

# Toxenlaces

The Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists (HOT) is a Special Interest Group  
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## From the President

### What is in a Nomination?

Dear colleagues and friends,

As the month of September approaches, so do the deadlines for SOT Award nominations. That brings some reflection to us: what is in a nomination?

Nominating is a way to express gratitude and appreciation to the nominated person for her/his effort and consider everybody else needs to know about it because she/he deserves it.

Nominating a colleague, a peer, a student, a professor, a friend, is much more than writing a letter. It is a thoughtful process that involves careful consideration and requires work on our part. Identifying the person is probably the easiest part, but moving into writing a letter, finding her/his CV, asking others to support by writing their own letters, implies time and effort.

Yes, nominating implies effort but recognizing those that deserve it should suffice for us to move forward and put together the strongest package possible for those in our minds. It is a great process for both, nominator and nominee. Even if the award is not granted, the fact that you took time to request recognition to somebody that deserves it shows how much you care.

It is time to nominate your colleagues for the many awards SOT provides as opportunities to recognize others. Please let the SOT community know of those that merit recognition by submitting a nomination.



I encourage you to visit [www.toxicology.org/ai/af/awards.aspx](http://www.toxicology.org/ai/af/awards.aspx) today and identify an award from the many alternatives found there.

It is worthy to mention that HOT is proud every time one of our members is recognized, because every time that happens we feel the Hispanic community, as a whole, is recognized too.

So, let's nominate today and share that pride together tomorrow.

**Ofelia Olivero, Ph.D., ATS**  
HOT President  
*Building Bridges Through Toxicology*

## HOT Sister Organizations



## Apply for Awards

Dear HOT member,

Every year several awards and fellowships are offered by SOT and the SS, SIGs and RCs. Our members received several awards in the past and as a recognition, we reserve a space in our newsletter, just before (or after) the annual meeting highlighting the accomplishments of all our HOT members.

As the chairperson for the awards committee of HOT I would like to encourage all our members to apply for awards. Getting recognition for your work is very important, especially for those that are still in Grad School or Postdoctoral training. Your awards will make a difference on your CV when applying for jobs!

In every publication of *Toxenlaces*, until closer to the Annual Meeting, I will be highlighting one different award and reminding you that it is time to send your application for the awards.

Don't forget that HOT also offers a few travel awards for our members. In this issue of *Toxenlaces* I am highlighting one those awards.

So come on, don't be shy, and nominate yourself or someone that you really admire for that award that is just in the corner, waiting for you. ☺

I wish you all Happy Fall!

**Betina Lew, Ph.D.**  
Chair of Awards Committee. HOT

## Highlighted Award of the Month

### Did you know that the SOT PDA offers a Best Publication Award?

Here are the details:

Presented by the Postdoctoral Assembly (PDA), the Best Postdoctoral Publication Awards recognize outstanding work accomplished during formal mentored postdoctoral traineeships by recognizing recently published exceptional papers in the field of toxicology. Applications are reviewed by the Postdoctoral Assembly Board and outside reviewers with appropriate scientific expertise. The review process follows NIH conflict of interest, confidentiality, and nondisclosure rules.

Criteria for award:

- The research reported in the paper must have been conducted while the author was engaged in a mentored postdoctoral research position, although the author may or may not still be in the postdoctoral position at time of submission
- Member of the Society or membership application submitted by award application deadline
- First author on a peer-reviewed paper published on-line or in print, or in press, between October 1, 2010, and September 30, 2011.
- Application supported by letter from the research advisor
- Only one paper may be submitted by each applicant
- Leadership of the Postdoctoral Assembly are eligible but will not participate in the award determination if nominated

Items needed in the application:

1. Completed award application form, including a statement explaining the significance of the result(s) and indicating how these results impact the advancement of science; download at [http://www.toxicology.org/ai/af/awardDocuments/BPPA\\_applicant\\_form\\_2012.pdf](http://www.toxicology.org/ai/af/awardDocuments/BPPA_applicant_form_2012.pdf)
2. Copy of the nominated paper
3. Letter of acceptance from the editor if the paper is still in press
4. Advisor Nomination form certifying contributions of the applicant, including statement of the work's significance, and detail concerning contributions of the nominee to the research reported in the paper; download at [http://www.toxicology.org/ai/af/awardDocuments/BPPA\\_advisor\\_form\\_2012.pdf](http://www.toxicology.org/ai/af/awardDocuments/BPPA_advisor_form_2012.pdf)

Once completed, send by e-mail to SOT Headquarters at [educ@toxicology.org](mailto:educ@toxicology.org). Deadline is October 9.

