Annual Meeting Brings Info and People Together

The Society of Toxicology's 1994 Annual Meeting was successful in bringing people together and focusing their attention on pressing toxicological issues. The 1994 Annual Meeting was held in Dallas, Texas at the Loews Anatole Hotel, March 13-17.

Over 4,100 attendees participated in a program that included Continuing Education Courses, Workshops, Roundtable Discussions, Posters, Platform and Poster-discussion sessions, Symposia, and more than 200 exhibits demonstrating products and services relating to the advancement of toxicological research and development.

The next SOT Annual Meeting will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland, March 5-9, 1995.

1994-95 Election Results

VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT
James S. Bus
Dow Chemical Company

TREASURER-ELECT
Mary E. Davis
West Virginia University

COUNCILORS
Debra L. Laskin
Rutgers University

James A. Sweenberg
University of North Carolina

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
George B. Corcoran
University of New Mexico

Elizabeth H. Jeffery
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Elaine M. Faustman
University of Washington

Robin S. Goldstein
SmithKline Beecham
Pharmaceuticals

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(from the Regional Chapters)

Doyle G. Graham
Duke University Medical Center

(from the Specialty Sections)

Robert T. Drew
American Petroleum Institute

(from Past Presidents)

Curtis K. Klaassen
University of Kansas

Medical Center

(from Membership-at-Large)

Deborah A. Cory-Slechta
University of Rochester

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As incoming president of the Society of Toxicology, I would like to share my thoughts on the Society's past successes and my plans for future activities.

During the past year, under the able leadership of Glenn Sipes, the Society forged into the unprecedented territory of speaking out on toxicology issues. SOT addressed the issue of appropriate toxicological testing in determining the safety of food additives and color additives used in food (the Redbook II issue). SOT also developed new Specialty Sections in food safety, veterinary sciences, and regulatory and safety evaluation.

During the coming year I anticipate many more opportunities for SOT members to speak out proactively. As toxicologists and SOT members, we are all knowledgeable and committed to numerous toxicological issues that are currently before the general public. We must make our knowledge and opinions understood in the public arena. Currently, Jay Goodman, SOT's Secretary is coordinating a response to a recommendation by the International Joint Commission, that chlorine and chlorinated compounds not be used in public systems. The Risk Assessment and Mechanisms Specialty Sections, and the Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Committee will initiate a response to this issue that focuses on the most fundamental concept of toxicology, that of dose-response.

To increase our effectiveness and become more proactive, we must also strengthen bonds with scientific societies, both national and international, which have impact on the science of toxicology. SOT members can benefit from the experiences and strengths of such organizations while contributing to the global scientific community.

As our membership continues to become more diverse and we continue to welcome more international members than ever before, we are faced with the new challenge of addressing international toxicological issues. At the recent SOT Annual Meeting we conducted such an effort by facilitating sessions on international harmonization of approaches to risk assessment and toxicological testing. We have the opportunity to expand these endeavors at the VII International Congress of Toxicology, which SOT will host in July, 1995. Please be sure to review the ICT-VII flyer enclosed in this newsletter.

We are and will continue to be a Society that evolves, grows, and steps forward with advances in the science of toxicology. We will continue such evolution, so that we continue to be acknowledged leaders — maintaining our influence over scientific affairs and capturing the interest of students who are entering scientific studies.

SOT has been truly fortunate to have had the outstanding leadership of our past officers and council. With your help and active participation, I look forward to continued success and a very exciting, challenging and rewarding year as President of the Society of Toxicology.

Sincerely,

Meryl H. Karol, Ph.D.
President

FUTURE SOT ANNUAL MEETINGS

1995: March 5-9
Baltimore, Maryland

1996: March 10-14
Anaheim, California

1997: March 9-13
Cincinnati, Ohio
Nominations Sought

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 assessed dues."

Please send nominations and accompanying documents to SOT Headquarters, 1767 Business Center Drive, Suite 302, Reston, VA 22090-5332.

