



Midwest Regional Chapter Society of Toxicology

38th Annual Spring Meeting and Award Announcement

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38th Annual MRC-SOT Spring Meeting May 18, 2018

Doubletree by Hilton, Mundelein, Illinois

Plans for the 38th Annual Spring Meeting of the Midwest Regional Chapter of SOT (MRC-SOT) are being finalized. The meeting will be held on Friday, May 18th at the Doubletree by Hilton hotel in Mundelein, IL. The first part of the meeting will focus on “***Strategic Plans for Using Alternative Methods in Toxicology***”. The second part of the meeting is a career outreach workshop. A panel of speakers from industry and academics will share information and case studies about their expertise, the type of work they do, and how they positioned themselves for their career. A copy of the program along with the registration form and directions to the meeting site can be found on Pages 3-5 in the announcement.

In addition, the meeting will also include presentations of the Young Investigator Award, Midwest Best Student Publication Award, Early Career Toxicologist Award, and the Kenneth P. Dubois Career Achievement Award, as well as a poster session featuring the annual Victor A. Drill student research competition. The winner will receive funds to be used for travel or accommodations expenses or toxicology textbooks.

All students and post-docs affiliated with institutions in the MRC’s geographical region are encouraged to submit abstracts for the poster competition. The abstracts and posters may be on work that was also presented at the 2018 national SOT meeting.

The Awards Committee is also soliciting applications for the MRC Young Investigators Award and Best Publications Award, as well as nominations for the Kenneth Dubois Career Award, and Early Career Toxicologist Award for our Spring 2018 meeting. Information regarding all awards offered and the application/nomination processes can be found on the MRC-SOT website (<http://www.toxicology.org/groups/rc/midwest/index.asp>) and on Pages 6-9 of this announcement.

38th Annual MRC-SOT Spring Meeting

May 18, 2018

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Mundelein, IL

“Strategic Plans for Using Alternative Methods in Toxicology”

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 am

Welcome and Introductions

Yi Yang, President

AbbVie

Wei Xu, President-Elect

UW-Madison

9:00 – 9:15 am

Platform Presentations

Warren Casey, Ph.D.

Director, National Toxicology Program

“A strategic roadmap for establishing new approaches to evaluate the safety of chemicals and medical products in the United States”

9:15 – 10:00 am

Anna Lowit, Ph.D.

EPA Office of Pesticide Program

“Alternatives to acute systemic toxicity: EPA’s office of pesticide programs initiative to modernize the Acute 6-Pack”

10:00 – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 – 11:00 am

Kenneth P DuBois Award Presentation

David Beebe, Ph.D.

University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Micro Scale Organotypic Models for Toxicology Studies”

11:00 – 11:30 am

Student Poster Viewing

11:30 – 12:30 pm

Luncheon and Business Meeting

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Awards Announcement

1:30-1:45 pm

2017 Young Investigator Award Presentation

Rekha Balachandran

University of Illinois

“Impulsivity and Underlying Neurochemical Interactions Are Affected by Circadian Disruption, an Environmental Factor”. ”

1:45 – 2:15 pm

Career Outreach Workshop: Opportunities in Toxicology

2:15 – 4:00 pm

Panel Presentations

Consumer Products

Superfund Sites

Academic Teaching and Research

Government Agencies

Pharmaceutical Industry

Concluding Remarks

Wei Xu, President-Elect

4:00 – 4:15 pm



38th Annual MRC-SOT Spring Meeting Registration

Registration Fees:

MRC-SOT Members: **\$130 (by May 14)/\$150 (May 14 or after)**

Nonmembers: **\$150 (by May 14)/\$170 (May 14 or after)**

Student/Postdoc: **\$25 (waived if presenting a poster)**

On-line registration is requested at the SOT website (link provided below). If not an SOT member, at the first login screen, there is an option to "click here" to create a new account. Upon the creation of a new account, the registrant can select the meeting from the "Events" drop down box and then register for the meeting.

Click here for [Online Registration](#)

In addition, if you need to pay by mail, a registration form is attached. Fees are payable by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express and are due at the time of registration.

If payment is by check or money order, please direct payment to MRC-SOT and send to:

Ashley Black
Society of Toxicology
1812 Michael Faraday Drive
Suite 300
Reston, VA 20190
Phone: 703.438.3115

Cancellation Policy:

Registrations are transferable. After May 14, 2018, refunds will not be made. We reserve the right to cancel or to change speakers if necessary. In the event of cancellation, all registrants will receive a full refund. We are not responsible for travel expenses in the event of a cancellation or date change.

