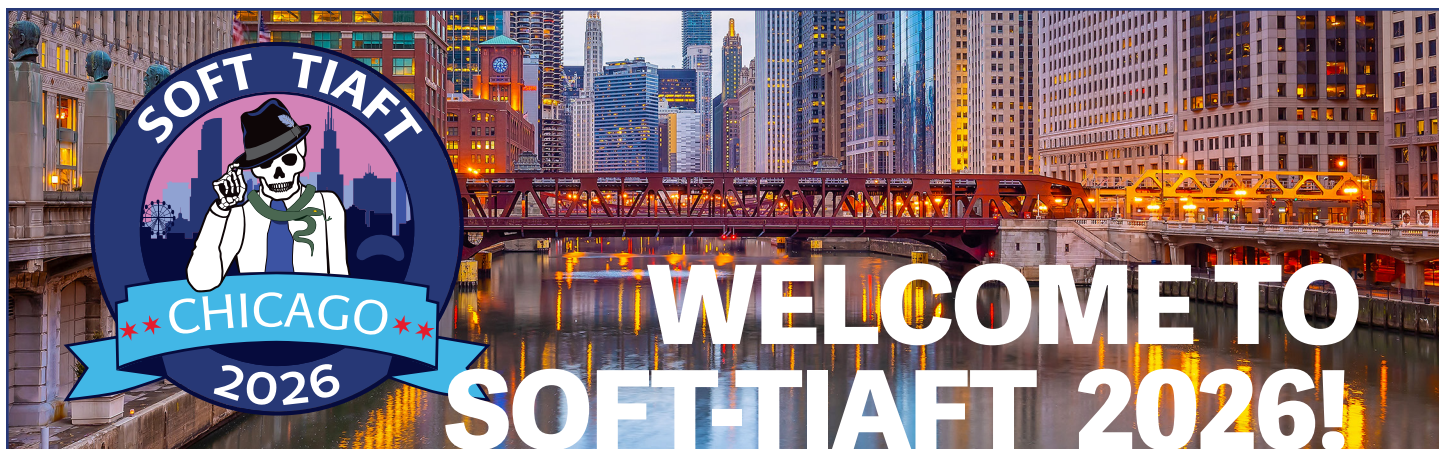




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WELCOME TO CHICAGO!

On behalf of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) and The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT), it is our great pleasure to welcome you to Chicago for the 2026 joint meeting. Bringing SOFT and TIAFT together in one venue is a rare and special occasion — one that unites our domestic and international communities under a single roof and reminds us how much our field gains when we share our science, our methods, and our experiences across borders.

Chicago is renowned for its stunning skyline, 28 miles of scenic lakefront, 24 beaches, more than 8,000 acres of parks and green space, and 18 miles of dedicated lakefront bicycle trails. Home to eight major league sports teams, more than 200 theaters, and the official starting point of Historic Route 66 at the Art Institute of Chicago, the city offers something for everyone. For one exciting week, it will also serve as the host city for the Sixth Joint Annual Meeting of SOFT and TIAFT.

Whether this is your first visit to the United States, your first SOFT–TIAFT meeting, your first time in Chicago, or you are a longtime attendee and seasoned professional, we are delighted to welcome you. The warmth and hospitality of the Midwest await you, and we hope this year's meeting exceeds your expectations for scientific excellence, professional networking, and memorable experiences.

Our planning committee has worked diligently to create a diverse and comprehensive scientific program that reflects the breadth and innovation of our field. Unique to this joint meeting, the week begins on Sunday and features 24 half-day workshops offered across Sunday and Monday. The workshop topics are as varied as our attendees, covering Ethics, GLP-1 Receptor Agonists, Steroids, Impairment, Robotics in the Laboratory, Coding and Data Analysis, Mental Health Resources, Metabolomics, and many more emerging areas of interest.

The scientific program highlights the latest advancements in forensic and clinical toxicology, showcasing cutting-edge research, technological innovation, and new approaches to complex challenges in Big Data management. New to SOFT this year are the Lightning Sessions, designed to provide attendees with concise, dynamic presentations that foster discussion and collaboration. We hope you leave inspired by the science, enriched by the connections you make, and energized by the sense of community that defines our profession.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the many exhibitors whose continued support makes this meeting possible. Their partnership helps our organizations address evolving analytical challenges and provides attendees with firsthand access to the latest technologies, products, and services that advance our work and support our shared mission.

