President’s Message

Jean Regal, Ph.D.

Celebrate 25 years of the ImTox SS in 2010!

Don’t miss it! Salt Lake City, March 7-11, 2010

The ImTox SS began in 1985 so 2010 is our 25th year. In recognition, we will be celebrating at our specialty section reception at the 2010 SOT annual meeting in Salt Lake City.

SAVE THIS DATE and TIME:

ImTox SS Reception
Tuesday evening, March 9, 6 pm
Salt Lake City Convention Center

The celebration will include a slide show portraying the history of the ImTox SS. To make the slide show grand please contribute photographs. Look through your files and send any and all photographs of our members (both past and present) to Peyton Myers (Laine.Myers@fda.hhs.gov).

SEND PHOTOS from the 80s, 90s, and today!!

Before (past) and after (present) photographs would be highly appreciated. ☺

We hope that many of the Past Presidents of the specialty section will be able to attend the celebration so that we can recognize them for their service and properly celebrate the past 25 years and the years to come.

Donations to support the celebration are welcome. Checks can be made out to SOT (please indicate on the check that the monies are to support the 25th Anniversary Celebration) and sent to the ImTox SS Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Jacintha Shenton, Aaron Klug Building, MedImmune, Granta Park, Cambridge, CB21 6GH, England.

Thank you and hope to see you there,

Contribute to the HESI Immunotoxicology Young Investigator Award Fund Today

Download the Endowment Donor Form here http://toxicology.org/AI/CSOT/Endowment_Donor_form.pdf or through the link on the ImTox SS webpage http://www.toxicology.org/ISOT/SS/imtox/Index.asp and contribute to the Health and Environmental Science Institute (HESI) Immunotoxicology Young Investigator Award Fund. Proceeds from the Fund will be used to assist a young investigator to attend and participate in the annual meeting of the SOT (see the Awards Committee report within this newsletter). Thanks to HESI for the initial contribution and Dr. Jeanine Bussiere for working so hard to get this fund established for young immunotoxicologists within 5 years of their doctoral dissertation. What better way to encourage up and coming immunotoxicologists to attend the SOT meeting and participate in our great specialty section.

Support for the SIEE Study Section

Thank you!! Sincere appreciation to all who took the time to send a letter of support to Dr. Garte for continuation of the Systemic Injury by Environmental Exposure (SIEE) Study Section for review of toxicology grants, including immunotoxicology. Steve Pruett’s ad hoc committee (Steve Pruett, Norb Kaminski, Deborah Keil, Paige Lawrence, Judy Zelikoff, and Prakash Nagarkatti) also formulated a strong and convincing letter from the ImTox SS articulating the importance of SIEE for funding the strongest immunotoxicology research and continuing the training of immunotoxicologists.

ImTox SS Program Proposal Process Showcased

During September, SOT held a series of Leadership Connection webinars for specialty section leadership to assist the leadership in conducting the business of the specialty sections. Included in this series was a session on program proposal preparation for the SOT annual meeting. Because of the long term success of our specialty section in bringing great programs to the meeting, we were one of three specialty sections asked to outline the process for generating successful SOT program proposals. Leigh Ann Burns Naas represented our section and provided great information to the leadership of other sections on how to be successful. Thanks Leigh Ann!

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Program Committee Report

Submitted by: Dr. Rod Dietert

Please send your program proposals for the 2011 SOT annual meeting in Washington, DC, to Rod Dietert (rrd1@cornell.edu) no later than Friday December 11th, 2009.

Remember they can be in the form of Symposia, Roundtables, Continuing Education Courses, Historical Highlights or Informational Sessions. A brief description of each category is provided below:

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Greetings students and postdocs! Exciting New Business!!!

**ImTox SS 25th Anniversary Celebration**

All student and postdoc members of the ImTox SS should have received an e-mail from Haitian about the ImTox SS 25th Anniversary Celebration. If you did not receive this e-mail, please send your e-mail address to the Editor, Jacintha Shenton (shentonj@medimmune.com), so that Jacintha can add you to the ImTox SS student/postdoc distribution list.

