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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear HOT members,

We hope you all and your families are well and safe!

On behalf of the HOT Executive Committee (EC) it is my pleasure to invite you to join us during the very anticipated 2021 SOT Virtual Annual Meeting, the 2021 HOT Annual Awards Ceremony & Reception (see page 4), and the virtual event Session on Strategies to Increase Global Awareness of Toxicology: Focus on Developing Countries (see page 5). We are very proud of the outstanding work of the HOT EC members during this unprecedented time with the CoViD-19 pandemic and unexpected challenges that has impacted us all, directly or indirectly.

We want to take the time and thank our HOT membership for your participation in both the HOT EC and SOT general election process during these unprecedented times. We are very excited and happy to welcome our new HOT EC member *Dr. Veronica Ramirez-Alcaraz* (Vice-President Elect), *Dr. Kelly Salinas* (Treasurer), *Dr. Alexandra M. Moita* (Councilor), *Dr. Federico L. Sinche* (Councilor), *Dr. Isabel Alvarado-Cruz* (Postdoctoral Representative), and *Mr. Jose F. Delgado* (Student Representative). In the same way, the HOT-SIG is very proud to have several HOT members or strong HOT supporters nominated to serve as officers and members of SOT-elected committees during 2021–2022. We want to congratulate two of our HOT Past-Presidents *Dr. Elena Hernandez Ramón* and *Dr. Pedro L. Del Valle* for being elected to the SOT Membership Committee and the SOT Awards Committee, respectively.

With the outstanding leadership of our Councilor, Dr. Carmen Rubio Armendáriz, we continue reinforcing our current bridge and adding new bridges with sister organizations. Moreover, with the outstanding leadership of Julia Rezende da Silva, we keep reaching you all via ToxEnlaces and Facebook. A special thanks to our donors to help us keep promoting the career development of trainees/scientists of Iberoamerican (Latin-Americans countries, Spain, and Portugal) in toxicology by providing the funds for the HOT awards and the HOT Endowment Funds. We strongly encourage to donate by visiting the SOT's endowment fund website. We strongly encourage you to donate money (any amount will help) to our recently established Endowment Fund and/or look for Sponsors for our Travel Awards (see page 12).

Looking forward to seeing you soon at the 2021 SOT Virtual Annual Meeting events! Stay safe and continue working hard to create a safer and healthier world by advancing science and increasing the impact of toxicology. And remember, together we can continue building bridges with toxicology!

Un fuerte abrazo! #IamHOT

Enrique Fuentes-Mattei, Ph.D.
HOT President

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HOT ACTIVITIES AT SOT

Do not miss the opportunity to attend our traditional HOT Annual Reception! And yes, we are still going to have our virtual SALSA DANCING!

March 25th, 4:15 PM to 5:45 PM ET

HOT ANNUAL
AWARDS
CEREMONY
AND
RECEPTION

HOT SESSION:
GLOBAL
AWARENESS
OF
TOXICOLOGY

If you are a toxicologist interested in international networking, this is a great opportunity to improve your knowledge in toxicology with outstanding speakers!

March 23rd, 11:15 AM ET

REGISTER HERE!

https://www.toxicology.org/events/am/AM2021/registration.asp#Register-now



STRATEGIES TO INCREASE GLOBAL AWARENESS OF TOXICOLOGY: FOCUS ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Session Time: 11:15 AM-2:00 PM US Eastern Time



SOT and IUTOX Efforts to Promote Toxicology Global Outreach Prof. Jose Manautou

Dept. Head of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Assistant Dean for Graduate Education and Research and
Professor of Toxicology, School of Pharmacy, University of Connecticut
President elected of the International Union of Toxicology (IUTOX)



International Mentoring as a Tool to Promote Toxicology Higher Education and Global Outreach

Dr. Zafira Castano Corsino

President/Co-Founder International Mentoring Foundation for the Advancement of Higher Education (IMFAHE), Boston, MA

Senior Scientist Rubius Therapeutics, Cambridge, MA, USA



Internationalization of Research to Improve Diversity and Quality of Science Prof. Silvia Berlanga de Moraes Barros

Senior Professor, Skin Biology Group, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Clinical Chemistry and Toxicology Department, University of Sao Paulo.

Director IUTOX (2019-2022)

Past-President Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists-HOT/SOT (2019-2020)



Challenges for Toxicological Sciences in Latin America Prof. Jesus Olivero-Verbel

Environmental and Computational Chemistry Group, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Zaragocilla Campus

University of Cartagena, Colombia



Challenges for Toxicological Sciences Internationalization in Countries from Africa Prof. Darryl Hood

College of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA

Chair: Aline de Conti, Ph.D.