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## Graduate Student and Postdoctoral SOT Opportunities

Please go to <http://www.toxicology.org/AI/AF/awards.aspx> and select "For Graduate Students" or "For Postdoctorate Fellows" to see a more comprehensive list of awards and to obtain a description or application criteria for each award.

Applicant Deadline	Graduate Student / Post-doctorate Award Title
Sept 23	Pacific Northwest RC Student Award
Sept 30	Southeastern RC Student Abstract Awards
Oct 9	SOT Graduate Student Travel Support SOT Best Postdoctoral Publication Awards
Oct 9	Perry J. Gehring Diversity Student Travel Award Colgate-Palmolive Postdoctoral Fellowship Award in In Vitro Toxicology
Oct 9	Graduate Student Fellowship—Novartis Award Colgate-Palmolive Awards for Student Research Training in Alternative Methods
Nov 1	Molecular Biology SS Graduate Student Research Award Molecular Biology SS Postdoctoral Fellow Research Award
Dec 1	Biotechnology SS Student Achievement Award Women in Toxicology SIG Postdoctoral Fellow Achievement Award
Dec 16	Inhalation and Respiratory SS Student Award Inhalation and Respiratory SS Postdoctoral Award
Jan 6	Immunotoxicology SS Best Presentation by a Student Award Immunotoxicology SS Best Presentation by a Postdoctoral Trainee Award
Jan 7	<b>Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists SIG Hispanic Travel Award</b>
Jan 12	Mixtures SS Best Student/Postdoc Abstract Awards
Jan 21	Risk Assessment SS Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Award Risk Assessment SS Perry J. Gehring Best Postdoctoral Fellow Abstract Award
Jan 31	Dermal Toxicology SS Battelle Student Research Award Dermal Toxicology SS Student and Postdoctoral Awards
Jan 31	Neurotoxicology SS Graduate Student Poster Award Neurotoxicology SS Postdoctoral Fellow/Associate Poster Award
Feb 10	Drug Discovery Toxicology SS Emil A. Pfitzer Student Award

### Upcoming Events

2011

Sep 14-15	Scientific and Regulatory Issues in Genetic Toxicology <a href="http://www.gta-us.org">http://www.gta-us.org</a>
Sep 18-21	P&G Recruiting Conference FIRST <a href="http://facebook.com/PGFIRST">http://facebook.com/PGFIRST</a>
Oct 3	<b>Deadline for abstract submission to the SOT 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting</b> <a href="http://www.toxicology.org/ai/meet/am2012/submitab.asp">http://www.toxicology.org/ai/meet/am2012/submitab.asp</a>
Oct 9	Deadline to apply for SOT Best Postdoctoral Publication Awards <a href="http://www.toxicology.org/ai/spd/PD-PubAwardAnn.asp">http://www.toxicology.org/ai/spd/PD-PubAwardAnn.asp</a>
	Deadline to apply for The Global Senior Scholar Exchange Program <a href="http://www.toxicology.org/ms/globalFunds.asp#">http://www.toxicology.org/ms/globalFunds.asp#</a>
	Deadline to apply for Minority Undergraduate Student Award Program <a href="http://www.toxicology.org/ai/spd/ug_studentservices.asp">http://www.toxicology.org/ai/spd/ug_studentservices.asp</a>
	Deadline to apply for SOT Award Nomination <a href="http://www.toxicology.org/AI/AF/awards.aspx">http://www.toxicology.org/AI/AF/awards.aspx</a>
Nov 21-23	IV Peruvian Congress of Toxicology <a href="http://www.unmsm.edu.pe/farmacia/eap_toxicologia.htm">http://www.unmsm.edu.pe/farmacia/eap_toxicologia.htm</a>

## Featured Trainee

# Childhood Awakening a Passion for Sciences

**Delfina Romero** knew she wanted to be a biologist since she was a child. Growing up in the countryside of Buenos Aires Argentina, she always was surrounded by nature; then, when she was 11-years old, she got involved in a conservation program of the World Wildlife Fund of Argentina adopting a Pampa's deer, an endangered species on Argentina. Those events were very important in her life giving her the interest to read and investigate about environmental pollution and endangered animals.

In 2008, Delfina earned a Bachelor Degree in Biological Sciences at University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Her thesis was focused on the effects of a commonly used herbicide, glyphosate, on a resistant alga strain. Working on that field, she realized that she really liked the Toxicology area.

