

Mixtures Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2023–2024
May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

I. Officers:

<u>2023–2024</u>	<u>2024–2025</u>
President: Esra Mutlu Vice President: Courtney Roper Vice President-Elect: Jennifer Schlezinger Secretary-Treasurer: Shannah Witchey Past President, Councillor: Paul Price Senior Councillor: Allison Phillips Junior Councillor: Christopher Kassotis Postdoctoral Representative: Kristin Eccles Graduate Student Representative: Ishita Virmani	President: Courtney Roper Vice President: Jennifer Schlezinger Vice President-Elect: Allison Phillips Secretary-Treasurer: Shannah Witchey Past President, Councillor: Esra Mutlu Senior Councillor: Christopher Kassotis Junior Councillor: Rachel Dee Postdoctoral Representative: Thomas Jackson Graduate Student Representative: Samantha Heldman

Committees:

2024-2025 Executive Committee –

Past President: Esra Mutlu

President: Courtney Roper

Vice President: Jennifer Schlezinger

Vice-President Elect: Allison Phillips

Secretary/Treasurer: Shannah Witchey

Senior Councillor: Christopher D. Kassotis

Junior Councillor: Rachel Dee

Postdoctoral Rep: Thomas Jackson

Graduate Student Rep: Samantha Heldmann

SOT 2024 Program Review: Chair - Courtney Roper

Nominations: Chair - Esra Mutlu

Awards: Chair - Jennifer Schlezinger

Webinar: Chair - Rachel Dee

Communications: Chair - Samantha Heldmann and Thomas Jackson

Membership: Chair - Chris Kassotis

Fundraising: Chair - Courtney Roper

Mentoring: Chair - Courtney Roper

II. 2024 Membership total: 143

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2023–2024:

The Mixtures Specialty Section accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person meeting/mixer
- Virtual meetings
- Endorsed session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Mentoring/career development events

- Trainee awards conferred
- Newsletter(s)
- Webinars
- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)
- Updated standard operating procedures

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

The Mixtures Specialty Section collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

V. Communication Methods:

The Mixtures Specialty Section stayed in contact with its members throughout the year through the following mechanisms.

- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Specialty Section website
- Newsletter(s)
- LinkedIn

VI. Promotion of Inclusivity

The Mixtures Specialty Section maintained an inclusive organization through the following activities.

- Nominate a diverse slate of candidates for elections
- Solicit equitable input from all executive committee leaders
- Utilize virtual meetings for convening Specialty Section leadership
- Utilize standardized rubrics for judging awards/posters
- Include inclusive descriptions of Awards
- Prioritize diversity in selection of speakers/panelists
- Solicit member feedback for development of Specialty Section activities (such as webinar topics)
- Provide volunteer activities for the membership to be engaged
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- Use multiple approaches to communicate with membership

VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:

The Mixtures Specialty Section hosted the following mentoring activities throughout the year for its membership.

- Speed mentoring
- Chat with an expert

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	1
Early Career	1
Mid Career	
Late Career	

We have 3 monetary awards that can be competed for by students, postdocs, and early career scientists. We also identify top 5 abstracts each year, with the top abstract receiving a recognition plaque at the Annual Meeting SS reception.

IX. Key Outcomes and Improvements:

We initiated a new travel award in honor of Dr. Jane Ellen Simmons and provided a \$500 monetary award along with a plaque. We continue to provide 2 additional awards for students and postdocs. We had another mentoring event right before our reception at the SOT Annual Meeting.

X. Strategic Plan:

The Mixtures Specialty Section supported the following SOT Strategic Priorities.

- Proactively pursue impactful scientific content
- Support the development and application of tools that advance toxicology
- Effectively communicate scientific advances
- Foster connectivity across scientific disciplines
- Provide mentoring and networking opportunities for all career levels
- Enhance member recognition and visibility at all levels

XI. Scientific Topics of Interest:

The Mixtures Specialty Section is interested in seeing the following topic areas developed into sessions at future SOT Annual Meetings.

- The sessions that are addressing real life exposures rather than similar sessions/speakers we have been seeing in previous years. Mixtures Health Assessment approaches.

XII. Feedback to the Society:

A. What is the one thing the Society should be doing that it currently does not do (or does not do effectively) that would be of importance/benefit to the members of the Specialty Section?

Identifying potential collaborations with other Specialty Sections whether it is a combined mentoring event or combined educational sessions.

B. What is the one thing the Society is currently doing that impacts the Specialty Section that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?

Sponsoring the mentoring event was very helpful to our SS considering we are one of the smaller SS with less budget. While we continued to have the mentoring event it is becoming costly with no support from SOT. We understand that SOT had to have budget cuts however, if there is support from SOT for Specialty Sections that have lower budget in comparison to other Specialty Sections, that would be greatly appreciated.