For those of you who did not receive the e-mail, inadvertently deleted it, or just simply ignored it, it went like this...

I am writing to request your contributions to a slide show that will be presented in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the ImTox SS that will be taking place at the 2010 SOT annual meeting in Salt Lake City.

A 25th anniversary task force has been formed to plan the celebration of this historical event which will occur at the ImTox SS reception (the evening of Tuesday March 9th, 2010). The slide show will feature past award winners, past presidents, historical moments, and most importantly us...the student and postdoctoral members! Student and postdoctoral members are a vital component of our specialty section. Therefore, we are soliciting a personal photograph or photographs picturing our student and postdoc members engaged in either SOT activities or activities in your respective research labs. Please also write a few sentences telling us what made you become interested in immunotoxicology or choose immunotoxicology as your major area. These contributions will be compiled and included in the slide show. Be a part of history!

Please take a few minutes to send your photographs, the reason you love immunotox, and any other suggestions for the 25th anniversary celebration to Haitian Lu (luhaitian82@gmail.com). Don’t make us use stickmen and women to represent you!

**WANTED - New Student and Postdoc Representatives**

Dr. Stacey Anderson completed her term as the ImTox SS postdoctoral representative in March 2009 and Haitian Lu will complete his term as the student representative in March 2010. Thus, it’s time to pass the baton to the next generation of student and postdoc representatives. For those interested in these positions, please send your CV and a nomination letter from your advisor to Dr. Jean Regal (jregal@d.umn.edu) by Nov 30, 2009 or Dec 31, 2009 for the postdoctoral or student representative positions, respectively. You should first verify with your advisor that he/she is willing to fund your travel to SOT for the next two years. Please do not hesitate to contact Haitian (luhaitian82@gmail.com) or Stacey (sanderson4@cdc.gov) for more information about serving as a student or postdoctoral representative.
Student/Postdoctoral Reminders:
Be Recognized for the Star that you Are!
Please take note of the Awards Committee report within this newsletter. These awards present opportunities for students and postdocs to be recognized for their contributions to the field of Immunotoxicology. Award winners will be recognized at the 2010 ImTox SS reception, in the ImTox SS newsletter, and on the ImTox SS website.

Come ONE Come ALL!
If you missed the ImTox SS student/postdoc mixer in Baltimore don’t despair, there will be a similar opportunity to socialize at the 2010 meeting in Salt Lake City (details to follow)! We look forward to seeing ALL OF YOU at the 2010 mixer. Should you have any suggestions about other types of events, please feel free to contact us, Stacey (sanderson4@cdc.gov) or Haitian (luhaitia@msu.edu).

Immunotoxicology Pool of Lecturers
Submitted by: Dr. Judy Zelikoff
The Immunotoxicology Pool of Lecturers Program, which allows faculty to invite immunotoxicology guest lecturers (see available individuals below) to teach in their class, has been running successfully over the last few years. Last year, Dr. Dave Shepherd asked for, and received, financial support from the Program for MaryJane Selgrade (US EPA) and Prakash Nagarkatti (Univ. of South Carolina) to teach at the University of Montana. MaryJane lectured on “environmental pollutants and allergic lung disease”, while Prakash discussed “immunomodulation by natural products”. Both lectures were a huge success.

If anyone is interested in having any of our expert Immunotoxicologists (see insert box) teach in one of your classes either during this Fall semester (2009) or in the upcoming Spring (2010) semester, please contact Judy (judith.zelikoff@nyumc.org) as soon as possible with the following information: (1) course title and academic level (i.e., undergraduate, graduate, postdoctoral/medical); (2) name of guest lecturer and the topic to be presented; (3) amount and purpose of requested funds; and, (4) date needed. Once received, your request will be discussed by the ImTox SS President and Secretary/Treasurer and prioritized (if requests are made from multiple schools). After a final decision is reached, you will be notified of the decision (within about a month) and the amount of financial support you will receive.

The amount of funds available for any given year is related to the specialty section budget. Monies from the program can be used to support guest lecturer travel, hotel accommodations for a single night, and/or meals. We look forward to hearing from you.

