FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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This ToxTalk bulletin is being produced as a communication tool to accompany the inserts noted above. Additional information on many of the following topics will be included in the next regular edition of ToxTalk. The deadline for the March issue is FEBRUARY 1, 1993.

DUES: More than 50% of our members have paid their 1993 dues at the time of this mailing. These members will find enclosed a sheet containing a membership card and receipt. Please read this sheet carefully. You are responsible for notifying Pat Monforte of any necessary corrections before the next directory is published (February).

If you did not yet pay your 1993 dues, a notice is enclosed. Please note you will be subject to the $7 late fee. Immediate payment will insure your inclusion in the 1993 SOFT Directory.

IN MEMORIUM: We regret to announce the death of Abe Stolman. An appropriate notation will appear in the March issue of ToxTalk.

1993 SOFT/CAT MEETING PLANS UNDERWAY! Watts et al are preparing a flyer and registration forms. These will be distributed at the AAFS meeting and included in the March issue of ToxTalk. Make sure you do not miss any meeting deadlines - particularly for the Grand Canyon workshop as registration is strictly limited. This meeting is shaping up to be an event not to be missed. (Pat's note: Anyone missing this one will be sorry!)


A special "thank you" to Radian - not only were they the first to officially register as 1993 exhibitors, but Radian has also offered to sponsor a hospitality room during the entire meeting. Vickie will have more information on this later. We will acknowledge exhibitors and corporate sponsors in the March issue of ToxTalk. Companies wishing to exhibit should contact Tom Simonick immediately at 602-644-2077.

Joint Meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) and the California Association of Toxicologists (CAT)

October 11-16, 1993 Phoenix, Arizona

Contact: Vickie W. Watts
Mesa Police Crime Lab
130 N. Robson, Mesa, AZ 85201
Phone: 602-644-2077 FAX: 602-644-2478
JOB WELL DONE - Congratulations to the 1992 Meeting Committee for executing a very successful meeting with a $13,000 profit. Just when 1992 meeting host Neal Reading thought he might be able to relax after diligent pre- and post-meeting work, he had a very serious fall, has only recently been released from the hospital, and will require immobilization for two months for his leg to heal. Cards may be sent to Dr. Reading at Tanner St., Manchester, CT 06040.

CONGRATULATIONS, JOE MONFORTE, who will soon be retiring from the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office after more than twenty years of service. Dr. Monforte will continue in the profession in other capacities.

AAFS MEETING EVENTS TO NOTE:

2/17 SOFT BOARD MEETING 8:00 a.m., Boston University Room (Marriott)
2/16 ABFT BOARD MEETING 5:30 p.m., Regis Suite (Marriott)
2/19 HHS/MLCP INSPECTORS 6:00 p.m. Pre-registration by Feb. 1st requested (Marriott all week - Raffle tickets will be distributed (see below*)

*ABOUT THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS: Remember those great SOFT/CAT 1993 meeting buttons distributed at the last SOFT meeting? Demand is high / supply is low. Please bring and wear your button to promote your next meeting. Persons wearing a SOFT/CAT button or a tie that has been cut off (no matter how old) will be given a chance for a special promotional drawing at the SOFT/CAT Phoenix meeting (you must be present to win.) We'll start you off with the raffle coupon at the bottom of this page - just fill it out, cut it off, and mail today.

COMMUNIQUE FROM PAT: The SOFT Administrative Office is still in Michigan and will be so until further notice (pending sale of our house). We have an address in Prescott, Arizona, but do not have a mailbox yet, so if you can't find me, you may send correspondence via President Alphonse Poklis or use the SOFT Temporary Contact, 8503 N 104th Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345. We don't expect to relocate before May 1st. Meanwhile, you may still contact me at the Grosse Pointe Park address and phone/FAX (313-884-4718)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES: Refer to the Dec. 1992 issue of ToxTalk for more information on the positions:

FORENSIC TOXICOLOGIST, Ph.D. Contact Research Triangle Institute, HR (BOC-E), PO Box 12194, RTP, NC 27709-2194.

TOX BUREAU HEAD FOR NEW MEXICO. Call Ms. Carlucci at 505-841-2547.

New listings: (Additional information will appear in the March ToxTalk)

Aloha! TECHNICAL DIRECTOR for Tripler Army Med Ctr FTDTL in Honolulu. Call Maj Aaron Jacobs at 808-433-5176.

CHIEF TOXICOLOGIST: M.E.O., Chapel Hill, NC. Call Nancy Moore 919-966-2253

------------------------- cut raffle ticket here and mail today ------------------------

YES: I plan to attend the 1993 SOFT/CAT meeting in Arizona and want to enter the promotional raffle drawing.

NAME ____________________________

ADDRESS _______________________________________________________________

City ____________________________ State __________ Zip Code __________

I am a member of SOFT __ CAT __ Both SOFT & CAT __ neither __________

NOTE: You must attend the 1993 SOFT/CAT meeting to be eligible. Write CLEARLY so we can read your name.

MAIL TO Vickie Watts (address on other side) - one mail entry per person (additional entries accepted at the AAFS meeting if you wear your SOFT/CAT button or a cut-off tie).