Officers and Elected Committees

The Nominating Committee asks your help in the preparation of the slate of nominees for the 1995 SOT elected officers and members of elected standing committees. The offices to be filled in 1995 include the Vice President-Elect, Secretary-Elect, and two Councilors. Additionally, two members will be elected to the Membership Committee and Education Committee and four members to the Nominating Committee. The terms and duties of each position are described in the By-Laws. There are many SOT members with the ability and enthusiasm to willingly serve the Society in these important positions. Please send your recommendations to any member of the Nominating Committee: John L. Emmerson, Chairperson, Doyle G. Graham, Robert T. Drew, Curtis D. Klaassen, Deborah A. Cory-Slechta, or James S. Bus (liaison).

Act now! Your suggestions must be received by October 1, 1994.

Awards

In recognition of distinguished toxicologists, SOT presents several awards each year. A complete description of each award is given in the annual Membership Directory.

Each nomination must be submitted by a sponsor and a seconder who are members of SOT. The quality of supporting documentation is critical in the review of the nomination of each candidate. Please send all nominations and supporting documentation to the Awards Committee chairperson, Dr. I. Glenn Sipes, SOT Headquarters. Deadline for receipt of nominations for 1995 Awards is October 1, 1994.

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Educational Materials Needed

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner, Jon Franklin, spoke at the SOT Annual Meeting on the issue of the general public being overwhelmingly science illiterate. In response, SOT has formed a task force to produce and distribute educational materials targeting students in primary and secondary schools (K-12). The task force, SOT Joint Education Initiative, is composed of individuals from four SOT Committees: the Animals in Research Committee, the Committee on Public Communications, the Toxicology Initiatives Task Force and the Education Committee. The materials will be designed to increase the understanding of both the art and science of toxicology. Many SOT members have already developed materials in their own efforts to bring toxicological concepts to a lay audience. If you have developed materials which you believe would be appropriate for inclusion in such a program, and would be interested in sharing these materials with others in the Society, please forward them to Gary J. Rosenthal, Ph.D., Somatogen, Inc., 2545 Central Avenue, Boulder, CO 80301. The Task Force will be collecting and evaluating materials for inclusion in an initial project, targeting 4th through 6th grade science classes, and is interested in hearing from individuals who have been involved in similar programs at a local level.
Annual Meeting Moments

Donald R. Saunders presents Nyla Harper with the CIBA-GEIGY Award

Past-President Emil A. Pfister presents the Hoffmann-LaRoche Award to Jennifer Counts

Lois D. Lehman-McKeeman presents the Procter and Gamble Award to Gary W. Miller

Daniel M. Bogley (right) congratulates Colgate-Palmolive winner, William Chen

Burrroughs Wellcome Award Recipients, Kim Boekelheide and Dennis Thiele proudly display the awards they received from Martha Peck and Vice President, Meryl H. Karol

Councilor Judith A. MacGregor (center) presents the Frank R. Blood Award to Susan Borghoff and William Lagarde

Michael A. Kamrin receives the Public Communications Award from Councilor Daniel Acosta (left)

Toxicology Education Award Winner, Robert Neal, receives his award from Secretary Marion Ehrich

Councilor William H. Greenlee presents the Achievement Award to James L. Stevens

May/June 1994
1994 AWARD RECIPIENTS

AWARD
CIBA-GEIG Y.......................................................... Nyla Harper, Texas A&M, College Station, TX
Hoffmann-LaRoche.................................................. Jennifer Counts, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Procter & Gamble.................................................... Gary W. Miller, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Colgate-Palmolive...................................................... William Chen, Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, IL
Burroughs Wellcome................................................. Kim Boeckelheide, Brown University, Providence, RI;
Frank R. Blood........................................................ Dennis Thiele, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Public Communications......................................... Susan J. Borghoff, CIIT, Research Triangle Park, NC and
Education............................................................... William H. Lagarde, Glaxo, Inc., Research Triangle Park, NC
Achievement........................................................... Michael Kamrin, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Arnold J. Lehman...................................................... Robert A. Neal, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Merit............................................................................. James L. Stevens, W. Alton Jones Cell Science Center