Staff Fellow Researcher at National Center for Toxicological Research, Food and Drug Administration

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Co-chair: Carmen Rubio Armendáriz, PhD

Senior Professor of Toxicology, Universidad de La Laguna, Canary Island, Spain

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HOT

2020-2021 Achievements

2021-2022 Executive Committee

2020-2021 HOT Achievements		
Awards	• For the 2021 SOT Virtual Meeting , HOT awarded 1 Distinguished Toxicologist Award and 1 Graduate Student Travel Award . Special <u>thank you to our sponsors and congratulations</u> <u>to all the awardees!</u>	
Career Development	 In 2020 with the support of SOT, HOT offered the Mentoring Activity "A path of success: <u>Leadership in Toxicology</u>". The main panelists were: Dr. Silvia Barros, Dr. Pedro Del Valle, Dr. Ofelia Olivero and Dr. Linval DePass, all HOT Past Presidents and leaders in diverse toxicology settings. The webinar had a total of 31 attendees from USA, Brazil, Cuba, Panama, Czech Republic, Mexico and Argentina. 	

HOT Newsletter	 Our newsletter Toxenlaces welcomed a new Editor: Julia Rezende da Silva, BSc. From April 1, 2020-March 1, 2021, 3 Toxenlaces have been published. The HOT newsletter includes a Trainee Section, short Scientific Articles by invited HOT members, HOT Professional Tips, News and achievements from our members, and information on upcoming meetings and opportunities.
HOT Initiatives	 The communications committee has increased social media outreach to 1,164 followers. For the 2021 SOT Virtual Meeting, HOT organized the informational session "Strategies to Increase Global Awareness of Toxicology: Focus on Developing Countries". This session will be online on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 from 11:15 AM to 2:00 PM (ET). The panelists include Dr. Jose Manautou, Dr. Zafira Corsino, Dr. Silvia Barros, Dr. Darryl Hood, and Dr. Jesus Olivero-Verbel. The goals of this session are to highlight the strengths and challenges of toxicological international outreach models in order to maximize the potential to benefit individuals and institutions, and to discuss new strategies to increase the perception and application of toxicology around the world.
International Outreach	 HOT signed agreements with two new sister organizations: Sociedade Brasileira de Ecotoxicologia (ECOTOX Brasil) and Associação Latino Americana de Patologia Toxicológica e Experimental (ALAPTE). Additionally, HOT renewed its agreement with Red Iberoamericana de Toxicología y Seguridad Química (RITSQ).
Participation in SOT	 Several HOT members and HOT Past Presidents participated in the "SOT Focus Group with Latinx Members" organized by 2020-2021 SOT President Dr. George P. Daston. This focus group served as a platform to share experiences, perspectives, and advice on what additional work SOT should do to promote inclusion. Two HOT Past Presidents were nominated and elected for SOT positions: Dr. Pedro Del Valle was elected to be part of the Awards Committee and Dr. Elena Hernandez-Ramon was elected for the Membership Committee. HOT also had other nominees participating in these important elections: HOT Past Presidents Dr. Ofelia Olivero and Dr. Silvia Barros, and HOT Members Dr. Peter Goering and Dr. Kenneth Ramos. We would like to congratulate all the nominees and elected Officers for their involvement in SOT and for representing HOT.
Membership	HOT has 185 members , both students and professionals from over 10 different countries representing academia, industry, government and other sectors that employ toxicologists.



2021-2022 Executive Committee

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2021 H@T AWARDEES



Distinguished
Toxicologist Award
Dr. Silvia Berlanga de
Moraes Barros
University of São
Paulo, Brazil

Graduate Student Travel AwardLuma Melo
Indiana University



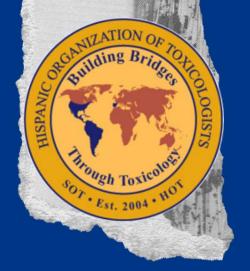
HOT wants to congratulate two of our HOT Past-Presidents for being elected to SOT Committees!