MRC-SOT 2018 Spring Meeting Registration Form

Name: _____ MRC-SOT Member _____ Yes _____ No

Title/Position/Company _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Fee Enclosed (please check):

MRC-SOT Member: ___ \$130 (if postmarked by 5/14/2018)
 ___ \$150 (if postmarked 5/14/2018 or after)

Non-Member: ___ \$150 (if postmarked by 5/14/2018)
 ___ \$170 (if postmarked 5/14/2018 or after)

Students/Post-docs: ___ \$25 / ___ Waived if presenting a poster

Is a receipt required for your registration? _____ Yes ___ No

Breakfast and lunch will be served to all attendees.

Location:

The meeting will be held at the:
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Libertyville-Mundelein
510 E IL Route 83
Mundelein, IL 60060

Driving Directions**Directions from O'Hare International Airport:**

As you exit the airport, you will be on I-90 east heading towards Chicago. Take the 294 tollway North 25 miles. Exit at Route 60 (Town Line Road). Make a left on Town Line Road. When you get to Route 45, make a left and the Doubletree by Hilton hotel will be one block on your right.

Directions from Milwaukee and General Mitchell Airport:

As you exit Milwaukee, you will be on I-94 heading East from Wisconsin to Illinois. Once in Illinois, proceed on I-94 and exit off onto Route 60 (Town Line Road) exit. Make a right turn onto Route 60 (Town Line Road). Turn left on Route 45 and the Doubletree by Hilton hotel will be one block on your right.

Directions from Midway Airport

Take Cicero Avenue (Route 50) North to I-55 South. Off I-55 South, take the 294 tollway North 25 miles. Exit off Route 60 (Town Line Road). Make a left on Town Line Road. When you get to Route 45, make a left and the Doubletree by Hilton hotel is on your right.

Hotel Accommodations

For individuals who are arriving the night before the meeting or staying overnight after the meeting, the following hotels are suggested. No rooms have been reserved for the meeting; therefore, hotel accommodations are the responsibility of individual attendees.

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Libertyville-Mundelein
510 E IL Route 83
Mundelein, IL 60060
Phone: 847-949-5100

Link to online registration:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/gi/reservations/index.jhtml?hotel=CHIMUDT&corporateCode=0000041657>

Holiday Inn Express Libertyville
77 West Buckley Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

Holiday Inn Express Vernon Hills
975 North Lakeview Parkway
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Courtyard Chicago Lincolnshire
505 Milwaukee Avenue
Lincolnshire, IL 60069

For further information regarding the meeting, please contact the 2018 Spring Meeting Organizer, Wei Xu at wxu@oncology.wisc.edu.

Midwest Regional Chapter Society of Toxicology (MRC/SOT) MRC-SOT Award Announcement

Applications deadlines for the Professional and Student/Post-Doc Awards offered from the Midwest Regional Chapter have been extended. Descriptions for awards offered are described below. Send completed applications to Binu.Philip@abbvie.com. **Award application deadline is April 27.**

Professional Awards

Recommendations shall consist of a letter (one page limit) describing the accomplishments of the candidate; verbal recommendations will not be considered. Letters of recommendation must be submitted to the Awards Committee Chairperson no later than **April 27th** following the nomination request. Membership in the MRC/SOT or National SOT is not required. The proposed candidate should still be in active practice in toxicology or a closely related field or recently retired and must have demonstrated a sustained and high level of activity in toxicology or a closely related field, for example, by unique research achievements, special teaching proficiency, and/or through promoting the interests and concerns of toxicology. The award will be presented by the President of the MRC/SOT at the Annual Spring Meeting of the Chapter.

The Kenneth P. DuBois Award honors an outstanding Midwest toxicologist with a career involving several years (15+) of distinguished professional experience in the field of toxicology.

The Early Career Toxicologist Award honors an outstanding Midwest toxicologist with up to 10 years of professional experience in the field of toxicology.

Student and Post-doctoral Awards

The same research project may be submitted for the Best Student Publication Award and Young Investigator Award; however, one individual will not be eligible to receive two awards for the same research.