Arnold J. Lehman Award winner, Bruce N. Ames
Past-President John L. Emmerson (right) presents Ernest Hodgson with the Merit Award, the Society's highest honor
Vice President, Meryl H. Karol presents I. Glenn Sipes with a plaque, commemorating the Society's sincere appreciation for his many achievements as president
President I. Glenn Sipes congratulates new SOT Honorary Members, Wendell W. Weber (left photo) and to Ronald W. Estabrook (right photo)

May/June 1994
Annual Meeting Moments

Annual Meeting attendees take a break between sessions to enjoy the beautiful weather that prevailed throughout the meeting.

Two-time Pulitzer prize winner, Jon Franklin’s Plenary Lecture attracted a large crowd.

1994-1995 Council (front row, from left): Judith A. MacGregor, Treasurer; I. Glenn Sipes, Past-President; Meryl H. Karol, President; Jack H. Dean, Vice President; James S. Bus, Vice President-Elect; Jay I. Goodman, Secretary. (Back row, from left) Mary E. Davis, Treasurer-Elect; Councilors: Debra L. Laskin, William H. Greenlee, James Swenberg, Robert A. Roth; and Joan Walsh Cassidy, former Executive Secretary.

170 companies displayed their equipment and services in over 200 booths — Exhibition booth space was once again sold out.

SOT Annual Meeting Attendees enjoy a night of fun and dancing at the Oldies Dance; proceeds from the dance benefit the Student Travel Fund for the 1995 Annual Meeting.

President I. Glenn Sipes greets representatives from the newly established Chinese Society of Toxicology: Tian J. Yu, Ming D. Wang, De C. Wu, and Wei G. Li.
President Sipes presents plaques of appreciation to outgoing Councilors Daniel Acosta and Hanspeter Witschi....and to outgoing Secretary Marion Ehrich

The Graduate Student Luncheon was attended by a record crowd of over 700

Over 400 toxicologists attended the AMA Workshop to learn how to educate the public on the importance of the use of animals in research

12 posters were presented in the Educators' Forum Poster-Discussion Session. Here, Bob Kreiger and Debra Strong display their educational program

Stephen Safe presented the Burroughs Wellcome sponsored Toxicology Scholar Award lecture to an appreciative audience
Role Seen for Court-Appointed Experts in Wake of Daubert

Due to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision last year that federal trial judges should be exercising an active role as "gatekeepers" against suspect scientific and technological expert opinion testimony, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has begun designing a demonstration project involving the use of Rule 706 court-appointed experts. Meanwhile, the Federal Judicial Center is preparing a reference manual on scientific/technical evidence for federal judges that is expected to be released late this year.

At a meeting last November - co-sponsored by the joint AAAS/
American Bar Association National Conference of Lawyers and Scientists; the Carnegie Commission on Science, Technology and the Government; and the Federal Judicial Center - participants proposed broad roles for a Rule 706 independent expert.

The conference established a steering committee to create a national coordinating mechanism to assist in identifying suitable 706 experts, and AAAS has taken on the responsibility of creating a demonstration project to determine how the concept might work.

If you would like further information on this project, please contact AAAS, (202) 326-6400.

U.S./CEE Joint Initiatives

The Office for Central Europe and Eurasia of the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council offers grants to individual American specialists who wish to collaborate with their colleagues from Central/Eastern Europe (CEE) and the former Soviet Union (FSU).

Programs

The two upcoming grant programs for project development and research visits are:
- The Collaboration in Basic Science and Engineering (COBASE) program, which provides funds to support collaborative research involving American scientists and their colleagues in the former Soviet Union and Central/Eastern Europe.
- The Radioactive Waste Management program, which provides grants to allow American scientists to host colleagues from the former Soviet Union.

