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(Detroit Area!)
Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI
October 13-17, 2002

ToxTalk is mailed quarterly (bulk mail) to members of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Inc. It is each member's responsibility to report changes of address to the SOFT mailing address (Mesa, AZ - above). Non-members may now receive ToxTalk for $15 per calendar year. Make your check payable to SOFT and mail it directly to the ToxTalk Editor.

DEADLINES: Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, and Nov. 1.

NEXT DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2002
I appreciate this opportunity to serve as President of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists. When joining SOFT many years ago, I never imagined myself in this prestigious role. I became involved and enjoyed membership on different committees as well as serving as a director and holding various offices. Working with the current officers, directors and members to maintain SOFT as a well-respected forensic toxicology organization is a joyfully anticipated goal.

The annual meeting is the most significant activity of SOFT. It takes countless hours of preparation by a few select, very dedicated and talented people but benefits all of us. On behalf of the hundreds of SOFT members who attended our great SOFT 2001 meeting - THANK YOU Pat Pizzo, her committee and New Orleans for the very successful meeting.

Looking forward to this October, Brad Hepler, Dan Isenschmid, and Amanda Jenkins have another tremendous scientific and social program planned for October 13th to 17th at the beautiful Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan. We've all heard comments that there are too many great workshops to choose between - such a terrible problem to have! Hotel, abstract and registration information can be found in this issue of ToxTalk and on the SOFT web-site. Some important deadlines to keep in mind are: Abstracts are due June 1, 2002; Early registration deadline is August 30, 2002. If you would like to assist in any way, contact Brad, Dan or Amanda.

A most enjoyable job of the President is appointing the various Committee Chairs. These individuals provide a tremendous service to SOFT, and, therefore, YOU. My thanks to those continuing in their positions, and welcome to three new committee chairs. Rebecca Jufer is now chair of the Continuing Education Committee, a relatively new committee whose primary purpose is to provide low cost educational opportunities outside the annual meeting. This committee is in the process of developing a new course to move to multiple locations. Look for information in future issues of ToxTalk and on the web-site. Carl Selavka has agreed to chair the Ethics committee, and he has worked with Secretary Graham Jones to add an ethics statement to all SOFT membership forms. Fiona Couper has assumed the chair of the Joint SOFT/AAFS Drugs and Driving committee. This very active committee is coordinating a workshop for the upcoming SOFT meeting that will bring prominent researchers in simulator and on-the-road impaired driving research to SOFT members.

Interested in becoming an active member of SOFT and taking advantage of the many opportunities to enhance your professional life and establish a network with your colleagues? The annual meeting requires all levels of participation, from registration to presenting. Joe Monforte, our steadfast editor of ToxTalk, is always inviting SOFT members to participate by submitting a case note. Some committee memberships are restricted, but most are open to all who are interested. Below are the committees, their chairs and contact information for the chair. Your professional enrichment may be only a few keystrokes away - contact me or the committee chair directly. Please forward any ideas, suggestions or concerns that you have regarding SOFT to me or any other Board member or committee chair.

SEE YOU IN DEARBORN!

President Farrell encourages your comments and ideas. Contact Laurel at laurel.farrell@cdps.state.co.us

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Preliminary Information

Plan now to attend the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists at the beautiful Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan, conveniently located between the Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and Downtown Detroit. The meeting will feature workshops on Sunday and Monday and scientific sessions Tuesday through Thursday. Many special events will be featured including a gala President's reception Wednesday evening at the Henry Ford Museum. Additional information on the meeting will be available from the SOFT website and in this issue of ToxTalk, including abstract forms and registration materials.

We look forward to seeing you in Southeast Michigan for the 2002 Fall Foliage Season!