Another highlight of the week will be our Tuesday evening off-site event at Chicago's renowned Field Museum. Our Food and Beverage Team has carefully crafted a delicious menu that we hope you will enjoy while exploring one of the world's premier natural history museums. Attendees will have the opportunity to experience the museum's impressive collections, including the world-famous Tyrannosaurus rex specimen, SUE, while networking with colleagues in a truly unique setting. The Field Museum reflects Chicago's rich commitment to science, education, and innovation, making it a fitting venue for a gathering of forensic and toxicological scientists. We encourage you to take advantage of this special evening, enjoy the exhibits, connect with fellow attendees, and experience one of Chicago's most treasured cultural institutions.

We look forward to a memorable week of learning, collaboration, and fellowship in Chicago. Whether this is your first SOFT or TIAFT meeting or one of many, beyond the busy week we hope you leave energized, better connected, and proud of the community we share. Welcome.

Warm regards,
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Saturday, September 19, 2026	Time	Place
TIAFT Board Meeting	9am-1pm	PDR 3
Registration	10am-6pm	8 th St. Entrance
NSC-ADID Meeting	11am-2pm	Waldorf
TIAFT Regional Representatives	2-3pm	Marquette
NLCP Inspector Training	2-6pm	Williford
YFT/YS Symposium	5:30-10:30pm	Intl. Ballroom N.

Sunday, September 20, 2026	Time	Place
Registration	7am-6pm	8 th St. Entrance
Breakfast (WS participants)	7-8:30am	Contl. Foyer
ABFT Exam Committee	8am-5pm	PDR 1
WS 1: Ethics in Action	8am-12pm	Contl. A
WS 2: Excel Beyond Basics	8am-12pm	Williford C
WS 3: Fentanyl and Beyond	8am-12pm	Intl. Ballroom S.
WS 4: GLP-1 Receptor Agonists	8am-12pm	Contl. C
WS 5: Publishing Manuscripts	8am-12pm	Waldorf
WS 6: Anabolic Steroids	8am-12pm	Contl. B
Break (WS participants)	10-10:30am	Contl. Foyer
Shimadzu Lunch and Learn	12-1:30pm	Salon A-1-2
Agilent Lunch and Learn	12-1:30pm	Salon A-3-4
WS 7: Identifying Driver Impairment	1:30-5:30pm	Contl. B
WS 8: Early Warning Toolkit	1:30-5:30pm	Waldorf
WS 9: Come Chat(GPT) with Us	1:30-5:30pm	Williford C
WS 10: Beyond Nitazenes	1:30-5:30pm	Intl. Ballroom S.
WS 11: Beyond the Bench	1:30-5:30pm	Contl. A
WS 12: Robots in the Lab	1:30-5:30pm	Contl. C
Break (WS participants)	3:30-4pm	Contl. Foyer
SOFT/AAFS Drugs & Driving Committee	5:30-6:30pm	Marquette
SOFT NPS Committee	5:30-6:30pm	Joliet