Address inquiries to Office for Central Europe and Eurasia, National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20418, (202) 334-3680, fax: (202) 334-2614.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 1, 1994
PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

- Benzodiazepine Dependence, Cosmo Hallstrom, Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016
- Developmental Toxicology, Second Edition, Carole A. Kimmel, Judy Bueke-Sam, Raven Press, Ltd., 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036
- Drug and Chemical Toxicology, Gerald L. Fisher, Michael A. Gallo, William M. Kluwe, Marcel Dekker, Inc., 270 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016
- Ethical Issues in Scientific Research (videotape), Harvey Krasny, P.O. Box 13416, RTP, NC 27709-3416, Telephone: (800) 768-4336 or (803) 269-7744
- From Molecules to the Mind: The Use of Animals in Biomedical Research, (videotape of symposium), presenters: Dr. Gertrude Elion and Dr. Michael Carel. Animals, Office of Research Development, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157, (910) 716-4548
- Medicines by Design: The Biological Revolution in Pharmacology, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-7301
- Statistics in the Pharmaceutical Industry, Second Edition, Revised and Expanded, Edited by C. Ralph Buncher, Jia-Yeong Tsai, Marcel Dekker, Inc. 270 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016
- Summary of New Animal Welfare Regulations, Robert R. Smeby, PhD, Scientists Center for Animal Welfare, 4805 St. Elmo Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 654-6390, Fax: (301) 907-3993
- Veterans and Agent Orange: Health Effects of Herbicides, Used in Vietnam, Institute of Medicine, National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20418
- Water Contamination and Health: Integration of Exposure Assessment, Toxicology, and Risk Assessment, Edited by Rhoda G.M. Wang, Marcel Dekker, Inc., 270 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- XIIth International Congress of Pharmacology, July 24-29, 1994, Montréal, Canada. Contact: Nicole A. Saraut, National Research Council Canada, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0R6, (613) 993-7271, fax: (613) 957-9828.
- Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms of Toxicity, August 3-5, 1994, University Park, PA, Contact: Patricia Phillips, Penn State Biotechnology Institute, 519 Worlak, University Park, PA 16802, (814) 863-3650, fax: (814) 863-1357.
- American Board of Forensic Examiners, August 4-7, 1994, Branson, Missouri. Contact ABFE, P.O. Box 1648, Branson, MO 65615, Phone: 1-800-4-A-EXPERT or Fax to 1-417-334-3764.
- Third International Course on the Safety Assessment of Pharmaceuticals, October 3-7, 1994, Tarrytown, NY. Contact: Janet Marino, American Health Foundation, 1 Dana Rd., Valhalla, NY 10595, (914) 789-7140, fax: (914) 592-6317.
- Workshop on Evaluation of Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms with Variable Absorption, October 3-4, 1994, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA. Contact: American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists
- VIIth COMITOX Symposium on Toxicology and Clinical Chemistry of Metals, July 10-13, 1993, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Contact: Dr. F. William Sunderman Jr., University of Connecticut Medical School, P.O. Box 1292, Farmington, CT 06034-1292, (203) 679-2328, fax: (203) 679-2154.
- New Horizons in Risk Assessment, August 29-30, 1994, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA. Society for Risk Analysis, Contact: Dr. Curtis S. Travis, (615) 576-2107 or Mary Oran, (615) 376-6844.
- ICT VII, July 2-6, 1995, Seattle WA. Contact: Jada Hill, The Sterling Group, Corporate Woods Building #51, 9393 West 110th Street, Suite 233, Overland Park, KS 66210. (913) 345-2228. (see enclosed flyer)
Southeastern Regional Chapter

The Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Regional Chapter of the Society of Toxicology was hosted by Emory University in Decatur, Georgia, October 7-8, 1993.

Program co-chairs were Mary Alice Smith, Ph.D., Emory University/CDC, and Anthony J. DeLucia, Ph.D., East Tennessee State University.

The first portion of the meeting was held in conjunction with the Metropolitan Atlanta Nutrition Association (MANA). The dinner presentation was on "The Relationship Between Nutrition and the Molecular Genetics of Colonic Cancer" and was given by Dr. Leonard H. Augenlicht, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Bronx, NY.

