

Immunotoxicology Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2025–2026

May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026

I. Officers:

<u>2025–2026</u>	<u>2026–2027</u>
President: Andrew Gow Vice President: Debra Laskin Vice President Elect: Cheryl Rockwell Past President, Councilor: Alessandro Venosa Secretary: Thea Golden Treasurer: David McMillan Senior Councilor: Brandon Lewis Junior Councilor: Tracey Papenfuss Postdoctoral Representative: Lauren Heine Graduate Student Representative: Martina Iulini	President: Debra Laskin Vice President: Cheryl Rockwell Vice President-Elect: David McMillan Treasurer: Brandon Lewis Secretary: Thea Golden Past President, Councilor: Andrew Gow Senior Councilor: Tracey Papenfuss Junior Councilor: Monica Langley Postdoctoral Representative: Lauren Heine Graduate Student Representative: Martina Iulini

Committees:

Awards Committee

Program Committee

II. 2026 Membership total: 253

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2025–2026:

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)
- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)
- 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.

V. Communication Methods:

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

- 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

VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:

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

- Speed networking
- Networking luncheon/reception

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	7
Early Career	1
Mid Career	0
Late Career	1

IX. Key Outcomes and Improvements:

- A. Balancing the ITSS budget relative to recent years
- B. Participating in the CAMAN networking event

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, particularly in vitro immunosuppression, developmental immunotoxicity, and anaphylaxis/systemic hypersensitivity

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?

Increase funding (matching) for Specialty Section reception OR working with vendors to decrease food costs at reception

- 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.)?

Allowing Specialty Sections to reach out across other Specialty Sections for trainee recruitment