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SOFT Treasurer's Report: January-December 2001

Submitted by Dan Isenschmid, Ph.D., SOFT Treasurer

$220,738.27 OPENING BALANCE: $229,382.22 CLOSING BALANCE
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1,000.00 New Account (transfer) 2,735.00 CPA Fees
90.00 SOFT Logo Items 170.00 Incorporation Fee
90.00 ToxTalk Subscriptions 200.00 Insurance

$8,643.94 NET INCOME 1,875.16 Continuing Education
(income - expenses) 2,335.00 ERA Fund Awards

Did you know...
SOFT's finances are reviewed annually by the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee

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NEW DRUGS

Efavirenz (Sustiva®)

Submitted by Dr. Peter Singer, Alberta Justice Medical Examiner, Edmonton, Canada

Manufacturer: DuPont Pharmaceuticals
Chemical Name: (S)-6-chloro-4-(cyclopropylethynyl)-1,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-3,1-benzoxazin-2-one
FDA Approval: September 17, 1998
Use: Antiviral, (reverse transcriptase inhibitor) used with other anti-HIV medication

Molecular Formula: C_{14}H_{9}ClF_{3}NO_{2}
Molecular Weight: 315.68

Half-Life T1/2: 52-76 h single dose, 40-55 h after 10 days of continuous use.
PKa: 10.2
Dose: Capsules of 50, 100 and 200 mg. Initial dose 600 mg once /day.
Binding: >99% protein bound.
Absorption: Peaks 3-5 hours after dose and steady-state is reached after 6-10 days. After 600 mg/day doses steady state levels are C_{max} 4.1 ± 1.1 mg/l (12.9 ± 3.7 μM) C_{min} 1.7 ± 1.0 mg/l (5.6 ± 3.2 μM) and AUC 58 ± 23 mg.h (184 ± 73 uM.h). Levels are dose proportional. Peak plasma concentrations are 0.5 to 2.9 mg/l (1.6 to 9.1 μM) after single doses of 100 to 1600 mg.

Metabolism: Metabolised by CYP3A4 and CYP2B6 to hydroxy metabolites with subsequent glucuronidation. Induces its own metabolism.
Adverse effects: Dizziness, impaired concentration, somnolence, depersonalisation, abnormal dreams, insomnia and rash. May be habit forming. There is a low incidence of very severe psychiatric symptoms including severe depression or mania, suicidal ideation, hallucinations and possible psychosis. Adverse effects may begin within a day or two of initiating therapy and often resolve within 2 to 4 weeks. Patients should be alerted to the potential for additive central nervous system effects in combination with ethanol.

Extraction: Liquid-liquid chlorobutane extraction at pH 8 extracts well, (see fig. 1), however, it does not survive an acid back-extraction / clean-up step (see fig. 2). Is Insoluble in water.
Instrumentation: Readily detected by NPD, ECD and GC/MSD (see MS, fig. 3). Oven program 80° hold for 0.5 min to 300° at 20° / minute, hold for 3 min. HP5 column, 10 m x 0.25 mm id x 0.5 μm film thickness. Elutes at 8.07 min, (internal standards elute at: mepivacaine 7.69 min, SKF525 at 8.80 min and prazepam at 10.06 min). Not quantitated.

Occurrence: Readily detected in blood. Also small amounts are found in urine, co-occurring with large amounts of the hydroxy compound (see MS, fig. 4); the hydroxy metabolite(s) elute(s) in a broad peak, 0.27 minutes after the parent. May give false positive urine cannabinoid immunoassay (CEDIA DAU) test.
Fig 1: Efavirenz TIC (pH8 extraction)

Fig 2: Efavirenz TIC (acid back-extraction)

Fig 3: MS fragmentation Efavirenz (246, 180, 315)

Fig 4: MS Fragmentation Hydroxy-Efavirenz (282, 196, 331)

"NEW DRUGS" FEATURE

Submit information on new drugs relative to forensic toxicology to Daniel Anderson, M.S.
L.A. County Coroner's Dept., 1104 N. Mission Road, Los Angeles, CA 90033
E-mail: danderso@co.la.ca.us Ph: 323-343-0530

Visit the SOFT Web-site at www.soft-tox.org and get the latest information on items of interest to SOFT members.

Web Master Bruce Goldberger welcomes comments. To gain access to SOFT's on-line membership directory and drugs and driving pages, you must type the username: drugs and password: #cocaine

SOFT has recently implemented broadcast messaging capability so that e-mail messages can be sent to all members. Please verify your e-mail address in the SOFT membership directory, and if it is incorrect, send your updated information to info@soft-tox.org.

