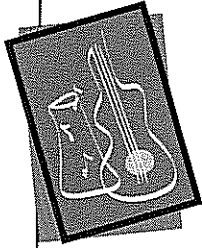


# Communiqué

Winter 2002



## The Time to Register Is ... Now!

SOT's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee is just around the corner! The meeting, scheduled for March 17-21 at Nashville's Opryland Hotel, promises to be one of the most important in our history. Scientific sessions will examine all of the "hot" issues, including emerging technologies. Participants will have the opportunity to converse with the top leaders of both NIEHS and the FDA.

This year's Plenary Lecturer is **Peter Raven, Ph.D.**, Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden. **Sten Orrenius, Ph.D.**, from the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm will deliver the MRC Lecture. All we need for a perfect meeting is you!

Please register for the meeting by accessing SOT's Web site, [www.toxicology.org](http://www.toxicology.org). Select the link for the Annual Meeting, located on the lower left side of the home page, and you can register for the meeting and even make hotel reservations. Don't miss the lower rates for the early registration period through January 21, 2002!

## 2002 Congressional Science Fellow Named

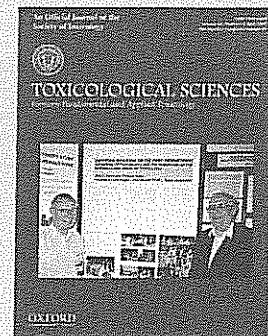
**John G. Keller, Ph.D.**, of Olney, Maryland, has been named the 2002 Congressional Science Fellow (CSF) of the Society of Toxicology. Dr. Keller is a specialist in General Toxicology and Carcinogenesis. His 45-year career has included occupational and environmental assessments, risk analysis, regulatory analysis, environmental health, and litigation support.

Dr. Keller will be the fourth CSF, following **Brad Shurdut, H.B. (Skip) Matthews, Ph.D.**, and **Harry Salem, Ph.D.** He will begin the placement process immediately with the goal of securing a place for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress. Like his predecessors, Dr. Keller will seek placement in a personal or committee office on the Hill. While his heart is with the Senate, Dr. Keller has many friends and contacts in both houses of Congress.

## Toxicological Sciences: Search for New Editor

On December 31, 2002, **Curt Klaassen, Ph.D.**, will complete his second term as Editor of *Toxicological Sciences*. As indicated in the SOT By-Laws, Dr. Klaassen and the Board of Publications (BOP) have agreed that it is time to begin a search for his replacement. The BOP, as well as the general membership, recognize and applaud the outstanding leadership Dr. Klaassen has provided for the journal. Under his direction, the journal not only changed its name and cover, but also grew in stature. From 1997 to 2000, several innovations such as highlighted articles, profiles of prominent toxicologists, and categorization of the articles were introduced, and the impact factor rose from 1.89 to 2.36 with

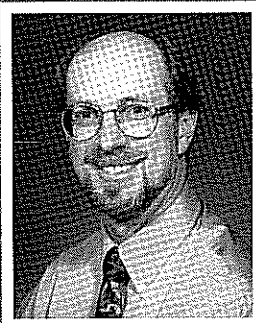
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*David Eaton, Ph.D.*  
2001–2002 President of the  
Society of Toxicology



In order to reduce costs and take advantage of SOT's Web site, some *Communiqué* articles are printed in a condensed version in this newsletter. For those articles, full versions can be viewed On-line at [www.toxicology.org](http://www.toxicology.org).

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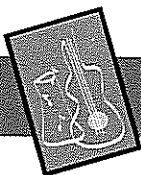
The events of September 11, 2001, have indeed left their mark on all of us. I'm sure that each of us has friends or relatives who were directly affected, or know someone who was. The collective magnitude of personal loss from these senseless acts of terrorism is enormous, yet most of us are fortunate enough to have some distance from it. Organizations, as well as individuals, have also suffered, and even SOT is feeling the repercussions of this tragic event. The aftermath of September 11 continues to disrupt our nation, yet many of the recent cases of "bioterrorism" point evermore to the importance of our science. While the use of biological agents in terrorist attacks is now front stage, concerns over the use of highly toxic chemicals by terrorists remains a legitimate and frightening specter. I have notified **Dick Jackson, Ph.D.**, Director of the National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, that the SOT stands ready to offer our collective expertise to help this nation combat the inappropriate use of chemicals as weapons of mass destruction.

