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President's Message

Greetings, fellow Immunuts! That's 'im-u-nuts' since we're all "nuts for immunology"! Anymore I feel I have to periodically note what that means since I did get called out once when I had a vanity plate on my car that read, IMMUNUT. The guy thought it was hilarious that I had a license plate that said "I'm a Nut". (Those of you who know me well...stop laughing right now at the apparent truth in some of that.)

Are you excited about the upcoming celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the SOT? I know I am. My goodness this meeting is PACKED with so many things to do! Have you seen the Postdoctoral Assembly Silent Auction Items? Check it out as all the proceeds will be going to the SOT Endowment Fund to further the goals of the Society. I've heard promises that the Business Meeting Tuesday night won't be "boring". One thing they will be doing is officially presenting the Time Capsule to the Society that will be opened at the 75th Anniversary. Immunotoxicology made a contribution to the cause. Want to know what it was? Check out the Business Meeting OR come to our Reception! Going to Beatlemania on Tuesday? If you do, don't forget to "dress as your favorite decade". For some of you, that might be the groovy 60s. For others, the 80s!

The ImTox SS has many sessions at this meeting that we sponsored or endorsed. Check out the attachment to this bulletin that our student and postdoc reps (Chu and Jennifer) prepared for you in advance of the meeting. Notably, we have our reception on Wednesday night this year. As usual, we anticipate it to be a great opportunity for you to catch-up with old friends, meet new ones, and do that scientific networking with colleagues. We will be celebrating our accomplishments, recognizing our award winners, and revealing your selections for new officers for next year.

Last, but most definitely not least...CONGRATULATIONS to Judy Zelikoff and Dori Germolec who were recently elected to SOT Council!!

Looking forward to seeing you so very soon in Washington, DC!

Leigh Ann



Welcome to Dr. Takahiko Yoshida

We welcome Dr. Takahiko Yoshida of the Asahikawa Medical College Department of Health Science in Asahikawa, Japan, as the Japanese Society of Immunotoxicology (JSIT) representative at SOT 2011. On Tuesday morning at 9 am in Room 207 of the Convention Center, Dr. Yoshida will be presenting his research, and co-chairing with Dr. Ian Kimber, a Workshop entitled Identification of Chemical Respiratory Allergens: Principles and New Developments.

ImTox SS Student/Postdoc Mixer

Students and Postdocs – Plan on attending the student/postdoc mixer on Wednesday 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: Wednesday Mar 9th at 7:30pm---?? (right after ImTox SS reception)

Where: Fado Irish Pub and Restaurant
900 F St. NW, Washington, D.C. (3 blocks from conference center)
202.783.5454

ImTox Related Sessions at Annual Meeting

Please see the **attachment** compiled by Xiaochu (Chu) Zhang and Jennifer Franko (your Student and Postdoc representatives, respectively) of the ImTox SS Communications Committee.

Committee Participation 2011-2012 – 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 5 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.

Education (Chair: Judy Zelikoff): Promotes education for the Specialty Section.

Awards (Chair: Wendy Komocsar): Evaluates and awards meritorious doctoral and postdoctoral presentations. Committee members are expected to make nominations for the awards.

Program (Chair: Gred Ladics): Suggests and decides upon symposia, workshops, and round tables for presentation to the Program Committee of SOT. You must submit a session if you join this committee.

Themes for SOT 2012

Proposals for Scientific Sessions submitted for SOT 2012 should fall within the following themes recently published by SOT National:

- Aberrant Gene Expression in Toxicity and Disease - Epigenetics and MicroRNAs
- Characterizing Toxic Modes of Action and Pathways to Toxicity
- Influence of Global Climate Change on Environmental Health Issues
- Clinical Toxicology from Bedside to the Bench and Back
- Regulatory Science: Bridging the Gap between Discovery and Product Availability

Continuing Education (CE) Course Target Areas are listed below:

- Advances in Assessment of Peripheral Nervous System Neurotoxicity
- Noncoding RNAs and their Role in Biology and Toxicology
- Drug Metabolism

The proposal submission site will be live Wednesday, February 24th and can be accessed at <http://sot2012.abstractcentral.com>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- 356 members as of February 21st 2011 versus 355 at this time in 2010.
- We are currently short of 77 people from the 2010 end of year total, but short of 38 people from the 2010 SOT annual total (recorded on 31st July 2010).

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

- Projected assets at end of 2010-2011 fiscal year - \$7,300
- Estimated Total Income (\$9,097) is based on projected *dues* (ImTox SS dues) and *registration* (% of annual meeting registration from ImTox SS members)
 - *Dues and Registration* \$9,097 projected (including earned interest) based on 2009-2010
- Estimated Expenses based on projected and incurred expenses as outlined below:
 - ImTox SS reception at annual meeting - \$6,209 projected (this includes food, bartender/cashier, & audiovisual equipment)
 - Student representative travel to SOT support \$350 (matched by SOT National)
 - Monetary awards and plaques ~ \$1,310 projected
 - Japanese exchange - ~ \$750 projected (for costs incurred in USA)
 - \$ u K @ to the Japanese Society of Toxicology (JSIT) meeting. Thank you Journal of Immunotoxicology for this generous gift of \$1315.
 - ImTox \$700 projected
 - ImTox SS Student/Postdoc mixer ~ \$200 projected
 - Purchase of a projector and a case ~ \$600 projected (to avoid recurrent high costs for rental of a projector via the convention center)
 - Estimated total expenses: \$9,119
- Assets at end of 2009-2010 fiscal year (\$8,081) expenses (\$9,119) + projected income (\$9,097) = \$8,059

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Journal of Immunotoxicology for supporting the ImTox SS Japanese Exchange.

The Journal of Immunotoxicology contributed to the flight costs for our representative, Gary Burleson, to travel to Japan. Thank you for this generous gift of \$1315.

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