

Nanoscience and Advanced Materials Specialty Section

Newsletter



Reception 2019: Fleming Cassee introducing new executive committee

Upcoming Webinars

- *Bridging the In Vitro–In Vivo Divide for Hazard Testing of Nanomaterials* – Prof Shareen Doak and Prof Barbara Rothen-Rutishauser
Monday, October 21, 2019
at 12:00 PM (EDT)
- *Advanced Materials* - Chuck Geraci, first week of December 2019

Introduction – Fleming Cassee

Dear NAMSS members,

Every year, a part of the executive committee is replaced. Some just move to the next position, some people leave and a few new members join. The 2019-2020 executive committee is presented elsewhere in this Newsletter and as the current president I wish to thank those that left, in particular Timothy R. Nurkiewicz, who served for four years including being the President of the now former Nanotoxicology Specialty Section. And also Mark David Ihrie as Student Representative and Lisa Truong as Councilor.



Aaron Erdely

Name change – Aaron Erdely

As you are aware, we are now recognized as the Nanoscience and Advanced Materials Specialty Section (NAMSS). This became official in February 2019. The membership voted twice in favor of growing from our original name of the Nanotoxicology Specialty Section. A committee, mainly of founding members, was formed to develop the new name the Specialty Section has today. Many thanks to those who participated.

As we move forward, the NAMSS will host webinars and sponsor sessions at the Society of Toxicology annual meeting highlighting emerging technologies. Dr. Charles Geraci will be giving an upcoming webinar providing an overview of the landscape of advanced materials. Also, the NAMSS developed and sponsored a session for the 2020 meeting describing exposure and toxicity assessments of additive manufacturing. We welcome your suggestions and involvement as the NAMSS grows to encompass these new emerging areas.

**'Nanotechnology has
been moving a little
faster than I
expected, virtual
reality a little slower.'**
Nick Bostrom



10th International
Conference
on Nanotoxicology:
Edinburgh, UK
20th – 22nd April 2021



Webinar 1: Bridging the *in vitro*–*in vivo* divide for

Shareen H. Doak¹ & Barbara Rothen-Rutishauser²

1. Institute of Life Science & Centre for NanoHealth, Swansea University Medical School, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, UK

2. Adolphe Merkle Institute, University of Fribourg, Chemin des Verdiers 4, CH-1700 Fribourg, Switzerland

and/or cell-to-matrix cross-talk, enhanced metabolic capacity, and altered global transcriptomic and proteomic profiles leading to 3D models that are more representative of the *in vivo* environment. The application of 3D tissue constructs and complex co-culture models incorporating multiple cell types is improving our ability to report on a wider range of potential key events leading to adverse outcome effects following exposure to nanomaterials. Thus, the continued development and standardisation of such advanced *in vitro* models may provide substantial benefits in bridging the *in vitro* to *in vivo* gap for hazard assessment, potentially minimising the necessity for animal testing. An overview will be given about the current advancement of lung, intestine and liver 3D models as well as state-of-the art exposure approaches to understand the impact of various nanomaterials.

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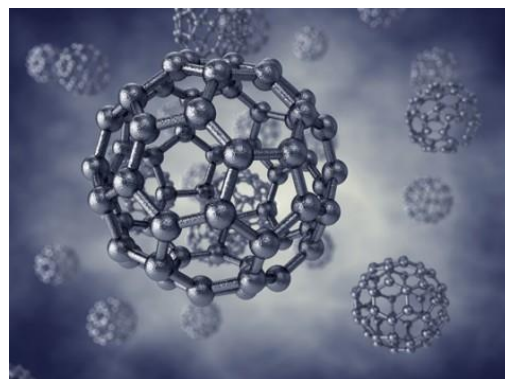
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There have been great developments in our understanding of nanosafety over the last decade. However, there is also now increased recognition that technical challenges remain in the use of standard *in vitro* hazard evaluation strategies, which impact their reliability and predictivity. Most hazard tests for risk assessment purposes are currently based on mammalian cells cultured as a two-dimensional (2D) monolayer, but these culture systems do not closely mimic human physiological functioning. In contrast, when cells are cultured in three dimensions (3D), the increased structural complexity results in cell-to-cell

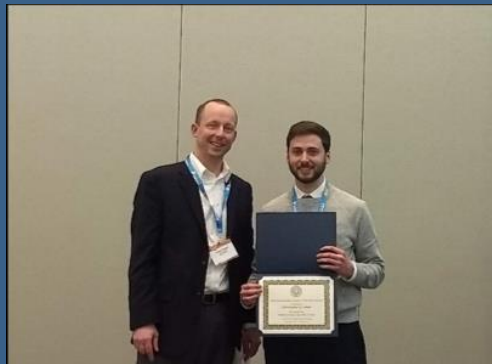
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Nominations for the 2020 Executive committee can be send to Aaron Erdely at efi4@cdc.gov
VPE, Councilor, secretary/treasurer, student and postdoc representatives

2019 Award winners



Outstanding Post-Doctoral Fellow Award:
Outstanding Graduate Student Award:

Valerie C. Minarchik
Katherine A. Roach

Outstanding Graduate Student Award Honorable Mention: Candice Wong &
Christopher G. Canal

Best Paper of the Year: Todd A. Stueckle et al., Short-Term Pulmonary Toxicity
Assessment of Pre- and Post incinerated Organomodified Nanoclay in Mice, ACS
Nano, 12:2292–2310, 2018

Website:

[http://www.toxicology.org
/groups/ss/nano/](http://www.toxicology.org/groups/ss/nano/)

**The EU Nanosafety
Cluster has renewed its
website:**

www.nanosafetycluster.eu