Pay attention to this disclaimer

Your official e-mail address, as listed in the 2001 SOFT directory, will be utilized for all SOFT e-mail broadcasts. E-mail addresses will not be updated or changed unless you contact the webmaster directly at info@soft-tox.org.
A tragic end of a Birthday party – Fatal Intoxication with 4 MTA

By Magdalene Weise, Institute for Legal Medicine, Martin Luther University Halle Wittenberg, Franzosenweg 1, D-06097 Halle. (2001) 68 (1): 39

By 1998, England had reported 12 deaths related to a new designer amphetamine, 4-Methylthioamphetamine (4 MTA). This is the report of the first death due to this drug in Sachsen-Anhalt. A 27 year old man told three teenagers with whom he was abusing MDMA and cocaine, that he would procure for them a drug that was better than MDMA. He stated that he had consumed the MTA the week before and that it was a pleasurable experience. The following night at a birthday party the four consumed various numbers of MTA pills. The ingestion of the MTA caused the death of a 17-year-old girl. The pills, which did not contain a logo, weighed 0.25 to 0.3 g. The pills were found to contain about 57% MTA by weight. Serum and urine of all 4 were analyzed by taking 1 ml of sample and spiking with a 25 μl mix of internal standard (containing 250 μg D5 of Amphetamine, MDMA, MDEA, MBDB). To this 2 ml of 0.1 N NaOH was added. This solution was poured through an Extrelut NT column (Merck) and eluted with Ether. The Extract was evaporated at 30°C to dryness and derivatized with trifluoroaceticanhydride. 1 μl split injection of the resulting solution was made on HP 5890/5972 system in the SIM mode. GC conditions were 250°C injector temperature, HP5 column (30m, 0.25 mm film thickness) and helium flow rate of 1 ml/min. Oven temperature started at 60°C for two minutes then ramped at 20°C/min to 250°C. MS temperature was 280°C.

Results of Blood and urine for 4 individuals (mg/L)

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This case resulted in the conviction of the 27 year old man to 3 – 5 years in prison without the possibility of parole. %

CALL FOR CASE NOTES

We need your contribution! This need not take much time.

Your case note should be about 1/2 page in length, no more than a full page. Material and/or a disk (arial font, size 10, Microsoft Word 6.0 preferred) may be submitted to:

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Other items of interest to SOFT members are also welcome.
ELMER GORDON OPEN FORUM
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL DIALOGUE

Send items for this section to Editor Joseph Monforte: E-mail DrMonforte@aol.com or fax to 480-595-6663.

Mark Lewis says "Thank You" to all for your concern regarding the health of his son, 27-year-old Tim Lewis. For an update or to send further words of encouragement and best wishes to Mark and Carol Lewis: Markblewis@aol.com.

Pat Monforte's shoulder surgery was postponed to January 7th. She is now in therapy 5 times a week and is not recovering as well as she thought she would, but hopes for a full recovery. Joe and Pat thank you for your concern and good wishes.

WANTED: "SOFT PHOTOGRAPHS and OFFICIAL PHOTO-TWEEKER" Here's the idea - You send your great photos from SOFT meetings (maybe even a few AAFS), and they will be converted into a photo presentation for the 2002 SOFT Annual Meeting in Michigan (Elmer Gordon?). First, someone must volunteer to receive and scan the photos. Photos will be returned to you at the 2002 meeting. So start dusting off the old photographs. If we get a volunteer by May 1st, further information will be in the June issue of ToxTalk.

Rory Doyle, of the CA Dept of Justice, writes: "I am looking around for information on 2-C-B. Can it be analyzed with GC/MS after it has passed through the body? Will the parent drug still be identified or not? And what metabolites are evident by GC/MS? And what manipulations would need to be done to chromatograph the drug?" If you can help, contact Rory.Doyle@doj.ca.gov.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Positions available are listed for the consideration of SOFT members. There is no fee for this service. The information will be repeated in the next issue only if the person who submitted it confirms the information. If you have a job position available, FAX (480-595-6663) or E-MAIL (DrMonforte@aol.com) to ToxTalk or mail to the address below.