If you want to go on the list as a guest lecturer, please write to Judy at Judith.zelikoff@nyumc.org. Thanks.

Immunotoxicology Pool of Lecturers
Judy Zelikoff (Organizer)
Leigh Ann Burns Naas
Mitch Cohen
George DeGeorge
Rod Dietert
Ken Draper
Deborah Finco-Kent
Kathleen Gilbert
Ken Hastings
Robert House
Norb Kaminski
Barb Kaplan
Nancy Kerkvliet
Ian Kimber
Raj Krishnaraj
David Lawrence
Mike McCabe
Mitzi Nagarkatti
Prakash Nagarkatti
Margie Peden-Adams
Joseph Piccotti
Helen Ratajczak
Jean Regal
MaryJane Selgrade
Financial Report
Submitted by: Dr. Jacintha Shenton

The fiscal year runs for 12 months ending on June 30th

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All entries are listed in US Dollars and are rounded to the nearest dollar. Income includes dues (paid with your SOT membership) and registration (which is based on the number of ImTox SS members at the SOT annual meeting).

Expenses include the Imtox SS Executive Meeting & Reception held at the SOT annual meeting, miscellaneous expenses (monies for the ImTox Pool of Lecturer’s, the Japan Exchange, and the Student/Postdoc mixer), and the newsletter (typesetting).
ImTox SS Membership Committee Report

Submitted by: Dr. George DeGeorge

By Membership Category

Oct 2009

- Full: 68%
- Assoc: 17%
- Student: 15%

Total = 370

By Organization Category

Oct 2009

- Industry: 43%
- Academia: 33%
- Government: 10%
- Consulting: 5%
- Research (NP): 5%
- Research (CRO): 3%
- Other: 1%

NP: Not for Profit
CRO: Contract Research Organization
ImTox SS Membership Committee Report

Note: The “dip” occurs when SOT deletes those who haven’t renewed at the end of the year.
Awards Committee Update

Submitted by: Dr. Marc Pallardy

The ImTox SS is requesting nominations for the following awards to be recognized at the 2010 SOT annual meeting:

ImTox SS Vos Award — Career Achievement in Immunotoxicology

This award is offered as recognition to a Senior Investigator whose body of work represents an outstanding achievement in immunotoxicology. The nominator should provide a discussion of the role that the individual’s work has played in advancing the field of immunotoxicology. A curriculum vitae and bibliography for the nominee should also be included. A second letter of recommendation from another investigator in the field would be helpful.

Nominations of unsuccessful candidates will be considered for two additional years unless the nomination is withdrawn by the sponsor. Final decisions will be made by the Nominating Committee (President, last three Past Presidents, the Vice President, and Vice President-elect).

Nominations should be submitted by December 30, 2009 to Dr. Jean Regal [E-mail: jregal@d.umn.edu]

ImTox SS Best Paper of the Year Award

An engraved plaque will be awarded to the author(s) of the best paper in the area of immunotoxicology, published in ANY peer-reviewed journal. The paper must have been published between July 1, 2008 and Dec 31, 2009. The nomination for this award should provide a full citation of the paper and a short discussion of the value of the research to the field of immunotoxicology. Authors may not self-nominate their own papers. Review papers are not eligible for this award.

Decisions on this award will be made by members of the Awards Committee, chaired by the Senior Councilor.

Nominations should be submitted by February 1, 2010 to Dr. Marc Pallardy [E-mail: marc.pallardy@u-psud.fr]

ImTox SS Outstanding Young Immunotoxicologist Award

An engraved plaque will be awarded to the young investigator whose body of work has made significant contributions to the field of Immunotoxicology. This award is NOT LIMITED to those in academia. Investigators who have had an impact on regulatory issues or within industry will also be considered.

The nominee must have less than ten years of experience since obtaining their highest degree. Exceptions to the 10 year limitation can be made if careers have been interrupted for family or health reasons, or clinical practice, etc. Reasons for the exception should be documented in the nomination letter.