Although insignificant in the grand scheme of things, our Annual Meeting may already be touched by "9-11." Abstract submissions for the 2002 Nashville meeting, which were due only 3 weeks after, are fewer than they have been for the past several years. The total number of abstracts submitted for the 2002 meeting is 1854, nearly 300 fewer than last year. I expect that the uncertainties surrounding air travel prompted many potential authors to decide not to go, or not send another student or post-doc. Likewise, several exhibitors have cancelled, citing similar uncertainties about travel. Both of these factors will, of course, affect our financial bottom line for next year because we are highly dependent upon the Annual Meeting for the revenues that run our organization. However, Council has already taken a few cost-saving actions that will offset some of the potential loss in revenues. For obvious reasons, the Sept. 18-19 Council meeting, scheduled to meet in Baltimore, was held by conference call, saving a substantial sum on travel costs. However, thanks to the hard work of VP **Bill Greenlee, Ph.D.**, VP-elect **Marion Ehrich, Ph.D.**, and the entire Program Committee, we have a fantastic Annual Meeting program scheduled for Nashville, and fully expect the meeting to be a great success, both scientifically and financially. The CE Committee, chaired by **Darlene Dixon, Ph.D.**, has also assembled an impressive and informative assortment of Continuing Education courses for the Nashville meeting. I'm confident that our membership will continue to recognize the importance of attending the Annual Meeting, and will endure the additional hassles associated with travel in these trying times in order to take advantage of the unique scientific and networking opportunities provided by the Annual Meeting. Certainly a big advantage of our venue for the 2002 meeting is location—80% of our membership lives within an 8 hour drive of Nashville, so you may have several travel options. I encourage you to show your support for SOT and our science by attending the meeting in Nashville, even if you did not submit an abstract.

Even in times of change, we are reminded that science, in a larger sense, and the Society of Toxicology, in particular, have a continuing mission. I look forward to moving ahead with you.

See you in Nashville,

*David L. Eaton, Ph.D.*  
2001–2002 President



## 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MEETING *Nashville*

### *Special Event Sessions*

The 2002 Annual Meeting contains an all-star roster of important presenters. Here are some of the special events to mark on your calendar.

**Plenary Lecture**—Monday, March 18, 8:30 AM–9:15 AM  
Lecturer: **Peter Raven, Ph.D.**, Director, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, MO

**MRC Lecture**—Monday, March 18, 12:00 Noon–1:00 PM  
Lecturer: **Sten Orrenius, Ph.D.**, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden

**Innovations In Applied Toxicology**—  
Tuesday, March 19, 8:30 AM–11:30 AM  
Topic: *Toxicological Application of Metabonomics Technology*

**SOT/EUROTOX Debate**—  
Tuesday, March 19, 12:00 Noon–1:00 PM  
Resolution: *Industry Funded Scientists Should be Included in Government Advisory Bodies*

**Innovations In Toxicological Sciences**—  
Thursday, March 21, 8:30 AM–11:30 AM  
Topic: *Brain Barrier Systems: A New Frontier in Neurotoxicological Research*

### *Student/Post-Doctoral Fellow Activities*

**Awards Presentation, including Student Awards**—  
Sunday, March 17, 5:15 PM–6:30 PM

**Student/Post-Doctoral Reception**—  
Sunday, March 17, 7:30 PM–8:30 PM

**Lunch with an Expert**, Day and time vary by group

**Student Advisory Committee Meeting**—  
Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

**In Vitro Toxicology Lecture**—  
Tuesday, March 19, 12:00 noon–1:00 PM  
Lecturer: **Alan Goldberg, Ph.D.**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

**SOT Council Meeting with Students/Post-Doctoral Fellows**—  
Wednesday, March 20, 4:40 PM–5:30 PM

**SOT Council Meeting with Student Advisory Committee**—  
Wednesday, March 20, 5:30PM–6:00 PM

### *SOT Launches ToxExpo™: More than just an Exhibit Hall*

The Society of Toxicology has just launched ToxExpo™, a global resource that provides users with "round-the-clock" accessibility to companies and organizations serving the field of toxicology.

