



# Society of Toxicology

# NEWSLETTER

25TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

## Attention: SOT Membership Survey

A survey of SOT membership has been in the planning stage for several years. It will be mailed soon to all SOT members, with responses requested within a month.

All members are encouraged to participate. Personal information on individual members will not be released outside of the Society to the membership at large. However, by next spring, either at the 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting or by the first meeting of next year's Council, the Information Handling Committee will present a summary of the data submitted on the surveys. The summary will be a profile of the SOT membership.

In addition to being of historical interest in connection with our 25th Anniversary, the survey will also help Council identify members with specialized knowledge when assistance is needed in a particular area of expertise.

We expect to update the survey on a periodic basis. Space has been provided on the survey form for your comments. PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

### Final Notice

#### NOMINATIONS FOR SOCIETY OF TOXICOLOGY AWARDS FOR 1986

The progress of toxicology has resulted in many worthy potential candidates for the various Society of Toxicology Awards. It may be, however, that some worthy candidates are not being nominated. To be considered, the membership must bring all worthy candidates to the attention of the Awards Committee. A complete description of each award is given in the annual Directory of Members, as well as being reproduced on the Awards Nomination Form included with this Newsletter. These forms are a convenience to be used by the membership for nomination of candidates, but direct letters of nomination with supporting material, as well as other appropriate nomination formats, may also be used. Each nomination must be sponsored and seconded by members of the Society of Toxicology. The quality of supporting documentation is critical when reviewing the nomination of each candidate. Please send all nominations and supporting documentation to the chairperson of the Awards Committee, Frederick W. Oehme, Comparative Toxicology Laboratories, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506, USA. The deadline for receipt of nominations the 1986 Awards is November 1, 1985.

#### ATTENTION GRADUATE STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF TOXICOLOGY

Annual Meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana, 1986

### Graduate Student Member Travel Awards

Student member travel awards are allotted by the Society of Toxicology to help defray travel expenses for graduate student members attending the annual SOT meeting. Support is intended for student members or applicants for student membership who are attending the meeting to present a paper or poster and who do not have travel funds available from grants, fellowships, projects, or contracts. The applications will be reviewed and must be received by November 15, 1985. Awardees will be notified by January 31, 1986. An application form for the Student Member Travel Award is included in this newsletter. Additional forms may be obtained from the SOT Executive Secretary's office.

### Call For Pictures

We are preparing pictorial presentations of events from past meetings of the Society of Toxicology for display at our 25th Anniversary Meeting in New Orleans. The loan of your prints, slides, negatives or recordings for potential use will be appreciated. All items are to be returned. Please send what you can to the Executive Secretary by December 15.

### Wally Hayes Resigns as TAP Editor

After five years of dedicated and productive service as editor of *Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology*, A. Wallace Hayes has announced his resignation effective December 31, 1985. Wally cites his new job responsibilities and the development of the second edition of his textbook as factors in his decision to relinquish editorship of TAP. In addition Wally notes that his stepping down now provides the opportunity for S.O.T. to obtain two new editors for its companion journals at the same time. This will enable the new editors of both *Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology* and *Fundamental and Applied Toxicology* to focus on clear guidelines for scientific content that will establish the journals as companions and not competitors.

The Society is indebted to Wally for his significant contribution in maintaining our high quality journal. We are sure that his efforts will continue to enhance our Society and the field of toxicology.



## President's Message

### *Early Registration Plans for New Orleans*

Many of you will remember the problems of getting rooms at the San Diego Town and Country Hotel. In some cases this was due to delays in mailing the program and registration forms. Those who waited for the registration forms from the hotel found that others had called in earlier and that available bookings were filled. Thus some long-time members who had always stayed in the meeting hotel were forced to stay at a nearby motel with the inconvenience of bus service. The delay in mailing was largely due to the time needed to complete all details of the program.

To avoid this situation for the meeting in New Orleans, your Council has decided to mail registration forms with a skeleton program in December. This is being done in conjunction with a one-month delay in the deadline for receipt of abstracts. The schedule is planned as follows: Abstracts are due on November 1, 1985 (instead of the October 1 deadline of previous years). The Program Committee will meet on November 6 and 7 to review the abstracts and to assign them to specific sessions. A skeleton program listing session titles and dates (but without listing individual papers) will be prepared along with registration and hotel forms to be mailed December 1. This will allow members to get their hotel reservations in promptly and to pre-register for the meeting. The full program with titles, authors, time schedules, and session arrangers, as well as the abstracts printed in *The Toxicologist*, are to be mailed by the middle of January. We believe that these timetables can be met and that with computerization of the abstract information we can even improve this in the future.