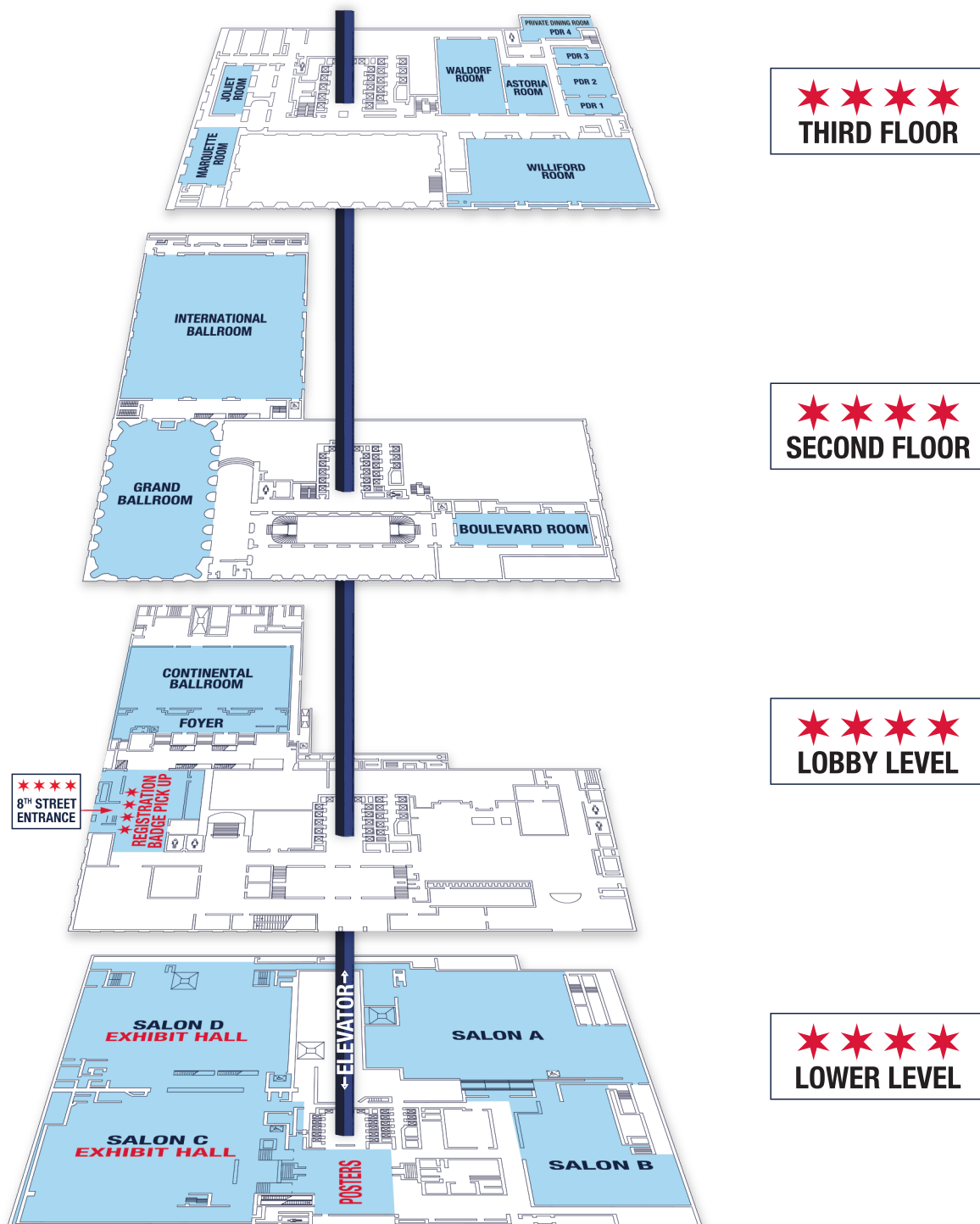
Monday, September 21, 2026	Time	Place
Registration	7am-6pm	8 th St. Entrance
Breakfast (WS participants)	7-8:30am	Grand Ballroom
SOFT Board Meeting	7am-12pm	Boulevard & Foyer
AAFS Steering Committee	7-8:30am	PDR 3
WS 13: Guide to Pharmacology Studies	8am-12pm	Contl. B
WS 14: Building Strong Reviewers	8am-12pm	Williford C
WS 15: Black Boxes to Built-In LIMS	8am-12pm	Waldorf
WS 16: Routes of Drug Exposure	8am-12pm	Intl. Ballroom S.
WS 17: Global Oral Fluid	8am-12pm	Contl. C
WS 18: Drug Test Subversion	8am-12pm	Contl. A
ABFT Exam	8am-12pm	Marquette
Break (WS participants)	10-10:30am	Grand Ballroom
Shimadzu Lunch and Learn	12-1:30pm	Salon A-1-2
SCIEX Lunch and Learn	12-1:30pm	Salon A-3-4
Waters Lunch and Learn	12-1:30pm	Salon A-5
Agilent Lunch and Learn	12-1:30pm	Williford AB
ABFT Board Meeting	1-5pm	Boulevard
WS 19: OTC & Rx Drugs in DWI/DFC	1:30-5:30pm	Intl. Ballroom S.
WS 20: Drug Trends in DFC	1:30-5:30pm	Contl. A
WS 21: Coding in Python	1:30-5:30pm	Williford C
WS 22: Workplace/Clinical Oral Fluid	1:30-5:30pm	Contl. B
WS 23: Practical Mental Health Tools	1:30-5:30pm	Waldorf
WS 24: Toxic Clues in Metabolomics	1:30-5:30pm	Contl. C
Break (WS participants)	3:30-4pm	Grand Ballroom

Monday, September 21, 2026	Time	Place
Opening Ceremony	5:45-6:30pm	Intl. Ballroom N.
Welcome Reception	6:30-9:30pm	Salon C/D
Elmer Gordon Forum	8-9:30pm	Contl. Ballroom
MilliporeSigma Nite Owl	10pm-12am	Grand Ballroom