Twenty students submitted posters and platform presentations and three were awarded monitory prizes for exemplary poster presentations.

The prize winners were:
- Gary Miller, University of Georgia
- Rachel Counts, University of Georgia
- Alfonza Atkinson, University of Alabama at Birmingham

PLACEMENT SERVICE

TOXICOLOGIST, PH.D.

Vulcan Chemicals, a leading producer of chlorinated solvents and other industrial commodity chemicals, is seeking an individual with at least 10 years' combined employment in chemical industry, government agency or trade association dealing with issues relevant to our business. The position will provide in-house expertise to manage and utilize toxicological research pertinent to existing and potential products of Vulcan.

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The Department of Pharmacology is seeking to fill a 12-month tenure track Assistant/Associate Professor position. Applicant should have the Ph.D. in Toxicology, or in closely related disciplines with experience in toxicological research. The successful applicant is expected to develop and maintain a nationally recognized externally funded research program, and to teach and advise graduate level research and professional students. Training and/or experience in the application of molecular biological techniques to the effects of contaminants in aquatic, marine or terrestrial organisms are especially desired. The candidate will be expected to teach in the areas of molecular genetics, and/or pharmacoinmunology for undergraduate pharmacy students.

Initial application review will begin April 1; however, applications will be received until the position is filled. Salary is competitive, and based on experience and qualifications. Candidates should send curriculum vitae, representative reprints, a synopsis of their current and future interests and teaching philosophy, and if available, a teaching portfolio, as well as the name, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references to:

Administrative Manager
School of Pharmacy Business Office
206W Fraser Hall
University of Mississippi
University, MS 38677

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Hammock Wins Spencer Award

Dr. Bruce Hammock is the 38th recipient of the Kenneth A. Spencer Award for his outstanding contributions to the field of agricultural chemistry.

Dr. Hammock's laboratory has investigated the metabolism of foreign compounds in both humans and laboratory animals, has researched and developed new immunochemical methods for the analysis of pesticide residues and environmental contaminants, and has focused on the fundamental developmental biology of insects.

His work has resulted in expanding our knowledge of the metabolism of compounds containing the epoxide moiety and of endogenous compounds which may be involved in inflammation in humans. Dr. Hammock's research has also helped to reduce the cost of monitoring pesticide residues in foods, while often increasing the accuracy and precision of resulting data, and has aided in the development of recombinant viral insecticides for the selective control of insect pests.

Scala Award Goes to Lehman-McKeeman

The Robert A. Scala Award honors the work of industry toxicologists and promotes continued outstanding scientific contributions to the field by industrial organizations. This year, the award committee selected Lois D. Lehman-McKeeman, Ph.D. as the 1994 recipient. Dr. Lehman-McKeeman is a senior scientist in biochemical toxicology in the Human Safety Department of Miami Valley Laboratories, The Procter & Gamble Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Scala Award will be presented on Friday, May 13, 1994 at the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute in Piscataway, NJ. Dr. Lehman-McKeeman will lecture on "D-Limonene Induced Hyaline Droplet Nephropathy."

Hazleton Alumni Assoc. Grad Student Travel Awards

Congratulations to Mark Seaton of Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine (now at CIIT) and David Stresser of Oregon State University upon being selected by SOT to receive the 1994 Hazleton Alumni Association Travel Awards. Both awardees attended the Alumni breakfast at the SOT meeting in Dallas and received certificates. The 30 Alumni who attended the breakfast agreed that supporting the development of new graduates in toxicology in this manner is an excellent means of paying back some of the benefits we receive as toxicologists and as participants in SOT. The significant financial support of Hazleton Washington in this effort was greatly appreciated. We look forward to meeting next year's awardees.
AMA/SOT Joint Workshop: The Animal Rights Activist, Public Perception and Your Research

By Calvin Willhite

The use of animals in biomedical research has been contested on various grounds for decades. With the recent advent of the animal "rights" movement, attempts to limit or abolish experimentation with animals have been increasing. The moral and ethical arguments raised by animal rights proponents have placed scientists in a defensive position. Public education initiatives by scientists to explain the use of animals in biomedical research and to demonstrate that research animals are treated humanely have been sporadic and generally ineffective, and animal activist groups have made substantial progress in winning opinion and gaining financial support for their cause.

