

Immunotoxicology Specialty Section 2012 Pre-SOT Bulletin

YOU'RE INVITED!!

Immunotoxicology Specialty Section Reception
In the Marriott Marquis
Tuesday, March 13th
6:00-7:30PM,
Room-Nob Hill A



Hope to see you all there!!



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President's Message

I hope that your anticipation is building in preparation for March's 51st Meeting of the SOT. Yes I know there is no Beatlemania this year. But, we definitely are planning to boogie by the bay in San Francisco. You do not want to miss this. In fact, there is a special "President's Award" to the first person who sees me at SOT and can name the official State Dance of California.

This year's program is filled with many immunotoxicology-sponsored sessions and additional immunotoxicology-rich program offerings. I want to thank Greg Ladics and the 2010-2011 Program Committee members for their hard work in bringing this year's sessions forward and to all those SS members who are presenting in San Francisco. Check these out and please do support them by your attendance and discussions as you can. Also, don't forget to support the efforts of Gary Burleson and the current program committee as they plan for San Antonio.



Dr. Rodney R. Dietert
President, ImTox SS
2011-2012

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This year all of the SS evening receptions, including ours, are being held in the headquarters hotel (the Marriott Marquis). Our reception and business meeting is **Tuesday evening 6PM-7:30PM in room Nob Hill A** of the Marriott Marquis. It is a wonderful opportunity to cross paths with old friends and colleagues, to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of our members and to meet our young exciting students and postdocs. Your nominations have led to some wonderful awards, which we will be announced at this meeting. I hope you will join us to honor these well-deserving awardees. Additionally, you will also have a chance to meet our new officers for 2012-2013.

At the reception, I will have the distinctive honor of introducing Dr. Reiki Teshima. Dr. Teshima is this year's representative from the Japanese Society of Immunotoxicology (JSIT) in our joint program for SOT. More details follow in the Welcome Section of this bulletin.

Students and Postdocs – don't forget to check out the Mixer section below. This year's ImTox SS Student/Postdoc Mixer immediately follows the reception on Tuesday evening and has been organized by our Postdoc representative, Teri Girtsman. Thank you, Teri.

Several congratulations are in order. First, I am thrilled to announce that our SS has once again provided a leader-to-be for SOT. Congratulations to Norbert Kaminski on his election as the 2012-2013 Vice President-Elect of SOT. That means that on the heels of Michael Holsapple's recent presidency, we have another soon-to-be ImTox SS member SOT President. Congratulations Norb! Additionally, we want to recognize and honor Judy Zelikoff, the 2011-2012 SOT Secretary-Elect and Dori Germolec, a 2011-2013 SOT Councilor, for their service at National this past year. Finally, this meeting will be our first opportunity to congratulate, in person, Ian Kimber for being awarded the prestigious OBE title, which was announced last summer.

Look forward to seeing you shortly in San Francisco.

Welcome to DR. REIKO TESHIMA!

It is a pleasure to welcome DR. REIKO TESHIMA of the Division of Novel Foods and Immunochemistry, the National Institute of Health Sciences of Japan, to the 2012 SOT meeting. Reiko is the Japanese Society of Immunotoxicology (JSIT) representative at SOT 2012. Reiko will be co-chair (with Greg Ladics) in the joint ImTox SS-JSIT symposium session entitled, *The Allergenicity and Immunomodulatory Effect of Food Substances*, being held in the convention center on Wednesday Morning, March 14, 9:00 AM to 11:45 AM, Room 307.

I hope you will join me in greeting DR. TESHIMA and will make plans to attend this exciting ImTox SS-JSIT joint program at SOT.

ImTox SS Student/Postdoc Mixer

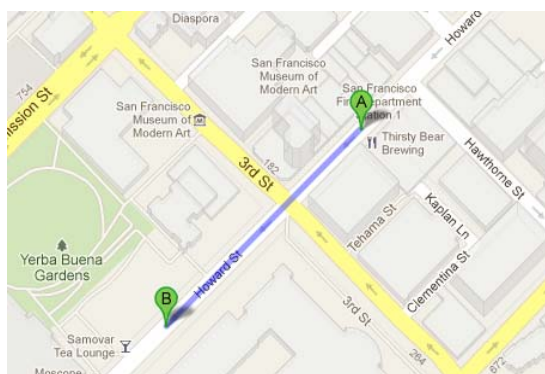
Meet other students and postdocs working in the Immunotoxicology world!
Plan on attending the ImTox SS Student/Postdoc Mixer!