SOT Membership Committee Dr. Elena Hernandez Ramón



SOT Awards Committee Dr. Pedro L. Del Valle

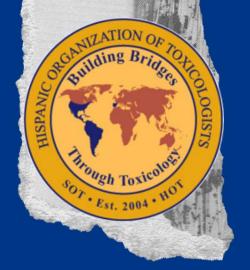




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	Cytoskeleton Rearrangement Induced in RAW264.7 Cells by
Abstract Title	Exposure to Organophosphate Compounds
Session Title	Pesticides
Abstract #	3106
Poster Board #	P237
Presentation Date	24/03/2021
Presentation Time	1:00:00 PM
	David Sebastián Hernández-Toledano, Elizabet Estrada-
Authors	Muñiz, Libia Vega-Loyo The Effects of Endurance Training on High Fat Diet-Induced
Abstract Title	Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease in Male Mice
Session Title	Liver: In vivo
Abstract #	2170
Poster Board #	P163
Presentation Date	17/03/2021
Presentation Time	11:15am-1pm
Authors	Luma Melo, Merve Bilici, Amit Hagar, James E Klaunig
Abstract Title	In silico modeling of bisphenols: pregnancy-specific physiologically-based toxicokinetic models for BPA and BPS
Session Title	Computational Toxicology I
Abstract #	2537
Poster Board #	P275
Presentation Date	22/03/2021
Presentation Time	1:00pm - 2:45pm
Authors	David Filipovic, Jeremy Gingrich, Sudin Bhattacharya, Almudena Veiga-Lopez
	Bisphenol S impairs invasion and proliferation of extravillous trophoblasts through epidermal growth factor receptor
Abstract Title	binding inhibition
Session Title	Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology II
Abstract #	2708
Poster Board #	P174
Presentation Date	23/03/2021
Presentation Time	11:15:00 AM to 1:00:00 PM
Authors	Elvis Ticiani, Yong Pu, Almudena Veiga-Lopez

Abstract Title	Predicted binding sites for bisphenol S within the epidermal
Abstract Title	growth factor receptor
Session Title	Biological Modeling
Abstract #	2366
Poster Board #	P104
Presentation Date	22/03/2021
Presentation Time	
Presentation Time	11:15am to 1pm
Authors	Jose Villegas, Elvis Ticiani, Almudena Veiga-Lopez
	Low dose triphenyltin upregulates ABCA1 expression without altering intracellular cholesterol in ovarian theca
Abstract Title	cells
Session Title	Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology II
Abstract #	2709
Poster Board #	P175
Presentation Date	23/03/2021
Presentation Time	11:15:00 AM to 1:00:00 PM
Authors	Yong Pu, Elvis Ticiani, Denny Martin, Sarah Pearl, Almudena Veiga-Lopez
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Abstract Title	Sex-specific extracellular matrix remodeling during adipogenic differentiation by gestational bisphenol A
Session Title	Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology I
Abstract #	2491
Poster Board #	P229
Presentation Date	22/03/2021
Presentation Time	11:15:00 AM to 1:00:00 PM
Authors	Elvis Ticiani, Yong Pu, Aniyta Waye, Kunzhe Dong, Huanming Zhang, Almudena Veiga-Lopez
Abstract Title	Validation of Zebrafish embryotoxicity test (ZET) as a qualified alternative assay for its regulatory use
Session Title	Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology II
Abstract #	2718
Poster Board #	P184
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Presentation Date	23/03/2021
Presentation Date	
	23/03/2021 11:15:00 AM to 1:00:00 PM A.Alday, J.C. Solis, A.Muriana, C.Quevedo





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Abstract Title	Developmental and Functional Kidney Toxicity Assay in Zebrafish Embryos
Session Title	Kidney
	2132
Abstract #	
Poster Board #	P125
Presentation Date	17/03/2021
Presentation Time	11:15:00 AM to 1:00:00 PM
Authors	E. Hernández, A.Muriana, MJ. Mazón
Abstract Title	Clinical Management of Poisoned Patients: An Educational Intervention for Medicine Students of the University of Concepción, Chile
Session Title	Education, Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues
Abstract #	3061
Poster Board #	POS-119
Presentation Date	24/03/2021
Presentation Time	01:00 PM - 02:45 PM
Authors	Mayerlic Urzúa-Farrán, Claudio Müller-Ramírez
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	Circulating HMGB1 Triggers the Persistent Pro-Inflammatory
Abstract Title	Microglia Phenotype: Implications for Gulf War Illness
Session Title	Neurotoxicity: General
Abstract #	2471
Poster Board #	P209
Presentation Date	22/03/2021
Presentation Time	11:15AM - 2:45 PM
	Carla Garza Lombo, Morrent Thang, Hendrik Greve, Evan
Authoro	Messenger, Chandrama Ahmed, Christen Mumaw, Michelle L Block
Authors	Particulate Hexavalent Chromium Alters microRNAs
Abstract Title	Involved in Carcinogenesis
Session Title	Metals
Abstract #	2073
Poster Board #	P174
Presentation Date	16/03/2021
Presentation Time	1:00:00 PM to 2:45:00 PM
Authors	Idoia Meaza, Rachel M. Speer, Jennifer H. Toyoda, Yuan Lu, Qian Xu, Ronald Walter, Maiying Kong, John Pierce Wise, Sr.

