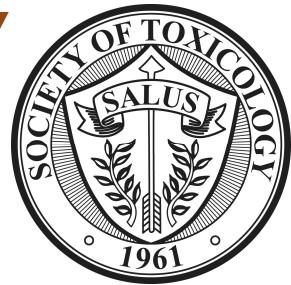




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IMMUNOTOXICOLOGY SPECIALTY SECTION



Dear ITSS Community,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying a joyful holiday season with family and friends. As we wrap up the year and look ahead, I am excited to share some important updates and plans for our Immunotoxicology Specialty Section.

First and foremost, we are looking forward to the 2026 SOT Annual Meeting in San Diego! I personally can't wait to see you all in Southern California. I missed the meeting in Orlando, and I need to catch up with many great scientists. We hope to see strong representation from our community.

As a second item in my personal agenda, there are only a few days left to submit nominations for ITSS

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President's Message continued:

awards, so please take this opportunity to recognize the exceptional work of your colleagues, trainees, and mentors. These awards are an important way to celebrate excellence in immunotoxicology, and your participation ensures that we continue to highlight the incredible talent within our section. To the same end, if you would like to be more engaged within the ITSS community, we are also taking self nominations for Postdoc Representative, Treasurer, Councilor, and Vice President-Elect positions. You just need to send me/us a bio, written in third person, describing experiences that make you an ideal candidate for the position. The ITSS website has more info on each position.

Although we are just starting to prepare for San Diego, I would like to call your attention to the 2027 meeting. If you have ideas for symposia or sessions you would like to see featured, now is the time to begin planning. Our Program Committee is here to support you, and early discussions will help us maintain the strong presence of immunotoxicology at future meetings.

I also want to provide a brief update on our finances. Our account balance is limited this year, but please rest assured that we will not reduce award funds—supporting trainees and recognizing excellence remains our top priority. SOT has made some changes to the meeting schedule, and there will be no Thursday morning sessions. Our ITSS reception will take place on Wednesday night, and we have opted for two changes: we will participate in a joint networking event with CAMAN (details are provided in this newsletter), and we will not provide food at the reception. Despite these adjustments, we hope you will join us to celebrate our awardees and connect with colleagues. Your presence makes these events meaningful and strengthens our community.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Please encourage your peers, students, and postdocs to renew their membership and get involved in ITSS activities. Together, we can ensure another successful year for our specialty section.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego!

Best regards,

Dr. Alessandro Venosa
Past President, ITSS 2025-2026



ALESSANDRO VENOSA
Past President

Save the Date!

SOT
65TH ANNUAL MEETING
& ToxExpo
SAN DIEGO, CA MARCH 22-25, 2026



SAVE THE DATES

SOT Returns to San Diego

New for 2026, the SOT 65th Annual Meeting and ToxExpo will feature only four days of Continuing Education courses, sessions, posters, and social events. That's right—the meeting will end the evening of Wednesday, March 25.

Where

[San Diego Convention Center](#)

111 W. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101

When

Sunday, March 22, 2026, to Wednesday,

March 25, 2026

ITSS Endorsed CE Courses, Symposia, and Workshops at the Annual Meeting

ITSS-Endorsed Symposia:

❖ Rebuilding Immunity in the Lab: Complex *In Vitro* Models for Smarter Safety Science

Mon, Mar 23. Ballroom 6E, Convention Center

2:00pm - 4:45pm (Pacific)

Chair: Mark Collinge, Pfizer Inc.

Co-Chair: Chrissy Crute, HESI

❖ Understanding and Effectively Utilizing Humanized and Transgenic Mouse Models

Tue, Mar 24. Ballroom 6F, Convention Center

4:30pm - 6:00pm (Pacific)

Chair: Tracey Papenfuss, StageBio

Co-Chair: Daniel Weinstock, Independent Consultant

ITSS Meeting/Reception:

Wed, Mar 25

San Diego Ballroom A, Marriott Marquis Marina

6:00pm - 7:30pm (Pacific)

Upcoming Deadlines

SOT Annual Meeting

SOT Annual Meeting Late-Breaking Abstract Submission Deadline

January 22nd, 2025

SOT Annual Meeting Registration Deadlines

Early Bird Registration: January 30th, 2026

Standard Registration: January 31st – February 27th, 2026

Final Registration: After February 27th, 2026

ITSS 2026 Membership Renewal Deadline

End of December 2025



All awards can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

[https://www.toxicology.org/groups/ss/imtox/descriptions and deadlines.asp](https://www.toxicology.org/groups/ss/imtox/descriptions_and_deadlines.asp)



Want to get involved with ITSS?