ASSISTANT CHIEF TOXICOLOGIST (Toxi IV): Ph.D., analytical, tox lab and supervisory experience desirable; to supervise and do bench work. $72,032/yr. Contact Dr. Nancy Wuchen, Chief Toxicologist, Cook Co. M.E.O., 2121 W Harrison St, Chicago, IL 60612.

CLINICAL HEALTH SCIENTIST SPECIALIST Level 14: Ph.D. + 3 yrs experience (alcohol related, preferred); to provide tox expertise and administer statewide breath alcohol program for Mich. State Police. $24.29 - 33.09/hr. Contact F/LT. Eric Johnson at 517-336-6611 or johnsoneric@michigan.gov.

Employment opportunities are also listed on the SOFT website. For more information, go to www.soft-tox.org.

PROFESSIONAL CALENDAR

SOFT MEETINGS: 2002 - Detroit, MI - Dan Isenschmid / Brad Hepler October 13-17, 2002
2003 - Portland, OR - Kent Johnson
2004 – Washington, D.C. - Marc LeBeau

R F Borkenstein Course on Alcohol, Drugs and Highway Safety: Testing, Research and Litigation: May 12-17 2002. Contact dlindsay@indiana.edu.


International Association Of Forensic Sciences: September 2-7, 2002, Montpellier, France. Information by e-mail: algcsi@mnet.fr.

All members and others are encouraged to contribute to ToxTalk. Please mail your contribution to:
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SOCIETY OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGISTS
2002 ANNUAL MEETING
HYATT REGENCY
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN
OCTOBER 13-17, 2002
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
REGISTRATION FORM
WELCOME!

We look forward to seeing you at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists at the newly renovated Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan conveniently located between the Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and Downtown Detroit. The meeting will feature workshops on Sunday and Monday and scientific sessions Tuesday through Thursday. As you will notice in the preliminary program, the meeting will be virtually all-inclusive. Continental breakfast will be available daily, and lunches will be provided on Tuesday through Thursday. In addition there will be a welcoming reception and a reception with the exhibitors. Finally there will be a gala President's reception Wednesday evening at the remarkable Henry Ford Museum featuring genuine Motown entertainment!

Weather
You will need your camera, as you will be visiting the Detroit area at or near peak fall foliage. The weather in October is pleasant with mild days around 60°F and cool, crisp evenings around 40°F.

Hotel Accommodations
Reservations ($120 single/double + tax) may be made on-line through the link on the SOFT web-site www.soft-tox.org. Select your desired arrival and departure dates and type G-SOFT in the Group / Corporate space to obtain the group rate on-line. You may also call the hotel directly at 1-313-593-1234. To obtain the group rate, you must tell the reservations agent that you are with the Society of Forensic Toxicologists. The deadline for the special SOFT rate is Friday, September 13, 2002.

Airport
You will be flying into Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW). There is no hotel shuttle from the airport, but there is a wide variety of ground transportation available including shuttle vans, taxis and limousines. There are Ground Transportation booths available to assist you in the baggage claim areas. You can obtain most of the airport information you will need at www.metroairport.com. If you arrive on Northwest Airlines you will be arriving in the spectacular new $1.2 billion Edward H. McNamara Terminal (opening February 24, 2002). For Northwest Airlines reservations and information about the new airport visit Northwest Airlines on the web at www.nwa.com

Things to Do
There is much to see and do in the metropolitan Detroit area. For additional information visit www.visidetroit.com. Although a rental car is not necessary at the meeting, a rental car is recommended if you plan to do extensive sightseeing. A car rental desk is available in the Hyatt Hotel Lobby. Hotel parking is complimentary. A concierge is also available at the hotel to assist you in making local arrangements. There are several restaurants and a large shopping mall within walking distance of the hotel. You may preview the shopping mall at www.shopfairlane.com. If your schedule allows your visit to extend beyond the metro area information may be found at www.michigan.org. Finally, don’t forget to look at the web-site of the Henry Ford Museum where our President’s reception will be held by clicking the following link www.hmgv.org.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN!