The Young Investigator Award is presented at the MRC/SOT Spring meeting to the applicant who submits the best undergraduate or graduate research proposal. In addition to the application, the advisor should submit a letter of recommendation. Winners will present their research at the following Annual Meeting of MRC/SOT and will receive funds to be used for continuing education in toxicology e.g. travel to national or regional meeting and/or purchase of textbook(s), participation in workshops and/or research. The application deadline is **April 27th**.

Best Student Publication Award is presented at the MRC/SOT Spring meeting for the best nominated paper published in a peer-reviewed journal within the last 12 months by a graduate student or post-doctoral fellow as the first or senior author. The candidate must be actively involved in a training program or have completed their studies within the past 12 months. In addition to the application, the advisor should submit a letter of recommendation. Winners will receive funds to be used for continuing education in toxicology e.g. travel to national or regional meeting and/or purchase of textbook(s), participation in workshops. The application deadline is **April 27th**.

The Victor A. Drill Award is awarded to the top student poster presentation(s) at the MRC/SOT Spring meeting. Winners will receive funds to be used for continuing education in toxicology e.g. travel to national or regional meeting and/or purchase of textbook(s), participation in workshops. All student poster at the meeting will be judged.

Midwest Regional Chapter Society of Toxicology (MRC/SOT)

Application for Professional Awards

For which award are you nominating? Kenneth P. DuBois _____ Early Career Toxicologist _____

Nominator Information

Name	Address	City, State	Zip
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Organization	Telephone	Email
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Are you an MRC/SOT Member? Yes ___ No ___

Candidate Information (leave blank if nominating yourself)

Name	Address	City, State	Zip
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Organization	Telephone	Email
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Instructions:

- Please include a curriculum vitae (CV, if available) and a recommendation letter (one page limit) describing the accomplishments of the candidate.
- The proposed candidate should have worked in toxicology or a closely related field for a period of at least 15 years (DuBuois award) or up to 10 years (Early Career Award), spending most of his/her professional life in the Midwest Region.
- Membership in the MRC/SOT or in SOT is not required for candidacy.
- The proposed candidate should still be in active practice in toxicology or a closely related field or recently retired (less than 3 years). Active practice is defined as performing, directing, or managing activities in the areas of research, analytical testing, teaching, consulting, clinical practice and/or regulatory affairs.
- The proposed candidate must have demonstrated a sustained and high level of activity in toxicology or a closely related field, for example, by unique research achievements, special teaching proficiency, and/or through promoting the interests and concerns of toxicology.
- Deadline for entry is April 27th.

Return nomination form and supporting materials via email to designated Award Contact on MRC/SOT website: <https://www.toxicology.org/groups/rc/midwest/Awards.asp>

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Application for Student and Post-doctoral Awards

For which award are you applying? Young Investigator___ Student Publication___
Please use separate applications if applying for more than one award.

Applicant Information

Name Address City, State Zip

Organization Telephone Email

Are you an MRC/SOT Member? Yes___ No___

Are you currently: Student___ Post-Doc___

Have you previously won an MRC/SOT award for this same abstract? Yes___ No___

Have you previously won an award for this same abstract/proposal/journal article from another Regional Chapter or specialty section? Yes___ No___

Will you be presenting a poster at the MRC/SOT Spring Meeting? Yes___No___

Mentor Information

Name Address City, State Zip

Organization Telephone Email

Graduate Academic History

Institution	Major	GPA	Degree Awarded
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Academic and Professional Honors

(i.e. scholarships, traineeships, development awards, professional societies):

Publications

(leave blank if none)

Instructions:

- Abstract or proposals in any area of toxicology are acceptable.

- Please include Title, Authors, Author affiliations and abstract body (Student Publication) or Research Objectives and Proposed methods (Young Investigator).
- Insert abstract/proposal in box below (one additional page is permitted for overflow).
- Include a letter of recommendation from Advisor (Young Investigator and Student Publication Awards).
- Please include pdf copy of journal article (Student Publication Award only).
- There is no abstract fee.
- The deadline for Young Investigator and Best Student Publication is April 27th.

Title
Authors
Abstract or Research Objectives and Proposed Methods

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE: I certify that the information and statements above are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the award, if an award is issued as a result of this application.	
Signature	Date

Return abstract forms via email to designated Award Contact on MRC/SOT website:
<https://www.toxicology.org/groups/rc/midwest/Awards.asp>