	Advancements on Global Efforts for Protocol Harmonization	
Talk Title	for Zebrafish Toxicology Testing	
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	The Need for Protocol Harmonization in the Advancement	
	of Zebrafish as a Model for Toxicological Screening: Global	
Session Title	Perspectives and Recent Advancements	
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Presentation Date	18/03/2021	
Presentation Time	11:15 AM to 2:00 PM	
	John Ball, Celia Quevedo, Manon Beekhuijzen, N. De Croze,	
	B. Flick, N. Powles-Glover, N. De Croze, B. Flick, N. Powles-	
	Glover, A. Letamendia, Arantza Muriana, Steven Van	
Authors	Cruchten	





MAKE A DONATION TO THE HISPANIC ORGANIZATION OF TOXICOLOGISTS ENDOWMENT FUND

The goal of the HOT AWARD FUND is to encourage students of Ibero-America (Latin-Americans countries, Spain, and Portugal) heritage to start a career in toxicology. The fund will be used to provide awards based on scientific excellence and scientific progress to domestic or international Ibero-american students (undergraduate and graduate students) and postdoctoral fellows whose studies and research interests are in the toxicological sciences, or to those individuals with the objective of promoting global outreach by increasing research/academic excellence or leadership. These awards will be given to support the development of students and postdoctoral fellows through various educational and scientific activities, including, but not limited to: attendance at international scientific meetings to presenters at scientific programs, symposiums, support workshops, courses, internships, etc.

This contribution is U.S. tax deductible, it will be recognized on our webpage and in *Toxenlaces*, but most importantly, it will help tremendously students to achieve their goals.

To donate online, please click <u>here</u> and select HOT Award Fund from the drop down

Scholarship Opportunity for Women in Latin America

British Council offers Masters Scholarships to women in Latin America

The British Council and Imperial College London (United Kingdom) offer six master's scholarships at British partner institutions in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for female students from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru or Venezuela.

The opportunities are for the sub-areas of chemical engineering; environmental engineering; climate changes; ecology, evolution and conservation; machine learning and environmental data; environmental technology; green chemistry; management of water resources; international health management; sustainable energies; transport; taxonomy, biodiversity and evolution.

Each scholarship covers the total cost of the course, monthly personal costs and airfare. It also covers the IELTS exam fee, visa, UK healthcare fee and study materials.

Applicants must demonstrate the need for financial support and say how they can inspire future generations of girls to choose careers in STEM areas.

Candidates can apply until March 26, 2021, via Imperial College London website. Academic activities begin in September or October 2021.

More information at: https://bit.ly/3uNpNin or by

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PLAGBOL – Salud, Agricultura y Medio Ambiente	http://plagbol.org.bo/
Red Iberoamericana de Toxicología y Seguridad Química	http://www.ritsq.org
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Sociedade Brasileira de Ecotoxicologia	https://ecotoxbrasil.org.br/
Sociedad Cubana de Toxicología	http://www.sld.cu/sitios/toxicologia/
Sociedad Mexicana de Toxicología	http://www.somtox.com.mx/
Sociedad de Toxicología de Chile	http://sotox.cl/
Society for Risk Analysis Latin America	http://www.srala.org/
Toxicología Acuática Ambiental, Medicina Veterinaria- Universidad Nacional de Colombia	http://www.docentes.unal.edu.co/jfgonza lezma
Universidad de Cartagena	http://reactivos.com

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HOT wants you to be part of the organization! To make it available to everyone, HOT accepts applications from **non-SOT members** to **become HOT members**. Yes, that is right! You only have to have the desire to collaborate with and be part of our great organization.

Your HOT membership provides you with valuable resources throughout your scientific career as for networking through the largest Hispanic toxicologist community, giving you opportunity for Travel Awards or serving as a mentor to the young Hispanic toxicologists; besides you receive the *Toxenlaces* newsletter!

Download the application by clicking on the following link: **Non-SOT Member Application**. So, what are you waiting for? **We are looking forward to receiving your application today!**

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Don't forget to visit also the SOT Facebook page:

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