With that in mind, after finished her bachelor studies, Delfina started her Ph.D studies in Biology within the Neurotoxicology area, in the Laboratory of Toxicology of Chemical Mixtures at the School of Exact and Natural Sciences, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, under the direction of Dr. Marcelo J. Wolansky. She became interested in study chemical mixtures because living in an agricultural region, where the use of insecticide is common, she thought that it would be very interesting to study the action of mixtures of very low concentrations of insecticides on the nervous system. Thus, Dr. Wolansky experience in Neurotoxicology represented a unique opportunity for Delfina to learn and be trained by a deeply committed scientist in that area.

Delfina explains that most pesticides are synthetic chemicals designed to repel, kill or control any species considered a "pest" including weeds, insects, rodents, fungi and other organisms. The nervous system is the primary target tissue of pyrethroid (PYRs) and organophosphate (OPs) insecticides. Target cells for PYRs and OPs are present in pests and mammals, including humans, and therefore these insecticides may induce neurotoxicity in humans. Her research project is focused in the cellular mechanisms of action of low-dose mixtures of modern insecticides –such as PYRs and OPs- on the mammal nervous system, using the C6 astrocytoma cell line as an *in vitro* model. She is analyzing the action of eight individual compounds and their mixtures on cell viability and morphology as well as cell differentiation and biochemical markers. The goal of these experiments is to identify if insecticides with different mechanisms of action may induce dose or effect additive responses in a mixture of sub-effective levels of individual compounds.

Today, the burden of food and environmental residues, derived from rural and residential applications of commercial PYR and OP products, is generally considered safe for humans based only on the available single-compound toxicological data. The relevance of Delfina's project is related to the fact that there is a consensus on the need of empirical data describing the joint neurotoxicity of pesticide combinations to reach greater accuracy in estimations of health risks for these chemicals. She says "...I think that research in Toxicology of chemical mixtures is very important for future legislations on the use of pesticides and risk analysis efforts".

Delfina is determined to be a skilled researcher having a meaningful and challenging career. She visualizes, as a great achievement in her professional career, to do a postdoctoral research in a foreign country. She says "...it is my goal to bring this experience back to Argentina where I plan to apply the acquired skills to my research, but also to share this experience with my colleagues and promote scientific collaborations and exchanges with people from Argentina and other countries".

## Looking for you!!

# Feature Trainee Needed

It is time the world knows about you!! We are looking for Hispanic trainees to be featured in Toxenlaces. If you are that trainee or if you want to nominate someone, send an email to Veronica Ramirez, Toxenlaces Editor ([ramireva@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:ramireva@ucmail.uc.edu)), for more information.

So, go ahead, we all want to hear about your exciting scientific journey!!




## The Global Strategies Task Force (GSTF) is delighted to announce The Global Senior Scholar Exchange Program

The Global Senior Scholar Exchange Program will sponsor developing country scientists to attend the annual SOT meeting, and spend up to 4 weeks at a partnering U.S.-based academic toxicology department of mutual interest. The principal goal is to increase toxicology capacity in developing countries by reaching out to senior scientists. A primary expectation is for the senior scientists to use this opportunity to strengthen toxicology within their university and country. Other benefits of the program may include access to SOT-sponsored courses and symposia, and visits of the U.S. researcher to the developing country university. Two partnerships will be funded for 2012, one each from the Central/South American and African regions.

Please review the details on eligibility criteria at <http://www.toxicology.org/ms/globalFunds.asp#> and submit your completed application to Shawn Lamb, Executive Director, Society of Toxicology, [shawnl@toxicology.org](mailto:shawnl@toxicology.org), by October 9, 2011. Successful candidates will be notified by November 9, 2011.

## The Committee on Diversity Initiatives invite to participate in the Minority Undergraduate Student Award Program



The Committee on Diversity Initiatives (CDI) hosts the Minority Undergraduate Student Award Program during the SOT Annual Meeting. The program provides the opportunity for qualified students to attend a special program March 10-12, 2012, at the Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting. This program recognizes promising undergraduate science majors and their advisors and informs them about the discipline of toxicology, opportunities in toxicology, and the preparation necessary for a research career. Other benefits of the program include participation in a scientific meeting and interaction with SOT member-mentors and peers. Awardees receive support for transportation/lodging (lodging for those traveling over 50 miles), meals, and registration for the meeting. Students interested in a research career are encouraged to apply. The advisors gain insight into the discipline of toxicology, opportunities in toxicology, and the preparation necessary for a research career. The participants will hear specially selected toxicology lectures, participate in career panel discussions, and attend sessions focused on helping them maneuver graduate school. Students are paired with Host Mentors (established toxicologists) and Peer Mentors (graduate and post-doc students) for informal interaction and mentoring.

