotoxicology and not previously been awarded the Vos Lifetime Career Achievement Award. Nominators are required to document the contributions of the candidate and also provide a curriculum vitae and bibliography. The depth, breadth and significance of the scientific contributions of the nominee to advancing the field of Immunotoxicology should be addressed, as well as service to the Immunotoxicology community.

All nominations of candidates that have not received the award will be retained and considered for an additional two years unless the nomination is withdrawn by the sponsor. Final decisions will be made by the ITSS President, last three ITSS Past Presidents, the Vice President, and Vice President-Elect (Chaired by the Vice President). The nominator will submit a summary of the awardee's accomplishments in the field of Immunotoxicology for the ITSS Newsletter following the SOT Annual Meeting.

Please submit nominations to Berran Yucesoy at [berranyucesoy@gmail.com](mailto:berranyucesoy@gmail.com)



## Immunotoxicology SS Vos Lifetime Career Achievement Award in Immunotoxicology

**What is it?** An engraved plaque will be awarded to a Senior Investigator whose body of work represents an outstanding career in Immunotoxicology.

**How do I nominate?** The nominator should provide a discussion of the role that the individual's work has played in advancing the field of Immunotoxicology. A curriculum vitae and bibliography should also be included. A second letter of recommendation from another investigator in the field would be helpful.

Nominees are evaluated with respect to the following criteria:

- 1) Contribution to the field of Immunotoxicology:** depth and breadth of scientific contributions and significance of contributions for advancing the field. (weighted value = 50%)
- 2) Major influence in the education/training/mentorship of young scientists in the field of Immunotoxicology** including training in government, industry, or academia (weighted value = 20%)
- 3) Leadership and service to the immunotoxicology field** including involvement in the Specialty Section or other meetings/organizations related to Immunotoxicology (weighted value = 20%)
- 4) Influence on regulatory and risk/safety assessment decisions related to Immunotoxicology** (weighted value = 10%)

Nominations of unsuccessful candidates will be considered for two additional years unless the nomination is withdrawn by the sponsor. Final decisions will be made by the ITSS President, last three ITSS Past Presidents, the ITSS Vice President, and ITSS Vice President-elect (Chaired by the President). Presentation slides and a brief description of the awardee's career accomplishments in the field of Immunotoxicology will be made by the nominator.

Please submit nominations to Berran Yucesoy at [berranyucesoy@gmail.com](mailto:berranyucesoy@gmail.com)



# Call for 2022 Committee Members

*Want to get involved and enhance your CV/resume?*

Our diverse membership has so much to offer spanning countries, professional settings, career stages and perspectives. Please consider bringing your strengths to our specialty section. We encourage your involvement in the following committees:

If you are interested in learning more or serving on a committee, please reach out to the committee chairs. We look forward to hearing from you!

## **Program Committee**

Berran Yucesoy  
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## **Education Committee**

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Marie-Soleil.Piche@crl.com

## **Awards Committee**

Alessandro Venosa  
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*\*SOT membership is required. Must be willing to become a member of the ITSS and to commit to service. Please see the Committees page of the ITSS website for details.*