Immunotoxicology Specialty Section Executive Committee Elections

We are still looking for nominations for the following positions:

OPEN POSITIONS

Vice President-Elect

Junior Councilor

Postdoc Representative

Treasurer

Submit a bio written in third person summarizing your experiences and training. We are approaching the deadline for accepting new nominations.



Immunotoxicology Specialty Section *Networking/Mentoring Event* at the 2026 Annual Meeting

NetworX Night, led by CAMAN

Date: Mon, Mar 23

Location: Marriott Grand Ballroom 4

Marriott Marquis Marina

7:30pm - 9:00pm (Pacific)

- ❖ Each participant will receive a drink ticket, and a cash bar will be available.
- ❖ This is an Add-On Event on the registration form; there is no charge.
- ❖ Registration is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

We are looking for mentors in academia,
government, and industry!



2025-2026 ITSS Committee List:



Volunteers Needed for Limited Number of Seats:

Please contact the committee chairs if you have questions or if you are interested in serving with us!

Education Committee

Chair: Cheryl Rockwell

Email: rockwelc@msu.edu

Awards Committee

Chair: Brandon Lewis

Email: blewis@amplify-bio.com

Program Committee

Chair: Debra Laskin

Email: laskin@eohsi.rutgers.edu

To learn more about ITSS committees

[CLICK HERE](#)

Note:

SOT membership is required.

Must be willing to become a member of the ITSS and to commit to service.



ITSS Member Achievements



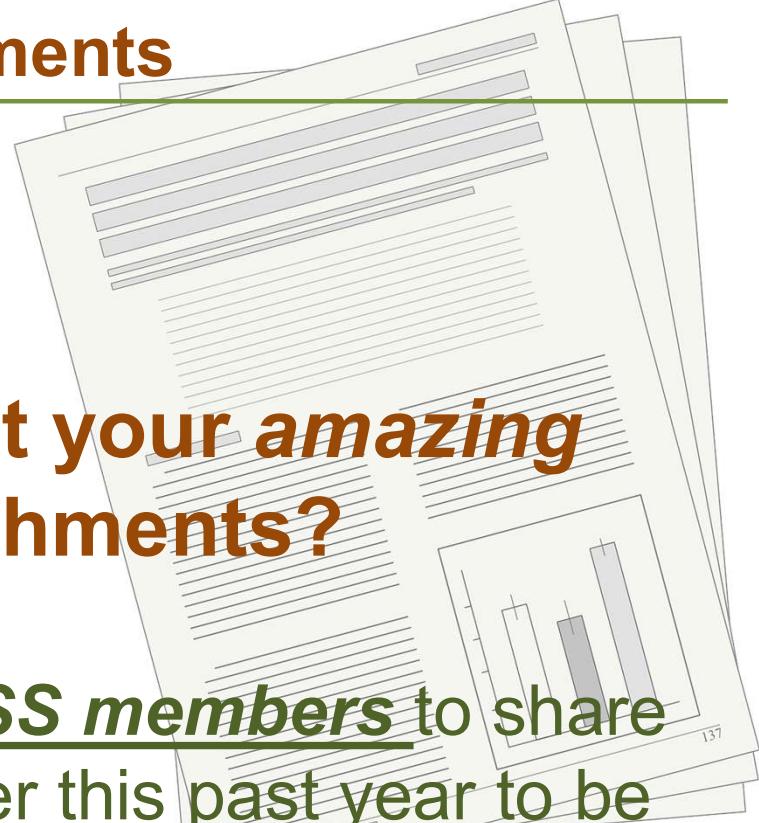
Want to highlight your *amazing* accomplishments?



We encourage **ALL ITSS members** to share their achievements over this past year to be published in the upcoming ITSS Newsletters.

You can share your achievements in a Google spreadsheet [here](#).

This includes grants, collaborations, awards, and publications!





We are excited to announce that ITSS now has an official LinkedIn page!

The page was created with the goal of:

- sharing updates from our Specialty Section,
- promoting research and initiatives from our members,
- highlighting information on awards, events, and professional opportunities,
- strengthening the visibility of the immunotoxicology community.

Follow us on LinkedIn:
Immunotoxicologist Specialty Section – SOT
[Click here to join!](#)

We encourage all members to:

- **follow the page**,
- **engage** with our posts (likes, comments, shares),
- **tag ITSS** in relevant professional activities,
- **send us content** they would like to share (awards, publications, events, conference photos, etc.).

Your participation is essential to help increase the visibility of our group and to highlight the contributions of the ITSS community!