

**Global Collaboration Coffee
New Orleans, Louisiana
SOT Annual Meeting
March 14, 2016**

Minutes

The Global Collaboration Coffee held in New Orleans at the SOT annual Meeting was the second in a series of three meetings to help IUTOX and its member societies put ideas into action to advance information sharing and solve common problems with available resources.

Elaine Faustman, IUTOX Secretary-General and Emanuela Corsini, Communications Committee Chair, provided an overview of the global collaboration series and introduced the program, which focused on three issues: Mentoring, Finding Funding Opportunities, and Practical Technology Solutions. The group was invited to join one of the three roundtable discussions. The table notes follow:

#1. Mentoring

1. Mentoring needs and activities take different forms in different locales
2. Mentoring is most effective on a local level through organizations such as IUTOX member societies. There must be an understanding of the local community/country to run a successful mentor program
3. Local/regional efforts are more in tune with local needs and more likely to be culturally embedded on a local level.
4. Can IUTOX designate "IUTOX Mentors" to operate out of member society countries; perhaps several mentors per country would be needed.
5. Social media should be considered as an important vehicle to facilitate the mentor-mentee relationships.
6. Can IUTOX establish a blog for student mentees to post FAQs and questions commonly asked of mentors? Is it possible to set up a listserv with reminders and prompts to keep in touch and follow-up with mentors?
7. Evaluate Skype and webinars for mentors/mentees to keep in regular touch on important issues such as career development
8. Imperative to set the expectation with mentees/students that they need to follow through with their mentor's suggestions
9. How/where can mentors learn how to structure a successful program? Mentors need to be actively engaged in the field and in outreach activities.
10. Can IUTOX member societies help the public at large, not just the smaller scope of individuals?
11. What's a good recruiting ground finding mentors? Professors and faculty in medical schools and at graduate schools, which were some of the original places where scientists became interested in toxicology. National Toxicology Program Labs have always been a good place to find leaders and mentors.

12. Internships provide a longer time frame for mentors/mentees to work together with more positive long-term effects.

Mentoring Recommendations:

1. IUTOX should reach out to member societies to identify what type of mentoring programs work best and why.
2. IUTOX should post examples of successful programs and ideas about how to be a successful mentor/mentee, which can be used by other societies in their own locale
3. IUTOX should work more closely with Member Societies to advertise their mentoring programs and ideas. How can IUTOX help spread the word about successful programs and ideas?
4. IUTOX should serve as the clearinghouse of materials on mentoring and other related issues.

2. Funding Opportunities

1. Travel awards are consistently of highest interest to member societies. AAAS, Fogarty awards (NIH grant a must), SOT global initiatives and should be clearly posted on the IUTOX website.
2. Can IUTOX help with equipment donations or help identify resources to post on its website, such as Seeding Labs?
3. Can IUTOX serve as a clearinghouse to post information about attending meetings or finding travel awards? There are vast funding and other resources available through NIH and other US Government agencies, the EU, and large international organizations such as the WHO risk assessment network, ICSU, and others.

#3, Practical Technology Solutions

1. Social media such as FaceBook, Twitter, and LinkedIn can be leveraged to enable greater social interactions among the scientific community for purposes of networking and sharing information.
2. ResearchGate is more useful and science-focused with helpful Q&A sections.
3. Journals available through Open Access are free and excellent sources of information about a broad number of research topics and information.
4. YouTube allows for hands-on learning; helpful to teach methods and procedures
5. World Library of Toxicology is an international website which provides resources by country with some written pieces translated into numerous languages.

6. Charles River and other industry groups provide free webinars
7. The Scientific Liaison Coalition (SLC) provides webinars for its member societies.
8. National Libraries of Medicine area available around the world with free on-line resources.
9. Dr. Peter Goering announced that SOT had developed jump drives with free SOT CE courses and other resources as an answer to providing information to regions of the world where an internet connection may be limited.

Closing

The third global collaboration meeting will be held in Merida, Mexico during ICTXIV where international organizations and their resources will be featured.

IUTOX leadership thanked everyone for their participation and will integrate the ideas and suggestions into its future programming. IUTOX is redesigning its website and will keep in mind the many suggestions made during the session.