During the SOT Annual Meeting, ToxExpo™ is the Exhibit Hall where participants can meet face-to-face with representatives from more than 240 companies and learn more about state-of-the-art products and services directly relating to the advancement of research within toxicology and associated areas.

ToxExpo™ also offers SOT members and associates an opportunity for year-round contact with leading resources in the field. To search for products and services available through ToxExpo™, go to the SOT Web site and click on Search ToxExpo™. You can search by company name or product category.

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### *New at the Annual Meeting*

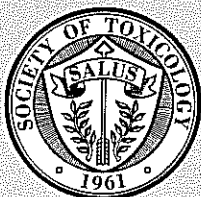
"Conversation with the Acting Director of the FDA" is a new feature at this year's Annual Meeting. Banking on the success of a similar program, "Conversation with the Director or NIEHS" which will continue this year, the Program Committee has invited **Bernard Schwetz, Ph.D.**, Acting Director of the FDA to an informal session with meeting participants. Preliminary plans for the

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### *Placement-Career Seminars*

If you are a student, recent graduate, or are looking for a career change, you won't want to miss the Society of Toxicology's Placement Seminars at the Nashville Annual Meeting: The Placement-Career Development Seminar "How to Market Yourself as a Toxicologist" will be held on Monday, March 18, 2002, from 4:30 PM–6:00 PM, and

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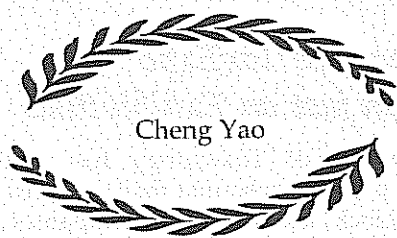
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#### **Deadlines for**

#### **Upcoming Issues:**

December 3, 2001 (Special Issue)  
April 3, 2002 (Spring Issue)  
August 3, 2002 (Summer/Fall Issue)

## In Memoriam



## Upcoming Election of Year 2002 SOT Officers

Ballots for the election of Council Officers and elected standing committees will be sent to members by January 1, 2002. Offices to be filled include the Vice President-elect, Treasurer-elect, two Councilors, two members each to the Membership and Education Committees, four members to the Nominating Committee, and five members to the first elected SOT Awards Committee.

Please return your ballot to the SOT Executive Director on or before February 1, 2002. The results of the election will be announced at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Nashville.



### Your Support Makes Toxicology in the Classroom™ Possible!

Contributions to the Toxicology Education Foundation may be made on your SOT dues renewal form or by a separate check. TEF recognizes contributors in a list available to SOT members on the Web site. The generous gifts of these many supporters make projects such as *Toxicology in the Classroom™* possible. For example, TEF funds help students explore cell biology and toxicology by providing 1,200 *Essentials of Cell Biology: Toxicology in Action* CD ROMs for national dissemination to teachers. This CD, developed by the University of Washington Center for Ecogenetics and Environmental Health, uses questions fielded by a toxicologist to entice students to seek information. Resources include animations of basic cell processes, review of cell terminology and processes, and an introduction to basic toxicology.



**Toxicology is Part of the Solution**



### 2001 Congressional Science Fellow In Demand

*Harry Salem, SOT's 2001 Congressional Science Fellow, has been much in demand, both on the Hill and around town. He was the keynote speaker at the October meeting of the Washington Section of the American Chemical Society. Pictured: Harry Salem (center), Fred L. Metz, Section President (right), and Michael McCoy, SOT Staff (left).*

## ICT X Call for Proposals

The International Congress of Toxicology (ICT X) which will be held July 11-16, 2004, in Tampere, Finland, is seeking program proposals. Instructions, a preliminary topic list, and materials for submission may be found on the ICT X Web site at [www.ictx.org](http://www.ictx.org).