### *Video Messages at the 25th Anniversary*

Through the activities of the Information Handling Committee a video message center is being considered for the 25th Anniversary Meeting in New Orleans. Negotiations are underway with Tec-Communications to provide computerized information and message services. If all goes as planned the corkboard with a myriad of white slips under thumb tacks will be a thing of the past. We hope it will be an improvement worth the cost.

### *IUTOX Summer School*

The first IUTOX Summer School on Risk Assessment of Chemicals was held in an isolated village south of Copenhagen on August 18-25, 1985. Twenty-four students participated in this very intense course with seven faculty members. The course was organized by Dr. Torbjorn Malmfors, S.O.T. member and president of the Swedish Society of Toxicology. Gary Williams (Naylor Dana Institute for Disease Prevention) was a faculty member lecturing on carcinogenicity and he reports that "although this type of effort reaches a small number of individuals, it does so in a way that they will undoubtedly remember vividly for the remainder of their careers."

Paul Slovic from Decision Research, Eugene, Oregon lectured on risk evaluation and Jim Gibson (CIIT) was an official observer for IUTOX. Students attending from the United States were Dr. Elaine Faustman-Watts (Department of Environmental Health, University of Washington, Seattle), Dr. Gerry M. Henningsen (Wright-Patterson Air Force Base), Dr. Glenn F. Rush (Smith Kline and French Laboratories, Philadelphia), Dr. Patricia J. Beattie (Waterford, Michigan) and Dr. Michael E. Placke (Worthington, Ohio). The Society of Toxicology provided a grant to \$5000 to help support this program. It is anticipated the IUTOX will consider a similar program to be held in the United States.

Emil A. Pfitzer

## Member News

**Leon Golberg**, M.B., D.Sc., D.Phil., has been appointed a Senior Member of the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland. Dr. Golberg is currently Professor of Community/Occupational Medicine at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC.

Burroughs Wellcome Toxicology Scholar **R. Craig Schnell**, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pharmacodynamics and Toxicology, University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Pharmacy, began his duties at North Dakota State University, Fargo, on September 1. He assumed the position of Dean of Graduate Studies/Director of Research Administration and Professor of Toxicology. Dr. Schnell will pursue his personal research efforts in toxicology in laboratories provided by the School of Pharmacy.

**Robert Neal**, President, Chemical Industry Institute of Toxicology, and a former member of SOT Council, received the Toxicology Forum's George Scott Memorial Award on July 18 during the Forum's annual meeting in Aspen, CO. The award was established to honor the memory of George H. Scott, a long-time member of the Board of Directors of The Toxicology Forum who died in 1981. It is presented by the Forum to recognize an individual who has made a major contribution in furthering the aims of the Forum.

## Joint ASPET/SOT Meeting

A joint ASPET/SOT meeting will be held August 17-21, 1986, in the Baltimore, Inner Harbor, area. This meeting will be our first joint meeting with ASPET since a very successful Louisville meeting four years ago. A committee, chaired by Gary Lage, with representation from Carl Schulz, William Tierney, and William Waddell has been established to oversee SOT's interest in this meeting.

In addition, a joint Program Committee between ASPET and SOT has been established to ensure that both societies are represented in the scientific program.

Suggestions for symposia are still being accepted and can be sent to the Chairman of the Committee. In addition, a call for papers will be sent to Members of both Societies in the Spring of 1986.

## New Investigators Colloquium

The Society of Toxicology will sponsor the Fourth Annual New Investigators Colloquium at the 25th Annual Meeting in New Orleans. The Education Committee seeks nominations or applications for speakers at this Colloquium. Nominations should include a concise curriculum vitae and an abstract of the paper to be presented. All new investigator (advanced graduate students or post-doctoral fellows but not full members of SOT) nominations or applications should be sent to: R. Craig Schnell, Dean for Graduate Studies and Research, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND 58105. Nominations should be received by November 15, 1985.

## Nominations Sought For SOT Honorary Memberships

SOT Members are encouraged to nominate individuals for Honorary membership in the Society. In accordance with the SOT by-laws,

Candidates for Honorary membership are nominated by two Voting or Associate members of the Society including members of Council. Nominations shall be accompanied by seconding letters and information regarding career achievements in toxicology. Election of Honorary members shall be by a two-thirds majority vote of Council. Not more than two Honorary members shall be elected during any one term of Council. Honorary members shall not be eligible to vote and shall not be assessed dues.

Please send nominations and accompanying documents to the Executive Secretary, SOT, 1133 Fifteenth Street, NW, Suite 620, Washington, D.C. 20005.

### Call for Nominees

#### AAAS SCIENTIFIC FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY AWARD

Submission of entries in the 1986 selection of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility is invited. Established in 1980, the \$1,000 prize is awarded annually to honor scientists and engineers whose exemplary actions, often taken at significant personal cost, have served to foster scientific freedom and responsibility.