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Workshop # 1 – Sunday, October 13, 2002  
DUID - From Research to the Courts  

This full day workshop will focus on two aspects of DUID cases. Opening remarks, provided by NHTSA, will outline their involvement in DUID programs and research.

The first area of focus will be driving research studies. We will look at both driving simulator and on-the-road research studies. Two researchers will present the components of driving, how their protocols measure performance and if these performance measures are adequate to determine drug impairment. Both will present an overview and summary of results for all studies completed at their facilities and then they will each take one study and go through it in detail. Lastly, they will provide information on future projects.

The second area of focus will be successful prosecution of a DUID case. A prosecutor will review the current DUID statutes, United States and other countries, and pertinent case law in the area of DUID. “What do prosecutors really need to know to successfully prosecute a DUID?” This will be delineated with information provided on formal training available to prosecutors, how toxicologists can get more involved in this training in their states, and how to best provide the informal training many of us do for prosecutors in each case we are involved in. We will also have a representative from the National Judicial College to provide information on the training available to judges.

Workshop # 2 – Sunday, October 13, 2002  
Pharmacogenomics as an Adjunct for Certifying Drug Toxicity in Forensic Toxicology  
Chair: Steven Wong, Ph.D.  

Pharmacogenomics is an emerging clinical discipline that attempts to correlate drug dose and response to the genomics of the drug metabolizing enzyme and receptors of individual patients. In forensic toxicology genotyping drug metabolizing enzymes may serve as a useful adjunct for assessing drug toxicity. This introductory workshop will establish the basis of molecular biology, and introduce the principles of pharmacogenetics. This information will serve as the basis for assessing the usefulness of pharmacogenomics in deaths involving drugs utilized in psychiatry, addiction, and pain management.

Workshop # 3 – Sunday, October 13, 2002  
Forensic Toxicological Aspects of Human Growth and Development  
Chair: Michael Corbett, Ph.D.  

This workshop will discuss the impact of age with respect to forensic toxicology. Infants, young children and the elderly vary in pharmacokinetic parameters compared with most adults. Differences in external environments of these individuals such as access to drugs also impact the likelihood of drug detection. Pharmacological and external factors affecting drug detection during growth and development will be delineated.
Workshop # 4 – Sunday, October 13, 2002
1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Solid Phase Extraction: Scientific Theory and Applications in Forensic Toxicology
Chair: Michael Telepchak, B.S., M.B.A.

This workshop will discuss the history and development of SPE with emphasis on basic silane chemistry and the manufacturing of bonded silicas. The effects of pH, polarity, and solubility on extraction performance will be delineated. Troubleshooting and extraction optimization will be followed by SPE applications with respect to mass spectrometric analysis of opiates, amphetamines and newer drugs such as GHB.

Workshop # 5 – Monday, October 14, 2002
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Club Drugs and Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault
Co-Chairs: Sarah Kerrigan, Ph.D., Laureen Marinetti, M.S., Adam Negrusz, Ph.D.

This workshop will discuss the pharmacology, toxicology and analysis of substances commonly encountered as either club drugs or in cases of DFSA. These drugs include GHB, MDMA, Ketamine, LSD, flunitrazepam, methamphetamine and ethanol. The history of raves and the club culture will be explored as well as new psychoactive herbs and supplements that are emerging as legal alternatives to conventional club drugs.

Workshop # 6 – Monday, October 14, 2002
8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Pharmacology and Toxicology of Brain Drugs
Co-Chairs: Randall Commissaris, Ph.D., Laureen Marinetti, M.S.

Researchers from Wayne State University in Detroit will present this workshop. The workshop will include an introduction to the principles of drug action and discuss concepts of receptor theory, dose response curves, drug efficacy and potency issues especially as they apply to the newer partial agonist type drugs (e.g., buprenorphine [Buprenex]), and concentration versus effect relationships. An overview of neuropharmacology and an introduction to several new psychotherapeutic agents, focusing primarily on the monoamine neurons dopamine, norepinephrine and serotonin will follow. The last three presentations will focus on current drugs of abuse including Ecstasy and GHB.