## The Science and Engineering Scholarship Fund

### For the Families of the Victims of September 11

In response to the tragedy of September 11, dozens of organizations within the science and engineering community established a Science and Engineering Scholarship Fund. Donations to the Fund support the science and engineering education of children and spouses of those who were killed or injured on September 11. The Fund will be administered by the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America. It is part of an overall Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund chaired jointly by former President Bill Clinton and former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole.

For more information:  
[www.aps.org/sciencefund.html](http://www.aps.org/sciencefund.html)

Please consider making a personal contribution.

## Toxicological Sciences: Search for New Editor

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an increase in manuscripts annually submitted from 273 to 441. Many thanks to Dr. Klaassen for leading the successful transition and marked improvement in our journal.

The SOT Council has directed the BOP to conduct a search for a distinguished individual to succeed Dr. Klaassen as the next Editor of *Toxicological Sciences* for a three-year, renewable term beginning January 1, 2003. This is a unique opportunity to take this excellent journal to the next level. The Editor is expected to provide scientific editorial leadership for the journal and serve as the primary coordinator of interactions among authors of submitted manuscripts, the publisher Oxford University Press (OUP), associate editors, members of the Editorial Board and other

peer reviewers. The Editor's office receives all manuscripts submitted and handles the majority of clerical and nonscientific editorial functions. The Editor is provided with a budget from SOT and OUP.

Individuals interested in being considered for this important position should submit a letter stating their interest in the *Toxicological Sciences* Editor position and a *curriculum vitae* by January 31, 2002, to **Gary Carlson, Ph.D.**, Chair, Board of Publications, c/o the SOT Headquarters Office, 1767 Business Center Drive, Suite 302, Reston, Virginia, 20190-5332. Applications will be reviewed as received, and interviews will be scheduled on Saturday, March 16, 2002, during the SOT Annual Meeting in Nashville.

## ToxExpo

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### ToxExpo™ Exhibition Hours

Monday, 9:30 AM–5:00 PM  
Tuesday, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM  
Wednesday, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM

To request a booth at ToxExpo™, go to the SOT Web site, click on ToxExpo™, and follow the instructions from "Invitation to Exhibit." You can reserve your booth on-line and make updates to your company profile. Reach your niche market and the decision-makers who will have an effect on your bottom-line while enhancing your overall visibility.

## New at the Annual Meeting

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meeting indicate a brief statement by Dr. Schwetz will be followed by an informal question and answer session. This special "Sunrise Session" is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 7:30 AM–8:30 AM.

## Placement

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"Negotiation Skills: Learn How to Get the Best Offer" co-sponsored with the Women in Toxicology Specialty Section to be held Monday, March 18, 2002, from 6:00 PM–7:30 PM. Experienced professionals from various toxicology fields will give brief presentations on the working environment, job expectations, and salary of their particular fields. Following the presentations, there will be a panel discussion with the speakers answering questions from the audience.

## SOT Call for Proposals

The Program Committee and the Continuing Education Committee invite **session and course proposals** for the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology.

**Proposals for symposia, workshops, or roundtables** should represent topics on the cutting-edge of toxicology research or address contemporary issues of concern to toxicologists.

**CE courses** are intended as forums for established concepts (albeit potentially cutting-edge science).

**DEADLINE: April 15, 2002**

The form for submission is called "**Proposal for 2003 Annual Meeting Sessions**" and may be found in the list of Forms and Applications under Member Services on the SOT Web site, [www.toxicology.org](http://www.toxicology.org).

For more information, contact  
SOT headquarters at (703) 438-3115



# PLACEMENT SERVICES

## Nutritional Toxicologist

Departments of Nutrition and Environmental Toxicology  
University of California, Davis

A tenure-track position is available in the Departments of Nutrition and Environmental Toxicology for an Assistant/Associate Professor (nine-month tenure/eleven month term appointment). We are interested in individuals who have demonstrated skills in areas important to molecular biology, metabonomics, or proteomics. An expanded description may be found at: <http://nutrition.ucdavis.edu/faculty/recruitment/>. The position will remain open until filled; however, applicants should apply by January 15, 2002. Contact: Dr. Robert Rucker, Chair, Search Committee, Nutrition Dept. ([rbrucker@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rbrucker@ucdavis.edu)); or Dr. Marion Miller, Co-Chair, Dept. of Environ. Tox. ([mgmillersears@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mgmillersears@ucdavis.edu)), One Shields Avenue, University of California, Davis, CA 95616-8588.