Nominators are required to document the contributions of the candidate and also provide a curriculum vitae and bibliography of the candidate. The depth, breadth and significance of the training in government, industry, or academia;

3) Leadership and service to the immunotoxicology field including involvement in the specialty section or other meetings/organizations related to immunotoxicology;

4) Influence on regulatory and risk/safety assessment decisions related to immunotoxicology.

Nominations should be submitted by December 30, 2009 to Dr. Jean Regal [E-mail: jregal@d.umn.edu]
scientific contributions of the nominee to advancing the field of immunotoxicology should be addressed, as well as service to the immunotoxicology community.

All nominations of candidates that have not received the award will be retained and considered for an additional 2 years unless the nomination is withdrawn by the sponsor.

Determination of the awardee will be by the Vice President and members of the Awards Committee.

Nominations should be submitted by January 15, 2010 to Dr. Leigh Ann Burns Naas [E-mail: leighann.burns@pfizer.com]

We encourage you to take a minute to nominate your postdoctoral trainees so they can be recognized for their work.

Nominations should be submitted by February 1, 2010 to Dr. Marc Pallardy [E-mail: marc.pallardy@u-psud.fr]

ImTox SS Best Presentation by a Student Award

The award requirements are submission of a complete written version (including all graphs and tables) of an immunotoxicology presentation to be made at the 2010 SOT Annual Meeting.

• This presentation is to be accompanied by a letter of nomination from the student’s advisor. Please utilize electronic submissions.
• No manuscripts will be accepted.
• Winners will receive a plaque and cash award

We encourage you to take a minute to nominate your students and so they can be recognized for their work.

Nominations should be submitted by February 1, 2010 to Dr. Marc Pallardy [E-mail: marc.pallardy@u-psud.fr]

ImTox SS HESI Immunotoxicology Young Investigator Travel Award

The HESI Immunotoxicology Young Investigator Travel Award will be awarded each year to a young investigator who is within 5 years of receiving a Ph.D. degree. This award was made possible through the hard work of Dr. Jeanine Bussiere, Past President, and HESI. This award replaces the International Postdoc Award and will provide a cash award to assist young investigators to attend SOT and present their research. Please contribute to this fund and take any advantage of employer and SOT matching funds while they last!

The guidelines for this award are:

• <5 years from having completed his/her graduate dissertation.
• Letter from postdoctoral advisor and/or employer indicating the individual's past contributions to immunotoxicology (or a closely-related discipline) and potential future contributions to the discipline.
• Curriculum Vitae
• Letter from applicant on how attendance at SOT will contribute to their career development in immunotoxicology.
The individual must have submitted an abstract and be able to attend the Annual Meeting.

The abstract must be included in the application.

Both U.S. and International individuals are eligible.

The individual need not be a member of SOT, but those who are members or who are in the process of becoming members will be given preferential consideration.

Selection of the recipient will be made by a committee consisting of the Vice President-elect, Vice President, President, and most recent three Past-Presidents. An individual cannot be the recipient of the award more than once.

The Imtox SS Report from the 16th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Immunotoxicology

Asahikawa, Japan
August 27-28, 2009

Submitted by: Drs. Dori Germolec and Judith Zelikoff

As part of the ongoing cooperation and scientific interchange that the ImTox SS has with the Japanese Society of Immunotoxicology (JSIT), we (Judy and Dori) were chosen to represent our specialty Section at the 16th Annual Meeting of the JSIT. The theme for this year’s meeting, held in the beautiful city of Asahikawa on the Island of Hokkaido, was “Children and Immunity”.

We arrived in Tokyo on the 25th of August and were whisked to our hotel near the Haneda airport. There we were met by one of our hosts for this journey, Dr. Kazuichi Nakamura, who introduced us to Tokyo and the wonders of Japanese noodle soup. On the 26th we joined Dr. Nakamura and a large group of JSIT members for the flight from Tokyo to Asahikawa. Hokkaido is a volcanic island, and on our journey to Asahikawa we were treated to spectacular mountain views and given a taste of the beautiful gardens that front local homes and farms. That evening we joined our hosts for the JSIT conference opening dinner. Dr. Takahiko Yoshida, from the Asahikawa Medical College and President and Organizer of the 16th Annual Meeting, and the Executive Committee welcomed us. The dinner was an excellent opportunity for us to have wonderful Japanese cuisine and discuss current and future collaborations between the JSIT and the ImTox SS.