The Committee on Diversity Initiatives is asking for your help in reaching undergraduate colleges and universities. Please pass and the link [http://www.toxicology.org/ai/spd/ug\\_studentservices.asp](http://www.toxicology.org/ai/spd/ug_studentservices.asp) to your contacts. Descriptions and applications for the awards are located on the site. The application deadline is October 9, 2011, for the 2012 SOT Annual Meeting. Opportunities for volunteering with the program will be forthcoming.

In addition, CDI has funding for SOT members to visit undergraduate campuses that have a high proportion of students from groups that are underrepresented in the sciences. Visits to historically Black, Hispanic, and Native American colleges and universities, and schools with an enrollment of Hispanic, Black, and/or Native American students that exceeds the representation in the general population fall into that category. This program also helps bring awareness to toxicology by supporting your travel and lodging costs (up to \$500) for undergraduate campus visits. Full details about the Guest Lecturer Program and the application are available on the SOT Web site at <http://www.toxicology.org/ai/eo/toxscholar.asp>

Feel free to contact Jennifer Rayner, ([jrayner@srcinc.com](mailto:jrayner@srcinc.com)) Chair of CDI, or Betty Eidemiller, ([bettye@toxicology.org](mailto:bettye@toxicology.org)) SOT Headquarters, for more information about both programs.



## Invitation to attend the IV Peruvian Congress of Toxicology

The II Congreso Internacional and IV Congreso Peruano de Toxicología (II International Congress and IV Peruvian Congress of Toxicology) will take place on November 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at the Petro Perú Auditorium in Lima. The Congress is organized by the Escuela Académico-Profesional de Toxicología (EAP, Academic/Professional School of Toxicology [http://www.unmsm.edu.pe/farmacia/eap\\_toxicologia.htm](http://www.unmsm.edu.pe/farmacia/eap_toxicologia.htm)), part of the Pharmacy and Biochemistry Faculty of the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (see flyer on page 7).

The goals of this congress are to promote a multidisciplinary approach to general and environmental toxicology, disseminate information about risks to health and the environment from toxicants, stimulate scientific investigation especially in the area of mechanisms of toxicity, and emphasize the need to prevent, detect and treat intoxications. Some highlights of the preliminary program include:

**Roundtables:** Health Effects of Environmental Toxicants; Clinical Toxicology and the Information Centers; Food Safety; The Importance of Forensic Toxicology; The Need for a National Institute of Toxicology

**Conferences:** Environmental Toxicants and Cancer; Environmental Contamination in Peru and Toxicity Prevention; Environmental Legislation; Drug Addiction in Peru; Cicotox as a Center of Toxicity Information; The Need for Municipal Food Toxicology Laboratories

**Platform Sessions:** Environmental Toxicology; Occupational Toxicology; Clinical Toxicology and Information Centers; Food Toxicology; Forensic and Social Toxicology; Cosmetics and Toxicity

**Pre-Congress Courses:** Environmental Toxicology; Drug Addiction; Toxicokinetics and Toxicodynamics

If you are an SOT member and would like to attend the Congress, contact Dr. Jesús V. Lizano Gutierrez ([jlizanog@yahoo.com](mailto:jlizanog@yahoo.com)) or Dr. Erin Hines ([Hines.Erin@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Hines.Erin@epamail.epa.gov)). Dr. Lizano Gutierrez is the Director of the School of Toxicology at Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos and one of the organizers of the Congress. Dr. Hines participation in the Congress and other scientific activities in Peru are funded by the SOT Education Committee through the Global Toxicology Scholar Program.

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# **III Congreso Internacional de Toxicología**

## **IV Congreso Peruano de Toxicología**

**Fecha: 21 al 23 de Noviembre del 2011**

**Lugar: Auditorio de PETROPERU**



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## 2012 HOT-SOT Annual Meeting Sponsors

The Hispanic Organization for Toxicologists (HOT) is a Special Interest Group (SIG) within the Society of Toxicology integrated by professionals of Hispanic origin with expertise in scientific areas associated with Toxicology. HOT membership is diverse representing industrial, academic, governmental, and commercial organizations from the USA and Ibero-America countries. It serves as a focal point for interaction, fellowship, networking, and professional development among Hispanic Toxicologists in the United States and the international Spanish and Portuguese-speaking scientific communities with emphasis in outreach to the Hispanic population and it operates in compliance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Please visit our web site at <http://www.toxicology.org/isot/sig/hot>.