Workshop # 7 – Monday, October 14, 2002
8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Applications using MS/MS: Ion Traps or Triple Quads - How to Decide
Chair: Cheryl Ehorn, B.S.

This workshop will focus on comparing ion trap instruments with the bench top triple quadrupole instrument. A brief perspective on the evolution of the ion traps and the triple quads will feature new capabilities including small size, high sensitivity, versatility and efficient MS/MS (as well as MS^n on the ion trap). Key analytical issues to be addressed are ease of use, sensitivity, linear dynamic range, and quantitation (including the use of co-eluting internal standards). Applications to be discussed using the techniques of MS/MS include drugs in urine, blood, hair and alternate matrices.

Workshop # 8 – Monday, October 14, 2002
1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Medicolegal Death Investigation
Chair: Carl Schmidt, M.D.

The investigation of sudden and unexpected death as practiced by the Forensic Pathologist forms the basis for this workshop. How traumatic and pathological changes seen at autopsy relate to the proper and complete understanding of cause and manner of death will be discussed in light of case history, scene investigation, and toxicology findings. Examples of how the balance between pathological and toxicological causes of death is weighed are highlighted as a central theme of this workshop.
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Saturday, October 12, 2002 (Pre-Meeting Events)
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. NLCP Inspector Training
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. CAP Inspector Training
3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Registration

Sunday, October 13, 2002
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon ABFT Examination
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. #1: DUID - Research to the Courts
8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon #2: Pharmacogenomics as an Adjunct for Certifying Drug Toxicity
12 noon - 6:00 p.m. #3: Forensic Toxicological Aspects of Human Growth & Development
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. #4: SPE: Scientific Theory and Application in Forensic Toxicology
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. NLCP/DOT Lab Directors Workshop

Monday, October 14, 2002
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Exhibit Set Up
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. #5: Club Drugs and Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault
8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon #6: Pharmacology, Toxicology of Drugs and the Brain
8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon #7: Tandem MS/MS - Ion Traps or Triple Quads: How to Decide
12 noon - 6:00 p.m. SOFT Board Meeting
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. #8: Medicolegal Death Investigation
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception Featuring Microbrews / Snacks

IMPORTANT DEADLINES
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE – JUNE 1, 2002
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE – FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2002 (POSTMARK OR FAX)
LAST DATE FOR PARTIAL REFUND – FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2002
LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE BY MAIL – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2002 (POSTMARK)
HOTEL RESERVATION CUT-OFF DATE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2002
POWERPOINT SUBMISSION CUT-OFF DATE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2002
LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE BY FAX – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2002
Tuesday, October 15, 2002

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Bob Bost Consultants Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Registration
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. General Session 1
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Exhibits Open
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon  General Session 2
12 Noon – 2:00 p.m.  Lunch, Visit Vendors and Posters
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Poster Session 1 Open
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Poster Session 1 Presenters
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  General Session 3
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Break
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  General Session 4
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  Exhibits Open - Happy Hour with Exhibitors
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  Elmer Gordon Dessert Session

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  ABFT Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Registration
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. General Session 5
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Exhibits Open
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon  General Session 6
12 Noon – 2:00 p.m.  Lunch, Visit Vendors and Posters
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Poster Session 2 Open
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2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  General Session 7
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Break
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  SOFT Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Midnight  President’s Reception at Henry Ford Museum

Thursday, October 17, 2002

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 12 Noon  Registration
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. General Session 8
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon  General Session 9
12 Noon – 2:00 p.m.  Lunch
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Special Session: Sherlock Holmes Workshop
“The Adventure of the Devil’s Foot”
Moderator: Marina Stajic, Ph.D.
Panelists: Nick Hodnett, Ph.D., Al Poklis, Ph.D., Michael Rieders, Ph.D.
Vina Spiehler, Ph.D.
SOFT 2002 ANNUAL MEETING
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OCTOBER 13-17, 2002

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The 22nd annual October special issue of the Journal of Analytical Toxicology will be published in collaboration with the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT). The guest editor for this issue is Rod McCutcheon.

