

IMTox SS 25TH ANNIVERSARY BULLETIN

MARK YOUR SOT MEETING CALENDAR
IMMUNOTOXICOLOGY SPECIALTY SECTION RECEPTION
SALT PALACE CONVENTION CENTER, RM 355-E
TUESDAY NIGHT, MARCH 9, 6-8 PM

25TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

PICTURES FROM THE PAST
RECOGNITION OF OUR PAST PRESIDENTS
2010 AWARDS
NETWORKING AND APPETIZERS
BE THERE!

TO ALLOW TIME FOR CELEBRATION OF OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE IMTox SS RECEPTION, SOME NORMAL BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS ARE PRESENTED HEREIN AS OUTLINED BELOW:

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Welcome to Dr. Takemi Otsuki

We welcome Dr. Takemi Otsuki of the Kawasaki Medical School in Kurashiki, Japan, as the Japanese Society of Immunotoxicology (JSIT) representative at SOT 2010. On Monday morning at SOT, Dr. Otsuki will be presenting his research and co-chairing a symposium with Dr. Andrij Holian. Symposium title: Silica and Asbestos Immunotoxicity: Mechanisms to Fibrosis, Autoimmunity, and Modified Tumor Resistance.

ImTox SS Student/Postdoc Mixer

Students and Postdocs – Plan on attending the mixer on Tuesday night after the ImTox SS reception. This is a great opportunity to network with other trainees and learn about opportunities in Immunotoxicology at other institutions. Broaden your horizons. Details below:

When: Tuesday Mar 9 at 8:15 pm (right after ImTox SS reception)

Where: Red Rock Brewing Company, 254 South 200 West, Salt Lake City, 84101 (one block away from the Salt Palace Convention Center)

ImTox Related Sessions at Annual Meeting

Please see the **attachment** compiled by Dr. Wendy Komocsar of the ImTox SS Communications Committee.

Committee Participation 2010-2011 – Sign Up!

To sign up for ImTox SS committees (described below) please e-mail Dr. Jacintha Shenton (shentonj@medimmune.com) OR sign-up in person at the ImTox SS reception.

There are 6 committees:

Regulatory (Chair: Peter Thomas): Monitors regulatory activities in the area of immunotoxicology and passes this information on to our Specialty Section.

Communications (Chair: Susan McKarns): Coordinates the collection and dissemination of information relevant to the needs of immunotoxicologists and assists the Council in outreach to the general toxicology community. This is accomplished by the use of print and electronic media.

Membership (Chair: George De George): Responsible for recruiting new members and keeping old members happy.

Education (Chair: Judy Zelikoff): Promotes education for the specialty section.

Awards (Chair: Wendy Komocsar): Evaluates and awards meritorious doctoral and postdoctoral presentations.

Program (Chair: Gred Ladics): Suggests and decides upon symposia, workshops, and round tables for presentation to the Program Committee of SOT.

Call for Continuing Education Courses from SOT National

Each year, high quality Continuing Education (CE) courses are presented at the SOT annual meeting. These courses are selected from course proposals developed and submitted by SOT members. The CE Committee selected 13 courses for presentation at the 2010 annual meeting in Salt Lake City. These represent topics from the meeting's thematic areas as well as other areas, including those specifically targeted by the CE Committee. The SOT's Specialty Sections and particularly the **Immunotoxicology Specialty Section** provided an outstanding response. The CE Committee invites you to consider submitting a proposal. The CE Committee's Target Areas for 2011 are **Epigenetic Mechanisms, Systems Biology, and Cardiovascular Toxicology**. More information can be found on the SOT web page. Please work directly and early with a Specialty Section that is likely to endorse your proposal. SOT depends on its membership to continue offering the great diversity and scientific excellence of its yearly program at the annual meeting. The CE committee would also like to work with students and postdocs in generating proposals from this group in order to increase their participation in the development of CE courses. For more information on submitting a proposal, please contact Courtney Sulentic at courtney.sulentic@wright.edu.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Report – Dr. George DeGeorge (Chair of Membership Committee)

- **348** members as of 19th February 2010 versus **307** at this time in 2009
- We are currently short of 54 people from the 2009 end of year total, but short of 17 people from the 2009 SOT annual total (recorded on 31st July 2009).

Treasurer's Report – Dr. Jacintha Shenton (Secretary/Treasurer)

- Projected assets at end of 2009-2010 fiscal year ~ **\$7,409***
- **Estimated Total Income (\$10,090)** is based on projected *dues* (ImTox SS dues) and *registration* (% of annual meeting registration from ImTox SS members), as well as *contributions received*
 - *Dues and Registration* ~ \$9,190 projected (including earned interest)
 - *Contributions* - Contributions received as personal donations from Dr. Nancy Kerkvliet & Dr. Jean Regal. **Thank you Drs. Kerkvliet and Regal!**
- **Estimated Expenses** based on projected and incurred expenses as outlined below:
 - ImTox SS reception at annual meeting - \$9,625 projected (this primarily includes food & audiovisual equipment; SOT fixed price per person is \$35)

- Monetary awards and plaques ~ \$1,650 projected
- Japanese exchange - \$860 (for costs incurred in Japan)
 - The Journal of Immunotoxicology contributed to the flight costs for this year's travel for the Japanese Exchange. **Thank you Journal of Immunotoxicology for this generous gift of \$1400.**
- ImTox pool of lecturer's ~ \$960 projected
- ImTox SS Student/Postdoc mixer ~ \$200 projected
- **Estimated total expenses: \$13,745**
- Assets at end of 2008-2009 fiscal year (\$11,064) – expenses (\$13,745) + income (\$10,090) = **\$7,409**

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