Tuesday, September 22, 2026	Time	Place
Registration	7am-5pm	8 th St. Entrance
Breakfast	7-8:30am	Contl. Ballroom
Scientific Sessions	8am-10am	Intl. Ballrooms
Exhibit Hall	10am-4pm	Salon C/D
Break	10-10:30am	Salon C/D
Scientific Sessions	10:30am-12pm	Intl. Ballrooms
Posters	12-1:30pm	Salon Lobby
Lunch	12-2pm	Salon C/D
SOFT 2027 Planning Committee	12:30-1:30pm	Astoria
Scientific Sessions	2-3:30pm	Intl. Ballrooms
Break	3:30-4pm	Salon C/D
Scientific Sessions	4-5pm	Intl. Ballrooms
Night Out at the Field Museum	6-10pm	Busses - 8 th St. Ent.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026	Time	Place
Fun Run	6:30-8am	8 th St. Entrance
Breakfast	7-8:30am	Contl. Ballroom
Registration	8am-5pm	8 th St. Entrance
Scientific Sessions	8-10am	Intl. Ballrooms
Exhibit Hall	10am-4pm	Salon C/D
Break	10-10:30am	Salon C/D
Scientific Sessions	10:30am-12pm	Intl. Ballrooms
Posters	12-1:30pm	Salon Lobby
Lunch	12-2pm	Salon C/D
SOFT DFC Committee	12:30-1:30pm	Astoria
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Scientific Sessions	2-3:30pm	Intl. Ballrooms
Break	3:30-4pm	Salon C/D
Scientific Sessions	4-5pm	Intl. Ballrooms

Thursday, September 24, 2026	Time	Place
Breakfast	7-8:30am	Contl. Ballroom
Registration	8am-12pm	8 th St. Entrance
Scientific Sessions	8-10am	Intl. Ballrooms
Exhibit Hall	10am-2pm	Salon C/D
Break	10-10:30am	Salon C/D
Scientific Sessions	10:30am-12pm	Intl. Ballrooms
Lunch	12-2pm	Salon C/D
Posters	12-1:30pm	Salon Lobby
SOFT Business Meeting	2-3:30pm	Intl. Ballrooms
Break	3-4pm	Contl. Ballroom
TIAFT Business Meeting	3:30-5:30pm	Intl. Ballroom
Happy Hour	6-7pm	Contl. Ballroom
President's Banquet & Closing Ceremony	7-8:30pm	Intl. Ballroom
Reception with Band	8:30-11:30pm	Intl. Ballroom