## Toxicologist

Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated located in Cambridge, MA discovers, develops and markets small molecule drugs that address major unmet medical needs. The Company has nine product candidates in clinical development to treat viral diseases, inflammation, cancer, autoimmune diseases, and neurological disorders.

We are looking for a Toxicologist to interact with contract laboratories in conducting non-clinical studies. Responsibilities will include frequent travel and visit to contract laboratories; serving as Study Monitor to oversee all study related activities; designing, protocol initiation, and execution of the assigned studies and maintaining all study documents, files and reports. Qualified candidates must have a M.S. degree in Biology, Chemistry, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary Sciences or a related science with at least two years of job related pharmaceutical experience. Resumes should be sent to [Nancy\\_Beaumont@vpharm.com](mailto:Nancy_Beaumont@vpharm.com).

## Associate/Full Professor Position In Toxicology or Carcinogenesis

Washington State University

The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences has an opening available for a tenure track/tenured position at the ASSOCIATE or FULL PROFESSOR level to begin July 1, 2002. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in a biomedical discipline or M.D., outstanding research and teaching credentials and the ability to communicate effectively. Candidates must also have a nationally or internationally recognized independent research program with a history of extramural funding. Preference will be given to established investigators with a strong record of scientific accomplishment and external research funding in toxicology or carcinogenesis. Screening of applicants will begin January 22, 2002, and continue until the position is filled. Send letter of application indicating the appropriate rank for your application; a *curriculum vitae*; statements of research interests and teaching philosophy, and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent to: Margaret E. Black, Ph.D., Chair, Search Committee, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, P.O. Box 646534, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-6534. E-mail: [blackm@mail.wsu.edu](mailto:blackm@mail.wsu.edu) for additional information. WSU is an EO/AA Educator and Employer.

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## Senior Scientist / Science Advisor— Inhalation Toxicology

Ph.D. with 5 to 20+ years of experience as Study Director for inhalation toxicology studies conducted in a GLP environment. Board certification (DABT) in toxicology preferred. Experienced Ph.D.s with expertise in general toxicology and an interest in inhalation toxicology are encouraged to apply. Job Code: C-01.

## Senior Scientist / Research Scientist—Toxicology

Ph.D. with 5 to 10+ years of experience as Study Director for toxicology studies conducted in a GLP environment. Expertise in carcinogenesis and/or *in vivo* cancer models desirable; DABT preferred. Job Code: C-02.

## Senior Scientist / Research Scientist— Genetic Toxicology

Ph.D. with 2 to 10+ years of hands-on laboratory experience in genetic toxicology to supervise technical staff and serve as Study Director for GLP genetic toxicology studies (Ames, cytotoxicity, micronucleus, and/or mouse lymphoma). Job Code: C-03.

## Inhalation Technologists (2)

B.S. or M.S. (chemistry, chemical engineering, or biology) with 1+ years of hands-on experience in generation and monitoring of test atmospheres (vapors and respirable aerosols) for inhalation toxicology studies. Experience with both rodent and non-rodent studies desirable. Job Code: C-04.

## Toxicology Report Writing Supervisor

Ph.D. or M.S. in biology, chemistry, or English, with 5+ years of hands-on experience in the preparation of GLP-compliant toxicology study reports, or a B.S. degree with 10+ years of experience in toxicology report writing. Job Code: C-05.

## Toxicology Report Writers (2)

Ph.D., M.S., or B.S. in a relevant scientific field or in English, with 1+ years of hands-on experience in the preparation of GLP-compliant toxicology study reports. Job Code: C-06.

To apply, please send an e-mail with *Curriculum Vitae* and salary requirements to: [hr-chgo@iitri.org](mailto:hr-chgo@iitri.org). Resumes may also be mailed to: Ms. Yvonne Johnson, Human Resources, IIT Research Institute, 10 West 35th Street, Chicago, IL 60616, or faxed to Ms. Johnson at 312/567-4167. We value the cultural differences our employees bring to IITRI. EOE/AA/M/F/V/D.

