

Society of Toxicology Harnesses Virtual Platform to Deliver Annual Meeting Scientific Content

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Although the Society of Toxicology (SOT) 59th Annual Meeting and ToxExpo was canceled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the SOT leadership, volunteers, and staff immediately began work to produce a robust “Virtual Meeting” program to deliver the cutting-edge science that was originally scheduled for in-person presentation.

To this end, the SOT leadership has been utilizing a webinar platform to share content from the meeting. The inaugural Virtual Meeting webinars took place on March 16, 17, and 18, with hundreds of individuals taking part in these alternate-style Scientific Sessions. The enthusiasm with which these virtual events were met makes us hopeful as we continue to explore alternative formats for sharing the science from the meeting, and plans are underway for more webinars to take place regularly over the coming months.

Such online Scientific Session webinars are planned for select Tuesdays or Thursdays, with full slates of expert speakers to deliver science at the forefront of toxicology. Planned sessions are being announced on the SOT blog, website, and social media accounts (Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter) as they are finalized, with registration information available on the [“Virtual Meeting Program” web page](#) on the SOT Annual Meeting website.

In addition, the Society is delivering [Continuing Education \(CE\) courses](#) online on select Fridays, the first of which were held on April 3. All individuals originally registered to attend a 2020 CE course were enrolled in the same course for its webinar presentation. The CE course webinars also are open to additional interested individuals to participate.

[ePosters](#) also are serving as a means to share research that was originally slated for Poster Sessions. A great number of these online poster uploads are available on the [Annual Meeting website](#) and [SOT Event App](#), which remain active. Those interested can browse the catalog of ePosters to explore research at the forefront of the toxicological field.

With these plans in motion to further the Society’s dedication to its members and its science, SOT also looks forward to its 2021 Annual Meeting and ToxExpo in Orlando, Florida. The [2021 Proposal Submission Site](#) is open, and proposals are being accepted through May 15, 2020, at 11:59 pm (ET). The site offers tips and guidelines for [preparing](#) and [submitting](#) Scientific Session and Continuing Education course proposals for this exciting event on the horizon.