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Dr. Hodge-Bell is an Associate Fellow and Senior Toxicologist at Monsanto Company. She is responsible for providing technical expertise in support of commercialization and regulatory submissions for biotechnology-derived and crop protection products. Dr. Hodge-Bell earned her doctorate degree in Biomedical Science (Pharmacology and Toxicology) from Meharry Medical College and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, Los Angeles. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology. As an active member in the Society of Toxicology, Dr. Hodge-Bell serves on several elected and appointed committees. Currently, she is a member of the Committee on Diversity Initiatives and serves as the 2017-2018 Chair. She is also a member of the Toxicologist of African Origin Special Interest Group and served as its President in 2014-2015. Dr. Hodge-Bell's technical excellence, leadership style and passion for equipping the next generation of scientists often drives her to participate in outreach efforts such as speaking at colleges and universities, serving as a Scientific Ambassador within the community and participating in mentorship programs.

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Dr. Abraham is a Director in the Scientific and Regulatory Affairs Department at JT International SA in Geneva Switzerland. Prior to this she worked as a Toxicologist for Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (now the Risk Science Center a University of Cincinnati College of Medicine). Overall, Dr. Abraham has more than 9 years of regulatory toxicology experience in both non-profit (consulting) and industry (fast moving consumer goods) sectors. She has a PhD in Toxicology from UNC Chapel Hill and a BS in Chemistry from Virginia State University. Dr. Abraham is a diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology and is on the Eurotox Register. She has been a member of SOT since 2002. Prior to being appointed to the Committee on Diversity Initiatives in 2016, she served CDI as both an Undergraduate Program Peer and Host Mentor.

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Science was always one of the courses that Dr. Antonio (Tony) Baines excelled in throughout high school. It was this love for science that led him to major in biology as an honor student at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia. Dr. Baines first experience with toxicology began during his sophomore year of college when he successfully applied for a Minority Travel Award from the Society of Toxicology (SOT) to attend the Annual Meeting in New Orleans. This experience provided Dr. Baines the opportunity to participate in two summer research internships in toxicology under SOT Past President, Dr. I. Glenn Sipes, at the University of Arizona in Tucson. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in biology, he was admitted to the graduate program in pharmacology and toxicology at the University of Arizona. As a graduate student, he presented his research on colon cancer chemoprevention at various national scientific meetings including SOT and the American Association for Cancer Research. After receiving his PhD in Pharmacology and Toxicology in 2001, Tony accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in pharmacology. His research focused on validating novel drug targets in pancreatic cancer for potential treatments. In August 2006, Dr. Baines accepted a faculty position in the Department of Biology and the Cancer Research Program at North Carolina Central University (one of 17 schools in the UNC system) in Durham, North Carolina, where he currently teaches and conducts biomedical research on pancreatic cancer as an Associate Professor. In addition, he is an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Pharmacology and a member in the Curriculum in Toxicology at the University of Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 2016, Dr. Baines was honored by receiving SOT's prestigious Undergraduate Educator Award. During his free time, Dr. Baines likes to jog, play basketball, practice martial arts, watch movies, read, travel, and most importantly, spend quality time with his family.

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Patrick Allard received his BSc from University of Toulouse, France, and his MSc in Biology of Aging from University of Paris-Rene Descartes. He completed his PhD degree in Biology from the McGill University, Canada, in the laboratory of Dr. Hugh Clarke where he explored the genetic regulation of mammalian oogenesis. This work was followed by two concurrent postdoctoral fellowship positions in the laboratories of Dr. Clifford Tabin and Dr. Monica Colaiacovo in the Department of Genetics at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Allard's work resides at the intersection of genetics, epigenetics, developmental biology, and environmental health. His research on the effect of environmental exposures on reproduction has been published in several high profile journals including Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), PLOS Genetics and Environmental Health Perspectives. Dr. Allard has received multiple awards and grants including the Colgate-Palmolive research grant, the Johns Hopkins Center for Alternatives to Animal Research grant, and most notably, a NIH K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award as well as a Burroughs Wellcome Innovations in Regulatory Science Award. He was also received a Global ToxScholar Grant from the Society of Toxicology in 2011 and 2014.