Dr. Yoshida opened the meeting on Thursday morning, and the sessions began with oral presentations on the effects of environmental chemicals on allergic and infectious disease. In a session chaired by Dr. Yasuhide Kouchi, Dori presented the first special lecture of the meeting entitled “Does immunomodulation early in life increase disease risk in children and beyond?” Oral presentations continued in the early afternoon in a session chaired by Dr. Yasuhide Kouchi and focused on novel methods in immunotoxicity. The meeting theme was highlighted in a symposium entitled, “Children and Immunity” chaired by Drs. Fujio Kayama and Dr. Kazuichi Nakamura. The symposium featured presentations by Dr. Sho Ishikawa on the breakdown of mucosal immunity in the gut and allergic sensitization by dioxins.
Dr. Chisato Mori on a health examination system to prevent fetal exposure to persistent organic pollutants and atopic dermatitis in infants, and Judy on how prenatal exposure to cigarette smoke increases tumor susceptibility of juvenile mice via changes in anti-tumor mechanisms. That evening, the JSIT hosted a wonderful dinner reception at the Asahikawa Grand Hotel. We were fortunate that Dr. Takemi Otsuki was willing to perform his “Song for the JSIT” which he debuted at an earlier JSIT meeting. It was a treat to see old friends, begin new collaborations and hear about the exciting sessions being planned for both the 49th Annual Meeting of the SOT in Salt Lake City in March 2010 and the 17th Annual Meeting of the JSIT in Tsukuba in September 2010.

The second day featured a special lecture chaired by Dr. Jun-ichi Sawada and presented by Dr. Masao Kosuge, the Director Emeritus of the Asahikawa Asahiyama Zoo regarding the role of the Asahiyama Zoo in education and species preservation. We were fortunate to get an “up close and personal” view of the zoo and all of its inhabitants that afternoon. The afternoon Workshop focused on “Standardization of an immunotoxicity test: T cell-dependent antibody response to keyhole limpet hemocyanin.” Oral and poster presentations highlighted the outstanding

Immunotoxicologists at the 16th Annual JSIT Meeting
Back Row: Fujio Kayama, Dori Germolec, Yasuhide Kouchi, Qing Li, Judy Zelikoff
Front Row: Takahiko Yoshida
contributions of our Japanese colleagues in all aspects of immunotoxicology.

After the meeting, we were entertained by Dr. Yoshida who brought us up to the mountains for a visit to Daisetsuzan National Park and its volcanic hot springs, followed by a wonderful Japanese meal with many of our meeting colleagues. Our flight back to Tokyo from Asahikawa was just the beginning of another adventure, in which we traveled through the Ginza and up to the top of the Tokyo Tower. Dr. Nakamura acted as our tour guide for a final day in Tokyo, where we saw the Great Buddha of Kamakura, the port of Yokohama and its magnificent Chinatown, as well as beautiful shrines and temples. Our discussions on immunotoxicology and future collaborations did not end until we stepped on the plane headed back to New York.

We would like to sincerely thank all of our hosts in Japan for their warmth, welcome and kindness. We had many fruitful discussions about the future of our specialty section and toxicology in general. The hospitality that was extended to us was remarkable and made our trip a never to be forgotten experience. We look forward to continued collaborations with our JSIT colleagues.

Immunotoxicologists at the 16th Annual JSIT Meeting

Back Row: Hiroyuki Kojima, Fujio Kayama, Jun-ichi Sawada, Judy Zelikoff, Reiko Teshima, Yoshihiko Nakaki,
Front Row: Takahiko Yoshida, Dori Germolec
The Journal of Immunotoxicology is inviting submissions of manuscripts that cover the following subdisciplines of immunotoxicology:

- immunology
- toxicology
- molecular immunotoxicology
- developmental immunotoxicology
- pulmonary immunotoxicology
- regulatory immunotoxicology
- nutritional immunotoxicology
- mechanistic immunotoxicology
- wildlife immunotoxicology
- environmental immunotoxicology