# PLACEMENT SERVICES

## **Tenure Track Faculty Position: Environmental and Occupational Health, School of Health Sciences, Purdue University**

The position is a full-time, tenure track, academic year, faculty appointment at the assistant professor level in the School of Health Sciences at Purdue University, a State University (Web site: [www.purdue.edu/HSCI/](http://www.purdue.edu/HSCI/)). Outstanding applicants will be considered for a higher faculty rank. Applicants will be considered in the general area of environmental health. Those with interests in toxicology or risk assessment are especially encouraged to apply. The successful applicant will participate in teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in health sciences. The applicant must have a Ph.D. or equivalent, and will be expected to maintain an independent, externally funded research program and to supervise graduate students. Purdue is one of the top 10 universities in engineering and science and interdisciplinary research is highly valued and encouraged.

Applications should be sent to: Dr. George A. Sandison, Head and Chair, Search Committee, Purdue University, School of Health Sciences, West Lafayette, Indiana 47907-1338, Telephone: (765) 494-1419, e-mail: [sandison@purdue.edu](mailto:sandison@purdue.edu).

Interested applicants should submit a letter of introduction which includes a statement of research interests and goals, a *curriculum vitae* including a list of publications, past and current research funding, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references. Applications will be received and reviewed immediately, and the search will continue until the position is filled. PURDUE UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER.

## **Research Scientist I/II, Toxicology at Roche Bioscience**

At Roche Bioscience, we are committed to innovation in the discovery and early clinical development of human pharmaceuticals. Our scientists focus on the identification of novel medicines for the treatment of arthritis, osteoporosis, respiratory and viral diseases, and genitourinary and central nervous system disorders. At our park-like campus, located in Palo Alto, California, you will find focused, dynamic, multidisciplinary teams equipped with the cutting-edge technologies necessary to achieve success.

You will be responsible for the safety evaluation program for our candidate drug molecules, which will involve the selection, design, and reporting of toxicology studies for each program. You will act as the Study Director for in-house studies and the study monitor for studies at contract facilities. You will represent the toxicology function on multidisciplinary project teams. Using your high-level toxicology expertise, you will interact with professional colleagues and management to strategically define pre-clinical safety programs and design pre-clinical toxicology studies for new drug candidates. Requires a Ph.D. or equivalent in Toxicology or related field and 2-6 years of postdoctoral experience in GLP toxicology (pharmaceutical industry or contract laboratory). Specialized coursework or experience in Immunology, Molecular Biology, and/or Virology is highly desired. Drug development experience is preferred. Excellent communication and computer skills are essential.

We offer a competitive compensation program which rewards employees for individual achievement as well as contribution to company objectives. Our comprehensive benefits include an on-site fitness center, generous vacation and holiday schedules, 401(k) and pension plans, and the opportunity for tuition assistance. Apply by sending your resume to [paloalto.hr\\_staffing@roche.com](mailto:paloalto.hr_staffing@roche.com) or to Roche Bioscience at 3401 Hillview Avenue, MS A2-HR, Palo Alto, CA 94304. As an equal opportunity employer, we are committed to workforce diversity. Visit our Web site at <http://paloalto.roche.com>.

## **Vacancy Announcement, Health and Ecological Criteria Division Office of Science and Technology**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking a highly qualified manager with technical and/or programmatic experience to fill a Senior Executive Service position as Director of the Health and Ecological Criteria Division in the Office of Water's Office of Science and Technology.

The Health and Ecological Criteria Division is the authoritative source of the science used for protecting all water resources under the Clean Water Act, and for protecting drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Division services other organizational units in the Office of Water, EPA Regions, States, Tribes, and localities by setting environmental goals for aquatic resources, based on latest scientific information. These goals include Maximum Contaminant Level Goals for drinking water, aquatic life and human health criteria for surface water, and tolerances for contaminants in biosolids applied to land. The Division is instrumental in Agency- and government-level decisions regarding risk assessment and science policy, and produces a large number of studies and analyses critical to setting environmental goals for water resources.