When: On Tuesday evening 7:45-10:00PM

Where: At the Thirsty Bear Brewing Co., 661 Howard Street (Between 3rd & Hawthorn) – across from MOMA.

Questions, need more information? Please see the link below for Thirsty Bear or contact Teri Girtsman your Post Doc Representative at 406.370.7732.

<http://thirstybear.com>



Volunteers!



Call For Student Representative

We are still seeking a Student Representative for the ImTox SS Executive Committee for 2012-2013 who would be attending the SOT meeting in San Antonio. Note that a program is now in place where ImTox SS and SOT each provide \$350 toward the student's travel for the annual meeting. If you are interested, please contact Rod Dietert (rrd1@cornell.edu) **by March 20th**.

Themes for SOT 2013 (San Antonio)

To have an optimum chance of acceptance, proposals for the Scientific Sessions submitted for the 2013 meeting of SOT should fall within the themes identified by SOT National:

- Application of Systems Biology to Toxicology
- Biomarkers for Exposure Assessment, Safety Evaluation, and Translational Medicine
- Effects of Nanomaterials on Biological Systems
- Molecular Basis of Genetic Variability and Susceptibility to Toxicants
- Regulatory Science: Advancing New Approaches for Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

Continuing Education (CE) Course Target Areas are listed as follows:

- Developmental Origins of Health and Disease (DOHaD)
- Molecular Imaging
- Personalized Toxicology

The deadline for proposal submission and consideration is **Monday, April 30, 2012** at 11:59 p.m. EST via the submission website: <http://sot2013.abstractcentral.com>

Committee Participation 2012-2013 – Sign Up!

To sign up for one of the five ImTox SS committees (described below) please e-mail Dr. Susan McKarns (mckarnss@health.missouri.edu) OR sign-up in person at the ImTox SS reception.

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

Communications (Co-Chairs: Haley Neff-LaFord and Ashwini Phadnis): 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: Dr. Jean Pfau): Evaluates and awards meritorious doctoral and postdoctoral presentations. Committee members are expected to make nominations for the awards.

Program (Chair: New VP-Elect): 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.

Committee Reports

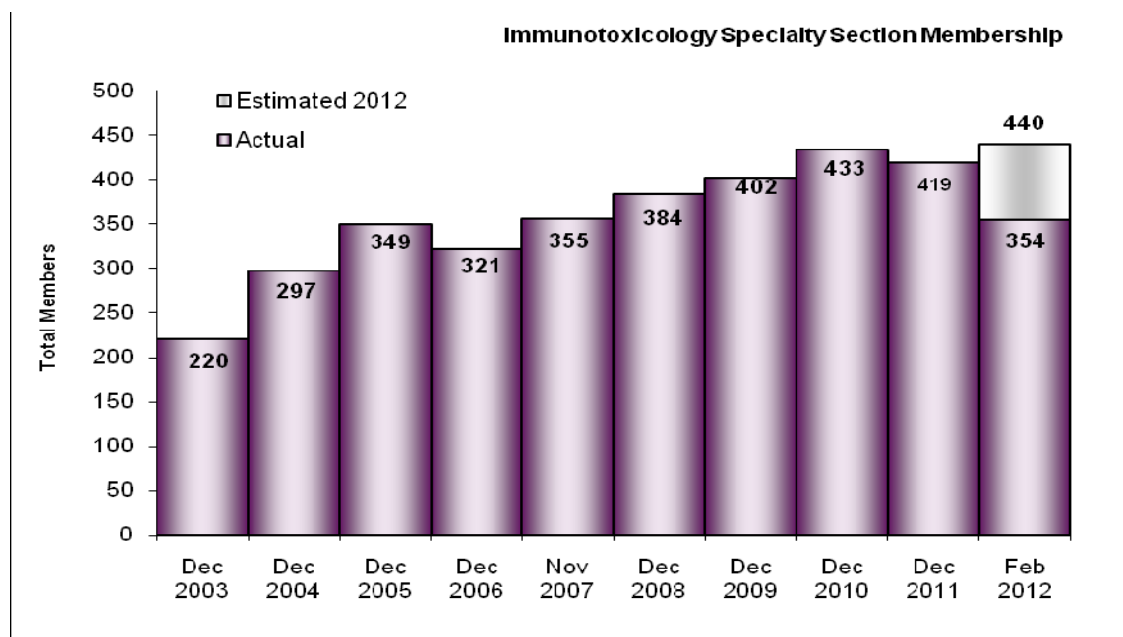
Membership Report

- Submitted by Dr. George DeGeorge

ImTox SS had 354 members as of Feb 2012 compared with 356 at the same time in 2011 and 355 in 2010.

