

NAME OF SPECIALTY SECTION: Mixtures Specialty Section

## **ANNUAL REPORT: 2007-2008**

May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008

### **I. Officers/Committees:**

**This specialty section officially started 1 May 07.**

<b>Officers:</b>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
President:	Moiz Mumtaz	Janice Chambers
President-elect:	Jane Ellen Simmons	Kannan Krishnan
Vice President:	Janice Chambers	Jane Ellen Simmons
Secretary:	David Mattie	David Mattie
Treasurer:	David Mattie	David Mattie
Councilors:	Cecilia Tan	Sami Haddad
	Sami Haddad	Meg Whitaker
<i>Past-President</i>	N/A	Moiz Mumtaz
SAC Representative:	Marc-André Verner	Marc-André Verner
Post-doc representative:	Eva McLanahan	Eva McLanahan

Hisham El-Masri – agreed to be the liaison to Biological Modeling and Risk Assessment specialty sections for the next year (2008-2009).

**Committees:** Newsletter – David Herr will serve as editor (anticipate 2 newsletters/year)

### **II. Activities**

**2008 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held at 6 pm on 19 Mar 08 in Seattle, Washington. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. Dr. Moiz Mumtaz called the business meeting to order.

Meeting Minutes: see Attachment I

Awards:

Student/Post-doc Awards. We had three winners this year who each received an engraved plaque:

Marc-André Verner  
Sheppard Martin  
Sookwang Lee

We will have three separate awards next year. One will be a general best abstract award based on mixtures as a key word or use of mixtures in the title. It will be for all SOT members. We will still have a student and postdoc award but the students and postdocs will apply and submit supplemental information as they did this year.

### **Other Specialty Section 2006-2007 Activities:**

- 1) We obtained sponsorship funding from Intel Corporation for our student travel commitment.

- 2) We held 6 teleconferences during the year and met at SOT prior to the evening reception at a breakfast board meeting.
- 3) We began work on a teleseminar that will take place during the next reporting cycle.
- 4) Mois Mumtaz and David Mattie attended the graduate student/Post Doc mixer at SOT 2008 with our post doc representative Eva McLanahan. Eva made a MSS poster for the poster session at the mixer.
- 5) We developed or supported submissions to the program committee for the 2009 annual meeting by sponsoring 3 proposals and endorsing another 4.

#### **Attachment I. Meeting Minutes for Mixtures Specialty Section at SOT 08**

Mixtures Specialty Section Reception and meeting  
6:00pm on 19 Mar 08

Attendees: Moiz Mumtaz, President, Janice Chambers, Vice-President, Jane Ellen Simmons, Vice-President Elect, Dave Mattie, Sec/Treasurer, Sami Haddad, Councilor 1 for 08, Meg Whitaker, Councilor 2 for 08, Eva McLanahan, Postdoc rep, Marc-André Verner, student rep, Kannan Krishnan, Vice-President elect for 08.

Welcome - Dr. Mumtaz opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He thanked the officers for this past year.

- Recognition of 2007 Officers  
Moiz Mumtaz, President, Janice Chambers, Vice-President, Jane Ellen Simmons, Vice-President Elect, Dave Mattie, Sec/Treasurer, Cecelia Tan, Councilor 1, Sami Haddad, Councilor 2, Eva McLanahan, Postdoc rep, Marc-André Verner, student rep
- Dr Mumtaz mention the publication of the mixtures symposium in EHS.
- SOT Endowment Fund - Dr. Dourson described the endowment fund for Dr McClellan who could not attend. He explained that the Mixture Specialty Section could start its own fund.
- Election Results: Dr. Chambers announced that Meg Whitaker was elected Councilor 2 for 08, and that Kannan Krishnan was elected Vice-President elect for 08. Eva McLanahan, will continue to serve as the Postdoc rep and Marc-André Verner will continue to serve as the student rep since they were only in office for two months.
- Treasurer's Report - Dr. Mattie announced that we had 63 members. He encouraged everyone who was not a member to sign up using the SOT website. He then gave the treasurer's report:

SOT expenses:  
1600.00 reception  
180.00 podium mic, overhead projector, and screen  
350.00 student travel  
150.00 projected for plaques

\$2279.84

Money in our account:

2888.00 including \$250.00 from Intel Corporation for our student travel commitment.

2279.84 – SOT expenses

608.16 in account after projected SOT expenses

945+ projected dues based on 63 members

1553.16 in account after projected SOT expenses and dues payments

Student/Post-doc Awards - Dr. Simmons presented the abstract awards. We had three winners this year who each received an engraved plaque:

Marc-André Verner

Sheppard Martin

Sookwang Lee was not present but will have the plaque sent to him.

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Website Update: Dr. Haddad asked for input for the website. He thanked Cecilia for her work on starting the website.

Student/Post-doc activities - Dr. McIlanahan mentioned that we had a poster at the student mixer on Sunday night. Thank you to Eva for preparing the poster.

Proposals for Annual Meeting 2009: Dr. Lipscomb discussed submission of proposals for the 2009 SOT Meeting. He encouraged the specialty sections to work together to develop proposals. He explained the four 4 topic areas plus nanotechnology and how SOT will build the 2009 program around these themes. They will not be the sole topics.

Concluding Comments: Dr Mumtaz thanked everyone for their support. He then introduced Dr. Chambers as the new president. Dr Chambers presented an engraved plaque to Moiz on behalf of the 2007 officer board.

New business: Dr Chambers opened the floor for new business.

- Mike Dourson – Introduced a motion to start a fund for student award or travel. The board will study this proposal at the next teleconference and get back to membership.
- Dr Chambers asked everyone to come up with ideas for proposals for next years meeting. The board would like proposals and ideas by 15 Apr 08 in order to review, develop and endorse in time before the deadline. She mentioned the 5 areas as that will be themes.
- Newsletter – David Herr agreed to be the first editor and will serve for the next year.
- Hisham El-Masri – agreed to be the liaison to Biological Modeling and Risk Assessment specialty sections for the next year.