The Director of the Health and Ecological Criteria Division manages about 30 scientists and risk assessors, and personally carries primary responsibility for the Office of Water on science issues at top levels of EPA, other federal agencies, academia, and international organizations such as the World Health Organization. This is a very sensitive position involving health and aquatic life issues of real immediacy, and needs to be filled as quickly as possible after the incumbent retires in April 2002.

The Vacancy Announcement is EPA-02-SES-OW-6234 and can be found at: USAJobs Web site, click on Current Job Openings, then click on Senior Executive or Agency Job Search.

Applications must be postmarked by November 23, 2001, to be considered. This is an open nationwide search. Qualified women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Applications and questions should be addressed to U.S. EPA, OARM/OHROS/SES Team, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Mail Code 3650, Attn: GCJ (6234), Washington, DC 20460. The contact number is (202) 260-6374. Office of Water Contact Point: Geoffrey Grubbs, (202) 260-5400.

## REGIONAL CHAPTER NEWS

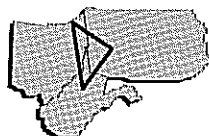
### FALL SYMPOSIUM FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER OF SOT



The National Capital Area Chapter of SOT is holding its Fall Symposium on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Lister Hill Auditorium on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD. The one-day session, **Current Issues and Strategies for Food Safety**, will provide a variety of perspectives on current issues related to ensuring the safety of our food supply.



### ALLEGHENY-ERIE REGIONAL CHAPTER



Are you involved in undergraduate toxicology teaching? If so, please contact **Tom Simmons, Ph.D.**, of the Allegheny-Erie Regional Chapter of the SOT, through SOT Headquarters (sothq@toxicology.org). He would like to know by whom, where, and why undergraduate toxicology courses are being offered. The AESOT is currently compiling this information and plans to present it at an Undergraduate Toxicology Teaching Forum to be held at the upcoming SOT meeting in Nashville.

### Nashville 2001

The SOT 2002 *Preliminary Program* will be mailed to all members and non-member registered attendees in late December.

#### Key Dates:

- Jan. 21** — Advance Registration for Annual Meeting
- Feb. 7** — Housing Reservation Deadline
- Feb. 15** — Tour Reservation Deadline
- Feb. 19** — Pre-Registration for Annual Meeting
- Apr. 15** — 42nd Annual Meeting Session Proposal Deadline

For up-to-date Annual Meeting information, visit [www.toxicology.org](http://www.toxicology.org)

## New Look for the Communiqué

Beginning with this issue, the *Communiqué* takes another step forward into the technological age. In addition to the print version, every member of SOT will also receive an electronic version through e-mail. The two issues are, in some senses, mirror images of one another. Everything in the print version is reflected in the electronic version, with links that will take readers directly to the stories. In some cases, the electronic stories contain additional content to expand upon the print version.

We invite you to give the new electronic version a careful examination. You may offer your opinion to **Ken Wallace, Ph.D.**, editor of the *Communiqué*, through SOT Headquarters. Written, e-mail, or telephone responses should be channeled through the *Communiqué* staff liaison, **Michael McCoy, Ph.D.**, at (703) 438-3115, e-mail: [michael@toxicology.org](mailto:michael@toxicology.org). As always, your opinion counts!

### RASS IX—On behalf of IUTOX the Ninth Risk Assessment Summer School (RASS IX) will be held October 5–13, 2002 at Ta'Cenc Hotel, Gozo, Malta

The objectives are to offer young toxicologists unique opportunities to broaden their knowledge and experience in the field of chemical risk assessment and to achieve a better understanding of the data evaluation process.

The school is an exclusive training conference with few formal lectures and ample time for discussion of study cases, prepared by the students in advance.

Applications are welcomed from students who:

- Are scientifically qualified in toxicology at a doctoral level
- Have practical working experience
- Are not more than 35 years of age
- Have a working command of conversational English

The faculty will consist of inspiring and highly qualified scientists in major areas like general toxicology and risk analysis, organ toxicology, immunotoxicology, reproduction toxicology, mutagenicity, carcinogenicity, and risk evaluation.

#### Faculty:

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