Note that the standard annual comparisons are usually taken at the end of July based upon the way SOT does its calculations. Peak numbers occur in December of each year.

A summary diagram of ImTox SS membership across several years is shown as follows.



*Note that December 2012 estimates are based on a prescribed formula.

Treasurer's Report

- Submitted by Dr. Susan McKarns

2010-2011 Fiscal Year End Net Assets:

General Account: **\$10,764**

HESI Endowment Fund: **\$34,851**

Current Net Assets (2.29.12):

General Account: **\$12,764**

HESI Endowment Fund: **\$34,851**

2011-2012 Estimated Fiscal Year End Net Assets:

General Account: **\$12,710**

HESI Endowment Fund: **\$33,951** + (based on donations and market fluctuations)

2010-2011 Total Income: **\$9,840**

Dues: **\$5010**

Registration (% of annual mtg. registration from ImTox SS members): **\$4,317**

Earned interest: **\$513**

2011-2012 *Estimated* Income: **\$11,840**

Registration (% of annual mtg registration from ImTox SS members): **\$4,317**

Earned interest: **\$513**

Contributions: **\$2000 (from JSIT)**

HESI Endowment Fund donations: **\$100**

2010-2011 Total Expenses: **\$8471**

2012 ImTox SS reception at annual meeting: **\$4,817**

Student representative travel to SOT: **\$350**

Monetary awards and plaques: **\$1,623**

Japanese exchange (includes local lodging and food): **\$966**

ImTox pool of lecturers: **\$0**

ImTox SS Student/Postdoc mixer: **\$216**

Purchase of projector: \$499

2011-2012 *Estimated* Expenses: **\$10,894**

2012 ImTox SS reception at annual meeting: **\$6,544**

Student representative travel to SOT: **\$0**

Monetary awards and plaques: **\$1,400** + **\$1000** from HESI Fund

Japanese exchange (local lodging/food for Dr. Reiko Teshima (NIHS-Japan)): **\$750**

ImTox pool of lecturers: **\$1000**

ImTox SS Student/Postdoc mixer: **\$200**

THANK YOU!!

Journal of Immunotoxicology

(Publisher: Informa Healthcare)



We owe a deep thanks to the Journal of Immunotoxicology (Editor: Dr. Mitchell Cohen) for providing travel support of \$1,315 to Greg Ladics as our SS representative to the 2011 meeting of the Japanese Society of Immunotoxicology. This support is key to our ImTox SS-JSIT exchange program and helps us to compete for additional support via SOT Global funds. Along with this journal being among the most visible scholarly outlets most closely aligned with our area, the journal has been a staunch supporter of our international programming efforts with JSIT. Thank you Journal of Immunotoxicology.

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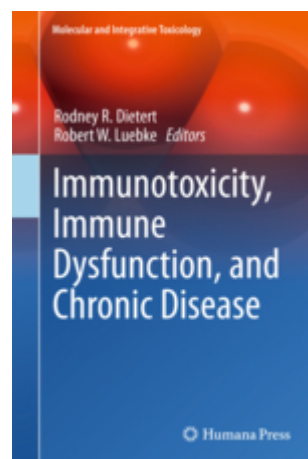


Health and Environmental Sciences Institute (HESI)

For the second time, we will be awarding our special HESI travel award. With this in mind, we want to thank HESI for their generosity in endowing this recognition of excellence in immunotoxicology. Thank you HESI.

Springer Book Editors

With the upcoming publication of a new immunotoxicology book, the editors, R. Dietert and R. Luebke, will be providing the postdoc who wins this year's Best Presentation Award with a copy of the book, *Immunotoxicity, Immune Dysfunction, and Chronic Disease*. (To be provided upon the book's summer 2012 release). Thank you book editors.



HESI Immunotoxicology Technical Committee Announcement

Save the Date

The HESI Immunotoxicology Technical Committee is pleased to announce a workshop on

Approaches and Best Practices for Assessment of Immunotoxicity for Environmental Chemicals

Date: May 15-16, 2012

Location: Washington, DC

The goal of this workshop is to share current perspectives from experts in the field on approaches for the assessment of immunotoxicity, with a focus on immune suppression. Diverse perspectives will be captured from various sectors to ensure a broad consideration of different approaches and experiences with the use of standard endpoints and functional assays as well as tiered-based testing strategies.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

Please mark your calendars. Additional details will follow.



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