Corporate sponsorship will help HOT bring together Hispanic Toxicologists in the United States and international Spanish and Portuguese-speaking Toxicologists attending the 2012 SOT Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, March 11-15<sup>th</sup> for interaction, networking, mentoring, and expanding the SOT outreach efforts in global toxicology. Your organization's sponsorship will help sustain HOT's effort to promote scientific excellence in toxicology. HOT offers Travel Awards to support Students and Postdocs in the United States and other countries to offset the cost for presenting their research at the SOT Annual Meeting. HOT activities also include the evening reception and dinner sponsorship and bimonthly publication of our newsletter *Toxenlaces*. Your sponsorship also helps increase your organization visibility to SOT and HOT members, annual meeting attendees, and the international Spanish and Portuguese-speaking scientific communities, and provides opportunities for recruiting young scientist and experienced toxicologists to your company.

There are four levels of sponsorship available, as follows:

HOT Distinction Level 1: Evening Reception Sponsorship, \$1,700 or more

HOT Distinction Level 2: Distinguished Hispanic Toxicologist Lecture & Luncheon Sponsorship, \$1,200

HOT Distinction Level 3: Student & Postdoctoral Travel Awards Sponsorship, \$800

HOT Distinction Level 4: *Toxenlaces* Publicity Sponsorship, \$500

If you would like to sponsor any of these events of HOT at the 2012 SOT meeting, please send your check payable to "Society of Toxicology Fund for HOT-SIG" and mail to Society of Toxicology Fund, 1821 Michael Faraday Drive, Suite 300, Reston, VA 20190. If you have any further questions or need clarification, please email your inquires to Sergio Villalobos, Ph.D. Treasurer, [27410@yahoo.com](mailto:27410@yahoo.com).

### 2012 HOT-SOT Annual Meeting Sponsorship Opportunities

#### **HOT Distinction Level 1: *HOT Evening Reception Sponsorship Benefits (\$1,700 or more)***

- Prize drawing box in your booth for a HOT drawing – two prizes awarded. Attendees will drop their business cards at your booth.
- Special front-page sponsorship acknowledgement in the February-March 2012 HOT Newsletter, *Toxenlaces*, copies available at the Annual Meeting HOT stand.
- Acknowledgment of your sponsorship and participation in the HOT Reception Night in a special report about the event in the April-May 2012 *Toxenlaces*, including pictures.
- Special sponsorship acknowledgement in the HOT Web site and *Toxenlaces* Newsletter (June 2012 through May 2013).
- Five invitations to the HOT Reception Night.

#### **HOT Distinction Level 2: *Distinguished Hispanic Toxicologist Lecture or Lunch & Learn Sponsorship Benefits (\$1,200)***

- Special sponsorship acknowledgement in the February-March 2012 HOT Newsletter, *Toxenlaces*, copies available at the Annual Meeting HOT stand.
- Acknowledgment of your sponsorship and participation in the HOT Reception Night in a special report about the event in the April-May 2012 *Toxenlaces*, including pictures.
- Special sponsorship acknowledgement in the HOT Web site and *Toxenlaces* Newsletter (June 2012 through May 2013).
- Four invitations to the HOT Reception Night.

#### **HOT Distinction Level 3: *Student & Postdoctoral Travel Awards Benefits (\$800)***

- Recognition in the February-March 2012 HOT Newsletter, *Toxenlaces*, copies available at the Annual Meeting HOT stand.
- Acknowledgment of your sponsorship and participation in the HOT Reception Night in a special report about the event in the April-May 2012 *Toxenlaces*, including pictures.
- Special sponsorship acknowledgement in the HOT Web site and *Toxenlaces* Newsletter (June 2012 through May 2013).
- Three invitations to the HOT Reception Night.

#### **HOT Distinction Level 4: *Toxenlaces* Publicity Sponsor Benefits (\$500)**

- Dedicated half-page space to publicize your company's products in the HOT Newsletter, *Toxenlaces*, June 2012 through May 2013 issues.
- Recognition in the HOT Web site.
- Two invitations to the HOT Reception Night.

