

# Inhalation and Respiratory Specialty Section (IRSS) Newsletter

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## Message from the President

Happy New Year!

I don't know about everyone else, but I am exhausted already and we aren't even a month into the new year. It's like the flood gates have opened up across both personal and professional travel, visitors, requests, etc. After nearly 3 years, you'd think that we would be done talking about the pandemic... well, this past week I was recently reminded that is not the case. The craziness is still upon us. I hope everyone is surviving and staying afloat.

One big thing I've learned is we all need to give ourselves time to take a step back from the day-to-day normal routine and just breathe...pat yourself on the back and remember everyone is doing the best they can. Keeping this in the back on my mind has gone a long way, so I figured I send a quick refresh and restart to the group.

It's been 8 months since we were able to travel for SOT and see each other in person (I know...I couldn't believe it either). Our past president, Judy, summarized the meeting nicely in the July 2022 summer newsletter. Great news is we took lots of notes and have incorporated your feedback during the planning of the 2023 SOT Annual Meeting.

Our executive committee is excited about getting a winter newsletter out to the group in preparation of the annual meeting (Go Team!). Please take a peek into the opportunities we have for engagement within the executive committee, training opportunities, and a way to let you or your team's inner artist shine.

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for the 2023 IRSS awards. We had another great turnout with submissions. One of our ongoing goals is to continue educating specialty section members on the opportunities available to them.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Nashville in March!

Sincerely,

Melanie Doyle-Eisele, PhD  
President, IRSS (2022-2023)



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## IRSS Upcoming Election

As we transition into the 2023 year we are already preparing for the 2023 meeting in Nashville. There are several open IRSS officer positions. Voting will open in January. Please stay tuned for upcoming information regarding the election.

### Don't forget to vote!

Vice President-Elect	Holger Behrsing
	Christopher Reilly
Secretary Treasurer	Jennifer Larson-Casey
	Marie McGee Hargrove
Junior Councilor	Ahmed Aladhami
	Ruzmyn Vilcassim
	Matthew Ryan Smith
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	Yogesh Saini
	Samir Kelada
	Thivanka Muthumalage
	Thomas W. Jackson
	Timothy O'Toole
	Todd Stueckle
	Vivek Patel
Graduate Student Representative	Deniz Emul Meng
	Devin I. Alewel
	Marissa Guttenberg
	Morgan Domanico
	Samantha Serna

Thank you to our current and outgoing Executive Committee members!



## IRSS Mentorship Event

IRSS is hosting a mentorship event at the Annual Society of Toxicology Meeting in Nashville! Come join us at our annual event. Food and beverages will be provided and trainees will have the opportunity to speak informally with individuals at various career stages and representing multiple career sectors (academia, industry, government)! Space is limited: please register early. Event is reserved 1 hour prior to IRSS Reception.



[Trainee Sign up](#)

IRSS Mentorship Event, SOT, San Diego, CA

[Mentor Sign up](#)



## 2022-2023 IRSS Logo Competition

The time has come for a logo face lift and we wanted to draw inspiration from the creative minds within our group! We're soliciting logo samples (final rendering will incorporate elements of submitted ideas and is subject to SOT approval) from individuals, labs or even departments! **Designs are due February 10th.** From all submissions, three outstanding logos will be selected as finalists for display during our 2023 SOT Reception. Member feedback from our reception will be incorporated into the final logo design that will be created in collaboration with the SOT graphics design team. Submissions should be emailed to IRSS student/postdoc representatives by February 10, 2023: Michael Yaeger ([michael.yaeger@osumc.edu](mailto:michael.yaeger@osumc.edu)) and Emma Karey ([emma.karey@astrazeneca.com](mailto:emma.karey@astrazeneca.com))

Feel free to reach out to a member of the IRSS EC if you have any questions. We look forward to receiving your designs!

Logos selected as finalists will **receive a unique IRSS prize** (one per submission)!

Submission guidelines:

- Please submit only **ONE** design per person/team/institution. If submitting on behalf of a team/group, provide the names and email addresses of everyone who contributed.
- Designs must be submitted in one of the following formats: .ai, .eps, .pdf, .psd, .tiff, .png, .jpg, or .gif. Designs should be submitted with the highest resolution and quality possible.
- Please refer to the logo guidelines document located on [ToXchange](#).

# Upcoming Events of Interest to our Membership

## Upcoming Conferences

<b>Thomas L Petty Aspen Lung Conference</b> June 6-9 <a href="https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/aspen">https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/aspen</a>		<b>Lung Development, Injury and Repair</b> August 13-18 <a href="https://www.grc.org/lung-development-injury-and-repair-conference/2023/">https://www.grc.org/lung-development-injury-and-repair-conference/2023/</a>
<b>International Summit on Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology</b> April 27-29  <a href="https://www.spectrumconferences.com/2023/istap">https://www.spectrumconferences.com/2023/istap</a>		<b>American Thoracic Society</b> May 19-24 <a href="https://conference.thoracic.org">https://conference.thoracic.org</a>
<b>EUROTOX Annual Meeting</b> Sept. 10-13 <a href="https://www.eurotox.com">https://www.eurotox.com</a>		<b>American College of Toxicology Annual Meeting</b> Nov. 12-15 <a href="https://www.actox.org/am/am2023/">https://www.actox.org/am/am2023/</a>

As a number of our SOT colleagues have family and friends affected by the war in Ukraine, we would like to share some information to those who may be interested in supporting humanitarian relief efforts.

Below you will find links to two verified Ukrainian charities:

Razom for Ukraine - <https://razomforukraine.org/>  
NovaUkraine - <https://novaukraine.org/>

For any questions, or if you would like to learn about other ways to help, please feel free to contact Marusia Popovich at [marusia.popovich@gmail.com](mailto:marusia.popovich@gmail.com)



# Many thanks to our IRSS Executive Committee 2022-2023



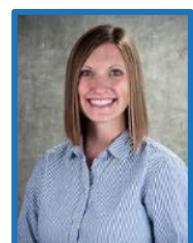
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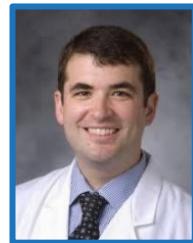
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Vice President



**Meghan Reboli**  
Secretary/Treasurer



**Natalie Johnson**  
Councilor



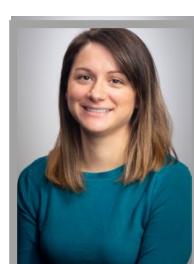
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Vice President-Elect



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**Emma Karey**  
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## Newsletter Submissions

If there are items that you would like to have included in the next newsletter, please send them to Natalie Johnson at [nmjohnson@tamu.edu](mailto:nmjohnson@tamu.edu).