

## Awards

**ICT Fellowships:** IUTOX provides financial support to individuals to attend the International Congress through over 40 junior- and senior-toxicologist fellowships. These are aimed at



individuals at an early stage in their careers and at senior toxicologists who are involved in organizational activities in their own national society.

**RASS Fellowships:** Offered through IUTOX, fellowships are offered to post-graduate and post-doctoral toxicologists for attendance at the Risk Assessment Summer Schools.

**SOT/AstraZeneca Fellowships:** Administered by IUTOX, fellowships have been offered to individuals from developing countries to allow them to attend the SOT Annual Meetings.

## Who Can Become an IUTOX Member?

**Member Societies:** National, regional and international groups or societies of toxicologists and scientists in related disciplines may join IUTOX as Member Societies. A national and/or regional society or group must be acknowledged as the primary organization of scientists in that discipline of the country or region represented.

**Associate Members:** Organizations or groups of individuals interested in the advancement of toxicology may be granted associate membership status in the Union.

**Institutional Members:** Organizations interested in providing financial resources to support the activities of the Union may be granted institutional membership status in the Union.

## How can I personally contribute to advancing toxicology globally?

- Encourage your national toxicology group to become an IUTOX member society;
- Attend the ICT, CTDC, and RASS meetings;
- Submit session proposals, abstracts, and volunteer to speak at IUTOX meetings;
- Help translate toxicology materials;
- Ask your organization to contribute financially to IUTOX Programs;
- Make a personal financial contribution to IUTOX.



If you would like further details about membership in IUTOX or more information about sponsorships and how you can help, please contact:

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Fostering international scientific cooperation among toxicologists and promoting global acquisition, dissemination, and utilization of knowledge in the science of toxicology and ensuring continued training and development of toxicologists worldwide.

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## *What is IUTOX?*

IUTOX is the voice of toxicology on the global stage; the organization which seeks to increase the knowledge base of toxicological issues facing humankind and to extend this knowledge to developing societies and nations. Founded in 1980, 47 affiliated societies representing all six continents, IUTOX has over 20,000 toxicologists from industry, academia and government as members, offering a diverse and challenging perspective on every issue and development relating to the profession.

The leadership of IUTOX is held by the Executive Committee (EC), which changes every three years and is elected by the member-society-appointed delegates. The EC reviews and redefines the IUTOX mission to develop and establish objectives and tasks that will ensure that IUTOX continues to be the voice for toxicology internationally.

## *What are the General Objectives of IUTOX?*

- to be the leading international organization in providing toxicologists worldwide with the latest and complete account of global issues in the toxicological sciences;
- to broaden the geographical base of toxicology as a discipline and a profession to all countries of the world;
- to assist in education and career development of young toxicologists; and
- to pursue capacity building in toxicology, particularly in developing countries.

## *How Does IUTOX Make a Difference?*

### *Education*

**ICT Meetings:** IUTOX organizes the largest and most prestigious International Congress of Toxicology (ICT) every three years, offering the opportunity to learn the latest developments in toxicological science and regulation through general scientific sessions and continuing education classes. On a personal level, it provides the opportunity for you to present your own work to this, the largest and most diverse audience of toxicologists, allowing you to network with others in the same field. And, of course, it provides an opportunity for social activities at the conference in different parts of the world (. . . Seattle, USA 1995, Paris, France 1998, Brisbane, Australia 2001, and Tampere, Finland 2004, and the 11th International Congress of Toxicology will be held in Montreal, Canada, July 15–19, 2007).

**CTDC Meetings:** Held every three years, Congress of Toxicology in Developing Countries (CTDC) are sponsored by IUTOX. The meetings provide a forum for discussing toxicological problems facing developing countries in the future and exchanging views with toxicologists from all over the world, especially from developing countries and regions. Previous CTDC congresses were held in Buenos Aires, Argentina 1987, New Delhi, India 1991, Cairo, Egypt 1995, Antalya, Turkey 1999, Guilin, China 2003. The 6th Congress of Toxicology in Developing Countries will be organized as an integrated meeting with the EUROTOX 2006 congress. The EUROTOX 2006/6CTDC will be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, September 20–24, 2006.

**RASS Meetings:** Between International Congresses, IUTOX sponsors advanced training for selected post-graduate and post-doctoral toxicologists in risk assessment, through the

Risk Assessment Summer School (RASS). Risk assessment is the ultimate purpose to which toxicological testing and evaluation is directed, providing the information for decision making by industry and governments (on behalf of the population at large). The next RASS is scheduled for September 2–10, 2006 in Germany.

**Continuing Education in Developing Countries:** IUTOX also sponsors training courses world-wide and, in the last few years; these have been conducted in Thailand, Tanzania, Mexico, Venezuela, Argentina, Chile, Egypt, Poland, Hungary, China, South Africa, Slovenia, Estonia, Georgia, and India.

### *Scientific Projects*

IUTOX has official status as a non-governmental organization (NGO) affiliated with World Health Organizations. It therefore works closely with the WHO's International Program of Chemical Safety in training toxicologists and establishing capability in toxicology on a world-wide basis. What's more, as a member of the International Council of Science (ICSU), the premier international body that represents all scientific activities, IUTOX advances interests of toxicology as a profession everywhere.

IUTOX has participated in a number of international scientific projects including:

- GM Foods Monograph
- Environmental Estrogens Monograph/Book/Workshop

**IART:** IUTOX has played a significant role in the development of the International Assembly for the Recognition of Toxicologists (IART). IART is a forum for the development of criteria for recognizing qualified experts in toxicology; assisting toxicology organizations in establishing these criteria and using them in the recognition of toxicologists; and promoting identification of education and training needs to enhance expertise in toxicology.