

Immunotoxicology Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2024–2025
May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

I. Officers:

<u>2024–2025</u>	<u>2025–2026</u>
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	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

Committees:

Award Committee - All leadership members Programming Committee - Debra Laskin, Andrew Gow, Alessandro Venosa Education Committee - Cheryl Rockwell Communication Committee - Martina Iulini, Lauren Heine, Tracey Papenfuss

II. 2025 Membership total: 271

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2024–2025:

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)
- 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.

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
- LinkedIn

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

- Speed mentoring

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	7
Early Career	5
Mid Career	1
Late Career	2

IX. 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
- Develop a talent pool of toxicologists for the future
- Provide mentoring and networking opportunities for all career levels

X. Scientific Topics of Interest:

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

- AI and immunotox screening NAMs for immunotox

XI. 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?

Reduce costs for receptions

- 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.)?

Discouraging SS from freely reach out to members of other groups.