Most of the arguments used by animal rights and animal welfare groups today have historic counterparts. A resurgence of the antivivisection movement in the last 20-25 years has been fueled, at least in part, by publication of a series of books that raise moral arguments about the equality of all forms of life. In these books, the concept of animal rights and speciesism are placed into a contemporary framework to serve as a polemical call to action of animal advocacy groups worldwide. The number and size of these groups has been growing rapidly, and current estimates suggest that more than 1,000 groups exist. According to The Nonprofit Almanac 1992-93, 0.9% of the U.S. charity dollar, or $1.6 billion, goes to animal-related causes. That's right - it's billion with a capital B.

In contrast, funds for the defense of animal research are minimal. Animal rights activists have been successful on multiple fronts using tactics that include publicity, lobbying of elected and appointed officials, public demonstrations and petitions, threatening and terrorizing researchers and administrators and their families, and causing physical damage to property and research data. For example, a lab under construction at the University of California at Davis was burned in 1987, with damage estimated in excess of $3 million. In 1989, three buildings at the University of Arizona (Tucson) were vandalized and heavily damaged by a series of fires set by a radical animal rights group and more than 1200 animals were stolen from the university. Even more insidious is the intrusion into elementary and secondary school classrooms.

The objective of the animal rights movement is to achieve laws and regulations banning all experiments and tests using animals.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) have been the most vocal and visible groups associated with the animal rights movement. The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), a group that has often been associated with PETA, is also a prominent opponent of biomedical research using animals. PCRM was denounced by the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association in 1990 for deliberately misrepresenting the critical role animals play in medical research.

The clear magnitude of the problem was evident to the more than 400 SOT members and guests who registered for the AMA workshop at the 1994 SOT Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas. The workshop was an overwhelming success -- particularly poignant was the story told by Lenore Rumpf. Mrs. Rumpf, of Thank

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MAA/SOT Joint Workshop

You Research and the incurably ill
For Animal Research, iFAR, who
talked of her son who experienced complications at birth and re-
required heroic medical intervention
using methods developed in
sheep; had those sheep not been
used in research, her son - now a
healthy and happy youngster -
would not be here today. The
AMA workshop and the resource
kit provided to each attendee
amounted to a $40,000 contribu-
tion by the AMA to the SOT
Annual Meeting. The membership
is indebted to the AMA, to the
speakers Karen Gorell, Jerod
Loeb, Dan Maier, Craig May,
Lenore Rumpf and Lon Dixon for
bringing us this excellent presenta-
tion.

The efforts made by SOT in
this area of public education on
the benefits of the use of animals in
research are only just beginning.
With the introduction of the new
annual award in Public Communi-
cations, the 400 AMA resource kits
that are now in the hands of our
members, the educational videos
and information packets that are
available free from SOT Head-
quarters, and the nationwide drive
to make October 21 BIOMEDICAL
RESEARCH DAY in every state,
Council expects new enthusiasm
and opportunities for every
member to talk about his or her
research to the public. The alter-
native is the quote given on the
first page from the October 1993
U.S. Department of Justice and
Secretary of Agriculture's "Report
to Congress on the Extent and
Effects of Domestic and Interna-
tional Terrorism on Animal
Enterprises":

"In a war you have to take up
arms and people will get killed, and I
can support that kind of action by
petrol bombing and bombs under cars,
and probably at a later stage, the
shooting of vivisectionists on their
doorsteps. It's a war, and there's no
other way you can stop vivisectionists."

—Tim Daley, British Animal
Liberation Front Leader

ASPCA Facing Charges

A December 31, 1993 New York
Post article headlined "ASPCA Picks
Bone with Itself," reported that the
Society's chief enforcement officer
Herman Cohen issued a summons on
October 24 charging the Society with
cruelty to animals.

