

**ANNUAL REPORT: 2024–2025**  
May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

**I. Officers:**

<u>2024–2025</u>	<u>2025–2026</u>
President: Bernard Gadagbui Vice President: Anne Loccisano Vice President-Elect: Kan Shao Secretary-Treasurer: Katy Goyak Past President, Councilor: Cecilia Tan Councilor: Sarah Burnett Councilor: Melissa Heintz Postdoctoral Representative: Chi-Yun Chen Graduate Student Representative: Alyssa Bellomo	President: Anne Loccisano Vice President: Kan Shao Vice President Elect: Kathryn Page Past President, Councilor: Bernard Gadagbui Secretary-Treasurer: Nikolaos Georgiadis Councilor: Alexandra Cordova Councilor: Melissa Heintz Postdoctoral Representative: Chi-Yun Chen Graduate Student Representative: Disha Gupta

**Committees:**

Endowment Fund Committee (Laura Plunkett, David Szabo, Tammy McMullin, Bernard Gadagbui, Anne Loccisano)

RASS Webinar Committee (Annie Jarabek)

Risk Assessment Syllabus Committee (George Woodall, Nathan Pechacek, Sarah Burnett, Li Yang, Cecelia Tan, Chi-Yun Chen, Jon Urban, Laura Plunkett)

**II. 2025 Membership total: 722**

**III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2024–2025:**

The Risk Assessment Specialty Section accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person meeting/mixer
- Virtual meetings
- Sponsored session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Endorsed session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Mentoring/career development events
- Poster session for trainees
- Trainee awards conferred
- Paper of the year award
- Newsletter(s)
- Webinars
- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)

**IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:**

The Risk Assessment Specialty Section collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

- Biological Modeling
- Biotechnology
- Exposure
- *In Vitro* and Alternative Methods
- Mechanisms
- Mixtures
- Molecular and Systems Biology
- Occupational and Public Health
- Regulatory and Safety Evaluation
- Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology
- Out Toxicologists and Allies

**V. Communication Methods:**

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

- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Specialty Section website
- Newsletter(s)
- Through Graduate Student/Postdoc Representatives
- LinkedIn

**VI. Promotion of Inclusivity**

The Risk Assessment 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
- Waive fees for meetings or membership due to financial hardship
- Highlight trainee research
- Solicit member feedback for development of Specialty Section activities (such as webinar topics)
- Provide volunteer activities for the membership to be engaged
- Use multiple approaches to communicate with membership

**VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:**

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

- Actively recruit members to be part of the SOT Mentor Match system
- Mentor-mentee program within the Specialty Section

- Risk Assessment Syllabus program/webinars

**VIII. Awards Given:**

<b>Trainee</b>	10
<b>Early Career</b>	1
<b>Mid Career</b>	1
<b>Late Career</b>	1

**IX. Strategic Plan:**

The Risk Assessment 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
- Develop a talent pool of toxicologists for the future
- Provide training and education that reflects the needs of members
- Provide mentoring and networking opportunities for all career levels
- Enhance member recognition and visibility at all levels

**X. Scientific Topics of Interest:**

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

- Scientific basis for climate change Risk communication for different audiences  
Interpretation/application of public policy for scientific/technical audiences

**XI. 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?

Specialty sections should have the option to have food/drinks in their reception room at the annual meeting. This year, we had to share the food with other sections, and we received complaints from our members. Attendees had to leave the room in order to get food/drinks and many did not return. Also, our section was not informed that the food/drinks would not be in the room.

- 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.)?

The SOT Apply website currently allows only one person from our EC to access the award materials. This is cumbersome as that one contact person must go into the site and download all of the materials. It would be helpful if the whole EC, or at least one other person, had access to the system.