What a whirlwind the last year has been. Indeed, the last three years since
beginning my term on the Immunotoxicology Specialty Section (ITSS)
Executive Committee (EC) Presidential chain has flown. My tenure serving
the ITSS, and particularly this last year as President have been both
rewarding and challenging, planning for a virtual event at SOT and all the
challenges that entailed.

It has been a great honor to serve as the President of ITSS during the 2020-
2021 term. It has been a pleasure and inspiration to work with those
dedicated individuals who comprise the ITSS executive committee and the
ITSS membership as a whole. Planning, overseeing, and coordinating the
activities of a Specialty Section is only possible with the hard work and effort
of many people and I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside the current
executive committee.

We have continued, and strived to expand upon, ongoing efforts to ensure a
bright and exciting future of the specialty section. The virtual meeting that
just completed in 2021 was a success, and the current executive committee
is already working to ensure an excellent Immunotoxicology presence at next
years’ meeting in San Diego. Our collaboration with JSIT remains strong and
the ITSS-EC has continued to discuss potential future collaborations with the
HESI-Immunotoxicology Technical Committee and the Society for
Immunotherapy of Cancer. We also look forward to endorsing a robust set of
workshop and symposia proposals for the next SOT Annual Meeting.

It was an honor to serve as the President of ITSS from 2020-2021. I look forward to
serving my one year term as Immediate Past President and continuing to work with the
current executive committee, led by Florence Burleson as President. The ITSS is in
very capable hands and I look forward to
great success in 2021 and beyond.

Sincerely,
Mark Collinge, PhD
Global Head of Immunotoxicology, Pfizer
President ITSS, 2020-2021
2021 ITSS Award Recipients

**Vos Lifetime Career Achievement Award in Immunotoxicology**
The Vos Award for Lifetime Career Achievement in Immunotoxicology is presented to an individual in recognition of career achievements in advancing the field of immunotoxicology through service, leadership, and scientific contributions.

**Emanuela Corsini, PhD**  
Professor of Toxicology  
Department of Environmental Sciences and Policies  
University of Milan

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**Outstanding Senior Investigator Award**
The Outstanding Senior Investigator Award is presented to an individual 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, and has distinguished themselves as leaders in their chosen area of immunotoxicology.

**Paige Lawrence, PhD**  
Wright Family Research Professor and Chair,  
Department of Environmental Medicine, Director, Environmental Health and Science Center, Professor of Microbiology & Immunology  
University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

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**Outstanding Young Investigator Award**
The Outstanding Young Investigator Award is presented to an individual 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, having 10 years or less of experience since obtaining their highest degree.

**Alessandro Venosa, PharmD, PhD**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
2021 ITSS Award Recipients

Mitzi and Prakash Nagarkatti Research Excellence in Immunotoxicology Travel Award

Yining Jin, PhD
Professor of Toxicology
Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
Michigan State University

Best Paper of the Year 2020

“Regulation of Lung Macrophage Activation and Oxidative Stress Following Ozone Exposure by Farnesoid X Receptor”

Mary Francis, Grace Guo, Bo Kong, Elena V. Abramova, Jessica A. Cervelli, Andrew J. Gow, Jeffrey D. Laskin, and Debra L. Laskin
Toxicological Sciences, 177(2), 2020, 441-453

Best Presentation by a Postdoctoral Trainee Award

Lichchavi Rajasinghe, PhD
Michigan State University

“Incorporation of Cell Membrane Phosphatidylserine with Oxidizable Polyunsaturated DHA Potentiates Clearance of Toxicant-Induced Cellular Corpses by Alveolar Macrophages”

Best Presentation by a Student Award

Kathryn Wierenga
Michigan State University

“Phenotypic stability and application of a self-replicating murine alveolar macrophage model derived form fetal liver”
Call for SOT 2022 Proposals

While attending the 2021 SOT meeting, did you think of a great session topic? Or maybe a workshop to address a theme you discussed in a Hallway Huddle? Please consider turning it into a session proposal for SOT 2022!

ITSS has a long history of endorsing excellent sessions because our members prepare thoughtful and original proposals. We will review proposals, for potential ITSS endorsement, submitted by May 3rd. This will allow the program committee to review the proposal, provide feedback and submit to SOT by the deadline May 17th. Detailed directions for preparing and submitting a proposal can be found at https://www.toxicology.org/events/am/AM2022/proposal/submitting-proposals.asp.

We appreciate your support as we prepare for a successful meeting next year! We look forward to reading what you want to see at SOT 2022!
Call for Committee Members

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 at Berran.Yucesoy@fda.hhs.gov

Education Committee
Marie-Soleil Piche at Marie-Soleil.Piche@crl.com

Awards Committee
Alessandro Venosa at alessandro.venosa@pharm.utah.edu

*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.*
ITSS Member Publication Spotlight

Check out the research of our talented ITSS members!


Would you like to share your recent publications? Please email us the citation at imtoxss@gmail.com, so we can include it in the upcoming newsletter.
Please join us in congratulating our esteemed ITSS members!

Dr. Debra Laskin was awarded the 2021 ASPET Division of Toxicology Center Investigator Award in recognition of her remarkable original research contributions to the field of toxicology.

Dr. Alessandro Venosa was awarded the Outstanding New Environmental Scientist Award from NIEHS to study the Role of Surfactant Protein-C Mutation and Ozone Exposure in the Exacerbation of Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Dr. Alessandro Venosa was also awarded the American Association of Immunologists Early Career Faculty Travel Grant.

Please allow us to celebrate your achievements with you! Email us at imtoxss@gmail.com, so we can congratulate you in the upcoming newsletter.