Cohen charged that the $5
million shelter was a "disaster area"
that posed a danger to the more than
400 animals in its care. That article
reported that the facility had inade-
quate heating and ventilation
systems, a leak in the ceiling, a
cracking floor, and the automatic
flushing system did not work.

A shelter architect has been
called in to renovate and, in the
meantime, the animals are being cared
for by extra personnel who are
cleaning out cages by hand.

The ASPCA asked prosecutors
to intervene because the ASPCA is
both the plaintiff and the defendant in
this case. A hearing was scheduled for
January 25.

Phoney Calls

In recent weeks, several research
institutions have received phoney calls
requesting the names and mailing
addresses of animal and/or research
technicians. The caller(s) identifies
himself or herself as a newly
employed member of the Animal and
Plant Health Inspection Service in
FDA or a staff member of AALAS.

The FDA and AALAS verify
that no calls are being placed from
their agencies to gather such informa-
tion. Beginning in California, New
Jersey and Massachusetts, the calls
have recently occurred throughout the
Northeast. To be on the safe side,
consider responding only to written
inquiries after the identity of the
requestor has been verified.

NAS "Guide" to be Revised

The National Academy of
Sciences (NAS) is revising its
"Guide for the Care and Use of
Laboratory Animals." As part of
this revision, NAS is soliciting
comments on the document's
contents.

Since many SOT members
have interest and knowledge in
animal research, our input is
important. The SOT Animals in
Research Committee would like to
draft a Society of Toxilogists position
statement on the NAS document
revision; we would also like to
courage SOT members to provide
their individual comments to NAS.

If you have any comments,
please send a copy to NAS at 2101
Constitution Ave., NW, Washing-
ton, DC 20418. In addition, please
send a copy to the SOT Animals in
Research Committee at: SOT
Headquarters, 1767 Business
Center Drive, Suite 302, Reston,
VA, 22090-5332.

Since the NAS is aiming to
complete the revision by the end
of 1994, we would like to receive
your comments by June 1, 1994.
Thank you for providing
your input on this important issue.

May/June 1994
Harkin/Hatfield Fund for Medical Research

There is no doubt that toxicologists understand the importance of medical research. In addition to being a major contributor to advancements in the quality of health-care, many argue that advancing medical research is the ultimate health-care cost control because it can lead to more cost-effective treatments, earlier detection and even annihilation of diseases.

Unfortunately, medical research has been virtually ignored in most of the health-care proposals in Congress, including the bill submitted by the White House.

This is partially due to the fact that researchers have been less vocal than the profit-driven insurance industries and health maintenance organizations who are also vying for a piece of the health-care reform pie.

Two senators—Tom Harkin, a Democrat from Iowa, and Mark Hatfield, a Republican from Oregon—are trying to guarantee continued funding for medical research. They recently introduced legislation that would allocate 1% of all health insurance premiums to a fund for the National Institutes of Health, the government's principal medical research operation.

What Can I Do?

Write your congressperson. Researchers nationwide are speaking out. They have begun a letter-writing campaign to members of Congress urging support for the Harkin-Hatfield bill and other measures to preserve and enhance medical research in the overhauled U.S. health system.

The November/December SOT newsletter included a sample letter. If you would like a copy of this sample letter or need address information for your congressperson, please contact SOT Headquarters at 1767 Business Center Drive, Suite 302, Reston, VA 22090-5332, Phone: (703) 438-3115; Fax: (703) 438-3113.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

MANAGEMENT CHANGE

Effective April 22, 1994, Joan Cassedy left the management of the Society of Toxicology. Joan served the Society capably and with distinction as the Executive Secretary from 1985 through 1994. Joan's responsibilities have been assumed by Shawn Lopez, who has served as Deputy Executive Secretary for SOT since 1991.

TASK FORCE RENAMED

The Ad hoc Tox 90s Educational Issues Task Force has been re-named the Toxicology Initiatives Task Force in order to better reflect the group's mission.