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Courtney L. McGinnis, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Biological Sciences and Associate Professor of Medical Sciences at Quinnipiac University, where she has taught: Physiology, Physiological Models of Human Disease, Endocrinology and Anatomy and Physiology. She maintains an active lab whose focus is to determine molecular mechanism of actions of endocrine disruptors, while working toward an understanding of zebrafish sexual differentiation. In addition, she has received grants from the Greater New Haven Community Foundation to investigate the presence of phthalates in the Quinnipiac River and to determine the impact of the chemicals on a local fish species, the Connecticut Community Foundation to investigate the presence of phthalates and plasticizers in the Naugatuck River. Dr. McGinnis received her doctorate in Physiology and Neurobiology from the University of Connecticut in 2011. She has served on the NESOT executive board as the student representative (2010-2011), K-12 Liaison (2011-2016) and secretary/treasurer (2014-2016). In addition, she is a member of the Bristol Myers Squibb Center for Science Teaching and Learning advisory board and has broad interests in supporting Connecticut Science Teachers and mentoring undergraduate students.

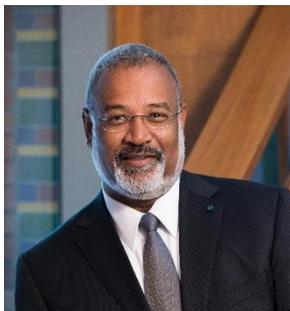
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Dr. Betina J. Lew is a board certified toxicologist (DABT) with broad experience in the consumer goods industry. She is currently a senior manager of Consumer Safety at Reckitt Benckiser where she manages the US team and oversees the safety of a diverse portfolio. She had the opportunity of working as a toxicologist and safety manager in other consumer goods and cosmetic companies. Dr. Lew was a postdoctoral trainee in toxicology at the Department of Environmental Medicine, University of Rochester (NY) for more than four years. She earned a PhD through a joint program from São Paulo State and Michigan State University, a MS from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel) and a BS from São Paulo State University. Since 2006, Dr. Lew has been a member of the SOT and served on several committees. She is currently the President-Elect of Women in Toxicology and Senior Councilor of Risk Assessment Specially Session. She was a member of CRAD (2013-2016), President of the Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists (HOT) from 2011 – 2013, their Councilor (2009–2011) and Chair of the Awards and Education committees (2010–2012). She has also served as the Chair (2008–2010) for the Postdoctoral Assembly (PDA). Throughout her career, Dr. Lew received many awards and grants support. Dr. Lew is a strong supporter of trainees at the SOT. She co-chaired numerous sessions focused on career development of younger toxicologists and mentored several students and postdocs.

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Dr. Philbert is professor of toxicology and the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of Michigan. Prior to becoming Provost in September 2017, he served as the Dean of the University of Michigan School of Public Health where he maintained a federally-funded portfolio of basic research activities throughout his career. His research focuses on the development of flexible polymer nanoplateforms for optical sensing of ions and small molecules and the early detection and treatment of brain tumors. Other research interests include the mitochondrial mechanisms of chemically-induced neuropathic states. Most recently the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Air Force, and the National Cancer Institute have funded his work. He is the author of more than 200 peer-reviewed scholarly manuscripts, abstracts, and book chapters. Dr. Philbert served as the inaugural chair of the US-EPA Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee that provides peer review of risk assessments produced under the auspices of the EPA's Integrated Risk Information System and was a standing member of the Agency's Science Advisory Board. He also served a four-year term on the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, served as chair of the US-EPA Board of Scientific Counselors, chair of the US-FDA Science Advisory Board, and provides consultation to the federal agencies on a variety of issues surrounding emerging nanotechnologies, nanomedicine, health, and safety. Dr. Philbert is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science (USA), a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (UK), a fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences (USA), a member of the Division of Earth and Life Sciences of the National Academy of Science (USA), the Committee on Toxicology of the National Research Council (USA), and the Report Review Committee of the National Academies.