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- Changes in Gene Expression Induced by Carbamazepine and Phenytoin: Testing the Danger Hypothesis - Wei Lu, Xuqian Li, and Jack P Uetrecht
- The Latent Form of TGFβ1 is Induced by TNF Through an ERK-Specific Pathway and is Activated by Asbestos-Derived Reactive Oxygen Species In Vitro and In Vivo - Deborah E. Sullivan, MaryBeth Ferris, Derek Poicyask, and Arnold R. Brody
- Development of Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist Mutants with Enhanced Antagonistic Activity In Vitro and Improved Therapeutic Efficacy in Collagen-induced Arthritis - Eva Dahlen, Karin Barchan, Daniel Herrlander, Patrik Højman, Marie Karlsson, Lill Ljung, Mats Andersson, Eva Beckman, Annt-Cristin Malmborg Hughes, Björn Wallse, Leif Joossén, and Winn van den Berg
- Interactions between B-lymphocytes and Type 1 NKT Cells in Autoimmune Diabetes - Francois D. Dulafour, Pablo A. Silveria, and Alan G. Baxter
- Effect of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Carbon Black Particles on Pro-Inflammatory Cytokine Secretion: Impact of PAH Coating Onto Particles - S. Goulasoc, L. Foucaud, A. Bennasroune, P. Laval-Gilly, and J. Fiala

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Employment Opportunity

The Immunotoxicology Department within Drug Safety Evaluation at Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., which is relocating from Syracuse, NY to New Brunswick, NJ, is seeking an independently thinking, highly motivated scientist with mechanistic and investigative experience in the assessment of alterations in immune status and function. Placement will be commensurate with the level of experience, but the ideal candidate will have a Ph.D. or equivalent and research background in immunology and/or immunotoxicology/immunopharmacology and a comprehensive knowledge of animal and human biology/physiology. The candidate should also have effective written and oral communication skills and the ability to manage multiple research activities. This person would be responsible for the scientific and toxicologic evaluation of selected drug candidates, such as immunomodulators and protein therapeutics; design and coordinate mechanistic and toxicology studies to support project and discovery working groups; and develop mechanistic approaches and utilize molecular and emerging technology platforms to address toxicity issues that arise, particularly those associated with the immune system.

Please submit letters of interest as well as academic credentials, relevant scientific publications and laboratory/research experience, and contact information for supporting references via e-mail, fax, or US mail to:

Dr. Helen G. Haggerty
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Drug Safety Evaluation
Pharmaceutical Research Institute
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WORKSHOP:
IN VITRO CYTOKINE RELEASE ASSAYS TO PREDICT
CYTOKINE RELEASE SYNDROME:
THE CURRENT STATE-OF-THE-SCIENCE

To be held at the European Medicine Agency, London
November 19, 2009

9:00 Introductions and Welcome
Beatriz Silva Lima, Chairperson
SWP EMEA (10’)

9:10 Key Note Speaker
Clinical Features of Infusion Reactions / Cytokine
Release Syndrome
Hermann Einsele, University of
Wurzburg, Germany (30’)

9:40 Key Note Speaker
Mechanism of Infusion Reactions / Cytokine Release
Syndrome
Andrew George, Imperial
College London, England (30’)

10:10 Optimisation of cytokine release assays for unwanted
intrinsic activities of medicines
Stephen Poole, NIBSC,
England (20’)

10:30 Use of flow cytometry for investigating
immunomodulatory effects of medicines
Richard Stebbings, NIBSC,
England (20’)

10:50 Cytokine release assays - the PEI perspective
Jan Meuller Berghaus, Paul
Erlich Institute, Germany (20’)

11:10 Coffee Break

11:30 Evaluation of the Soluble and Solid Phase Cytokine
Release Assay
Jing Min, Pfizer, St. Louis, MO
(20’)

11:50 A Novel In Vitro System to Assess Reactogenic
Effects of Biologic Agents
Padma Narayanan, Amgen,
Seattle, WA (20’)

November 2009

Immunotoxicology Specialty Section
### Announcements

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