



With International Collaborations on the Rise, SOT Offers Face-to-Face Research Exchange Opportunity

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A 2015 report by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) estimated that there are 7.8 million researchers worldwide, representing all scientific disciplines—a growth of 21% from 2007. From 2008 to 2014, publications with authors from Africa, the Arab states, and Asia increased by 60%, 109%, and 58% respectively (UNESCO 2015). Furthermore, publications with authors from different countries rose from 16% of the total number of publications in 2006 to 21% in 2016 (National Science Board 2018).

With scientific issues such as climate change, plastic pollution, and persistent organic pollutants—to name a few—spanning beyond political and geographic borders to impact human, animal, and environmental health on a global scale, the importance of international collaborations will likely continue to grow. Providing forums and opportunities for researchers and organizations to connect, exchange ideas, share research, and form lasting relationships has always been and will continue to be a priority for SOT, which is why the Society is co-hosting the [IUTOX 15th International Congress of Toxicology \(ICTXY\)](#), July 15–18, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

With the congress focusing on “Toxicology Solutions for Global Public, Environmental, and Personal Health,” speakers for the [20 Symposia](#) and [8 Continuing Education Courses](#) represent 22 countries with nearly 60% of presenters residing outside the United States. In addition, the event will feature around 600 abstract presentations by authors from 58 countries with 38% of the Poster and Platform Sessions being comprised of individuals residing in developing countries.

Beyond individuals presenting their latest findings, organizations and companies will exhibit their support for toxicological research and showcase their products, services, and

resources connected to toxicology through numerous [exhibiting](#), marketing, and [support](#) opportunities.

Taking place at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu, the three-day event promises daytime temperatures in the high 70s and low 80s Fahrenheit. In terms of transportation and housing, all major US airlines and 16 international carriers service the Honolulu, Oahu, airport, and SOT has secured [exclusive room rates](#) at the Hilton Hawaiian Village® Waikiki Beach Resort and the Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra.

Do not miss this unique opportunity to discuss toxicology with researchers from almost 60 countries. [Register for ICTXV](#) by May 31 to obtain the standard registration rate. Housing closes in June.

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