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Deadlines for submission:
March 15, 2002, for Abstracts
March 29, 2002, for Completed papers

Complimentary copies of this issue will be distributed during the 2002 SOFT meeting (October 13–17, Detroit, Michigan).

For prompt consideration, submissions should follow Journal format. For a copy of the Journal's Guide for Authors, contact the editorial office at (847) 647-2900 ext. 302 or see our webpage at www.jatox.com.
Society of Forensic Toxicologists

EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AWARDS (ERA)

Description: The education of specialists in the field of forensic toxicology continues to be a challenge. Forensic toxicologists are scientists who engage in the analysis of body fluids and tissues for the presence of drugs and chemicals and interpret these analytical results for judicial purposes. The ever-increasing sophistication of analytical methodologies and the enhanced knowledge of underlying physiological and pharmacological factors governing our understanding of the effects of these substances promise to add information to the judicial process that was not thought possible just a few years ago.

The Society of Forensic Toxicologists is dedicated to continuing effective education in this field and actively supports research projects that advance the foundations of the science in academic settings. The award will recognize students pursuing advanced degrees whose research has progressed to the point of presentation to the members of SOFT.

Eligibility: The Educational Research Award (ERA) is designed to recognize students enrolled in advanced degree programs (Ph.D., M.S., M.D., and/or Post-Doctoral Fellowships) with research in an area relevant to forensic toxicology.

Award: An award of $1,000 will be made to offset travel expenses to the SOFT Annual Meeting. Awardees may reapply.

Deadline: May 1. (Successful applicants will be announced by July 1.)

Application Materials: SEE THE SOFT WEBSITE FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS www.soft-tox.org

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CALL FOR PAPERS AND ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

General Information

The Program Committee solicits abstracts on all forensic toxicology topics including postmortem toxicology, forensic urine drug testing, analytical toxicology of drugs, pharmacology as related to forensic toxicology, pathology as related to forensic toxicology, pediatric and geriatric case reports, and the relationship between drug concentrations and performance impairment. Scientific papers selected for presentation will be divided into two groups: 15-minute platform presentations and poster presentations. The Program Committee will select appropriate abstracts from those submitted by the June 1, 2002, deadline. The presenting authors of all papers will be required to register for the meeting. Only abstracts written in English will be considered. The format for the preparation of the abstracts is provided on the submission form.

Platform (Oral) Presentations

NLY 35-mm slides or LCD (PowerPoint) presentations will be accepted. Each presenter will be provided with 10 minutes to present their material and 5 minutes to answer questions. Platform presentations must cover the material reported in the abstract. Regardless whether 35 mm slides or LCD projection are used, information on the slides must be kept simple with plenty of open spaces between lines. Limit information on each slide to seven lines or less. Do not crowd the slide. Avoid backing up in slide lectures. If you need a slide twice, make duplicate slides. White on black, white on blue, blue on yellow or yellow on blue project best. Avoid red and blue or other non-contrasting color combinations. If using 35mm slides, it is highly recommended that you provide your own carousel.

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Each author selected for poster presentation will be provided with a 4’ x 8’ tack board on which to display material related to his or her presentation. Presenters must bring their own tacks. Authors have complete freedom to choose ways of displaying their information in figures, tables, text, photographs, etc; however, they should avoid crowding too much information into a limited space. The poster should be readable from a distance of 3 feet. Posters will be kept up for the entire day they are scheduled. Please be sure your poster is mounted by 8 a.m. and leave it mounted until 5 p.m. It will only be necessary for the author to be present at the poster for the one-hour noted in the program.

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The Analysis of Oobleck from Precipitation Collected in the World of Dr. Seuss
Cindy Lou Who*1, Yertle Turtle2, and Bartholomew Cubbins3.
1Whoville University, Whoville, MI, U.S.A.; 2Mulberry Street Consulting Group, Prairie of Prax, MN, U.S.A.

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