The AAAS Prize recognizes scientists and engineers who have:

- acted to protect the public's health, safety, or welfare; or
- focused public attention on important potential impacts of science and technology on society by their responsible participation in public policy debates; or
- established important new precedents in carrying out the social responsibilities or in defending the professional freedoms of scientists and engineers.

A candidate for the Award is selected by a panel of judges appointed by the AAAS Board of Directors. The deadline for receipt of entries is November 30, 1985. Nominations and requests for information should be sent to:

Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
1333 H Street, NW, Room 1101  
Washington, DC 20005

## SOT Graduate Student Fellowships

Graduate students and their mentors are notified of Graduate Student Fellowships awarded by Procter and Gamble (\$8,000) and Hazleton Laboratories (\$4,000) through the Society of Toxicology. The deadline for applications is December 15, 1985. The Education Committee will consider the applications and select the awardees to be announced at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Application forms are enclosed.

# Specialty/Regional Section News

## Carcinogenesis—New Specialty Section

SOT Council has approved the formation of a new specialty section, Carcinogenesis, and has authorized the allocation of \$2,500 to the Section.

## Mechanisms

The Mechanisms Section announces the results of the 1985 election of officers:

Vice-President Elect	Robert Hanzlik, Ph.D. University of Kansas Dept. of Medicinal Chemistry
Councilor	Doyle Graham, Ph.D., M.D. Duke University Medical Center Dept. of Pathology

I. Glenn Sipes is the current President.

The Mechanisms Section presented the following Graduate Student Awards at the 1985 SOT Annual Meeting in San Diego:

First Place	L. G. Hudson Harvard University Abstract #37
Second Place	G. E. Miller University of Michigan Abstract #479
Third Place	A. M. Pilaro Rutgers University Abstract #297

### Honorable Mention:

P. M. Bartholomew University of Connecticut Abstract #787	E. K. Marker University of Michigan Abstract #150
J. J. Freeman UMDNJ-Rutgers Abstract #982	T. W. Petry University of Arizona Abstract #827
J. Gandy University of California, Riverside Abstract #273	B. A. Weber University of Connecticut Abstract #808
W. C. Kershaw Philadelphia College of Pharmacy Abstract #608	

The Director of Graduate Student Awards was Carl Smith, University of Cincinnati. The Judges for this year's awards were:

Linda S. Birnbaum, Ph.D. NIEHS	Abraham W. Ksie, Ph.D. Oak Ridge National Laboratory
George C. Fuller, Ph.D. G. D. Searle & Co.	Herbert T. Nagawawa, Ph.D. VA Hospital University of Minnesota

## Midwest Chapter

The fall meeting of the Midwest Chapter will be held on November 15, 1985, at Northeastern University. The subject is "Genetic Toxicology Testing."

The chapter announces that its annual meeting and symposium on "Contemporary Topics in Toxicology" will be on Friday, May 9, 1986, at the Lincolnshire/Marriott.

For further information regarding these events, contact John A. Thomas, (312)546-6311, ext. 5370.

## South Central Chapter

The spring meeting of the South Central Chapter was held on May 10, 1985, at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The keynote address, "Aspects of tolerance development to organophosphate cholinesterase inhibitors," was delivered by Dr. I. K. Ho. Fifteen platform papers and eight posters were presented by members of the chapter and their students. Student awards for the best platform presentation and the best poster presentation were won by Michael A. Heitkamp and David C. McMillan. At the business meeting, Dr. Morris Cranmer passed the presidential gavel to Dr. Donald McMillan. Other officers elected for 1985-1986 were Dr. Harihar Mehendale, Vice President and President-Elect, and Dr. William Slikker, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer.

The Chapter now has 83 regular members and 10 student members. The fall meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for November 8, 1985, at the National Center for Toxicological Research. The spring meeting will be held at Mississippi State University.

## National Capital Area Chapter

The National Capital Area Chapter announces its fall schedule of meetings:

September 13, 1985 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Toxicology Demonstration Workshop Catholic University Maloney Chemistry Auditorium Michigan Avenue at Seventh Street, NE Washington, DC
October 25, 1985 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Some Pragmatics of Exposure and Health (A "How-To" Symposium co-sponsored with the Association of Government Toxicologists) Georgetown University Medical Dental Building, Room C104 3400 Reservoir Road, NW Washington, DC
November 22, 1985 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Selected Nuisance Dusts: Are Short-Term Tests Predictive? University of Maryland Arts and Humanities Building College Park, MD

## Missing Journals?

Academic Press is mailing back issues to members who did not receive recent issues of FAAT and TAP. If you are still missing issues, please contact:

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