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Dear Prof. Abdollahi:

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I am writing this letter to inform you of the Society of Toxicology's (SOT) new initiative to strengthen global partnerships with like-minded societies as a part of its mission of "creating a safer and healthier world by advancing the science of toxicology." One major objective of this new global strategy is to make SOT's significant body of expertise and knowledge easily available to scientists around the world in order to increase the awareness and impact of toxicology on public health. SOT has specifically intensified its efforts to reach out to scientists from developing countries to encourage them to attend and share their research with the increasingly global audience at the annual meetings of SOT.

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This letter highlights the opportunities that SOT has put forth to stimulate interactions between scientists throughout the world with different perspectives and expertise on the global scientific and regulatory issues.

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- Discounted membership dues for scientists from developing countries\* that includes one free Special Interest Group and one free Specialty Section membership, as well as free online access to the SOT journal *Toxicological Sciences*
  - Students and Post Doctoral Fellows: \$10
  - Scientists: \$50
- A 50% discount on all SOT Annual Meeting registration fees for scientists from developing countries\*\*
- Free access to on-line Continuing Education courses for scientists from developing countries\*\*
- Travel awards for experienced scientists, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students (<http://www.toxicology.org/ai/af/awards.aspx>)\*\*
- "Global Gallery of Toxicology" at the 2011 meeting – a poster display where toxicology societies around the world can have a poster to showcase their organization to a global audience (an invitation will be sent via a separate mailing)

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In addition to facilitating participation in SOT's meetings and access to existing information, SOT may have some limited resources to support meetings in your region on topics related to toxicology and public health. This link provides information to request SOT funding or non-funding sponsorship or endorsement of toxicology-related meetings (<https://www.toxicology.org/ms/meetSponsorOpps.asp>).

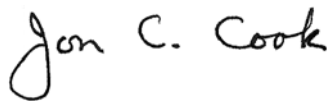
To create small group settings for engagement, SOT has organized several Special Interest Groups (SIGs) for scientists with common ethnicity, country of origin and gender that promote discussion among toxicologists on issues germane to their community. These SIGs can also act as interface between the country's toxicology community and SOT. Currently, the SOT Special Interest Groups include:

- American Association of Chinese in Toxicology
- Association of Scientists of Indian Origin
- Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists
- Korean Toxicologists Association in America
- Toxicologists of African Origin
- Women in Toxicology

SOT would like to engage your society further in the discussion of opportunities for partnership, information exchange and advancement of the science of toxicology globally. We would be pleased to have your feedback on areas of mutual interest and mechanisms for future interactions. As we increase the dialogue, we look forward to developing future opportunities for partnership and impact.

Please share this information with your membership and display the letter in the universities and other institutions that are active in toxicology research. Do not hesitate to contact Kelly Roberts at SOT Headquarters ([kelly@toxicology.org](mailto:kelly@toxicology.org)) for additional information and feedback.

Best regards,



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SOT Vice President

\*World Bank list of Developing countries

\*\*World Bank list of developing, lower middle and upper middle income countries.