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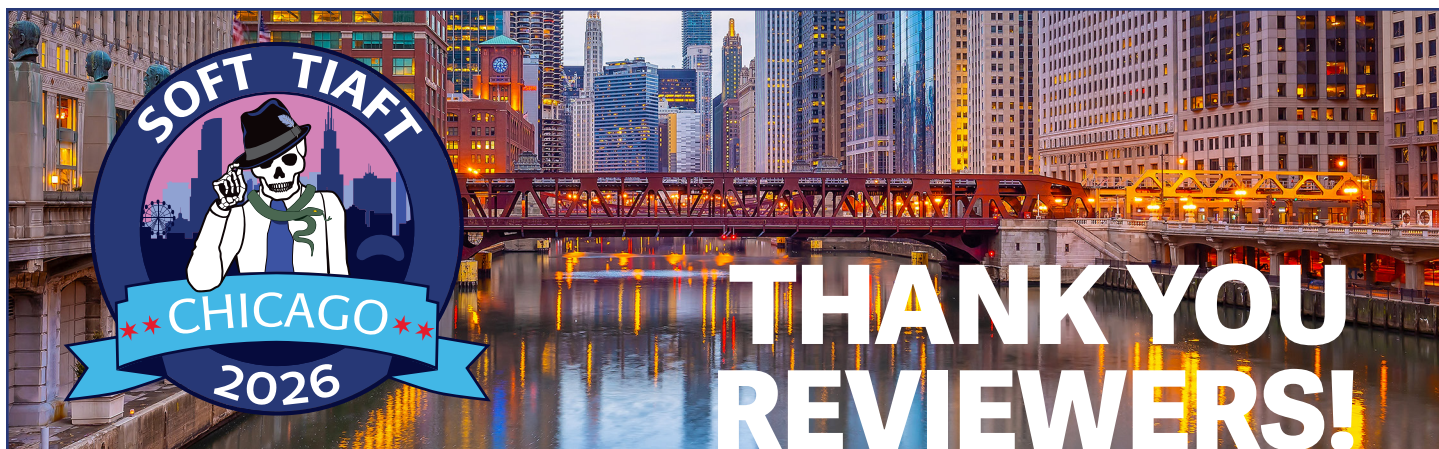
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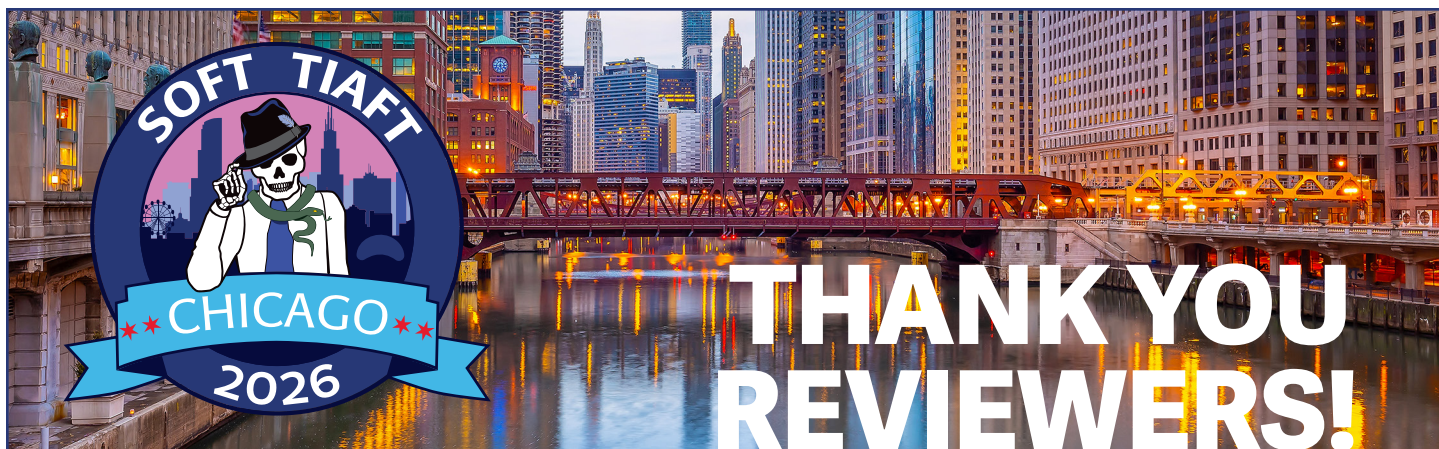
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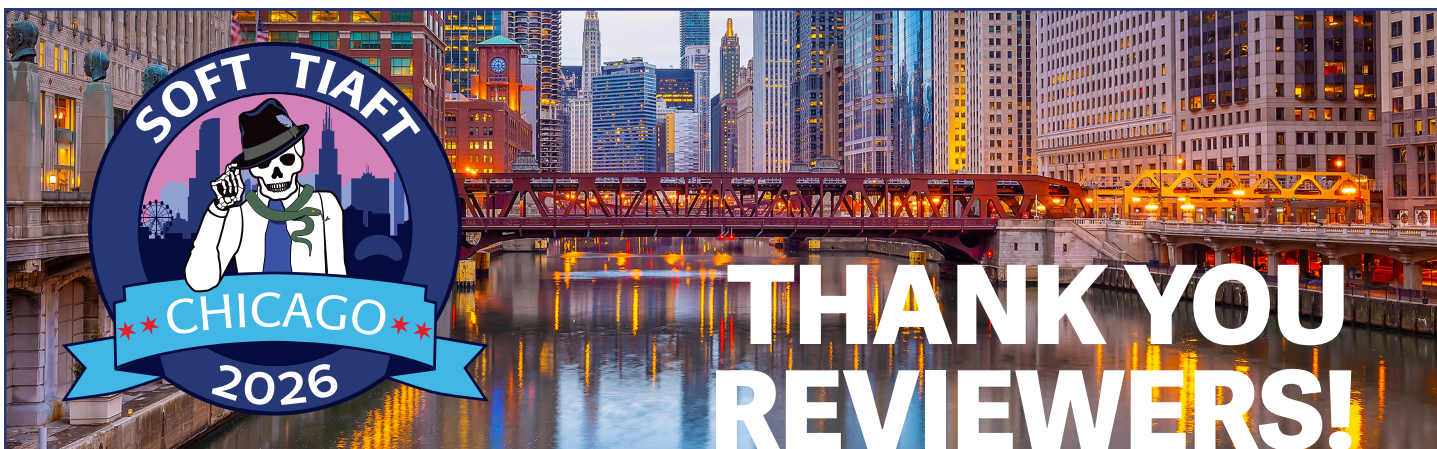


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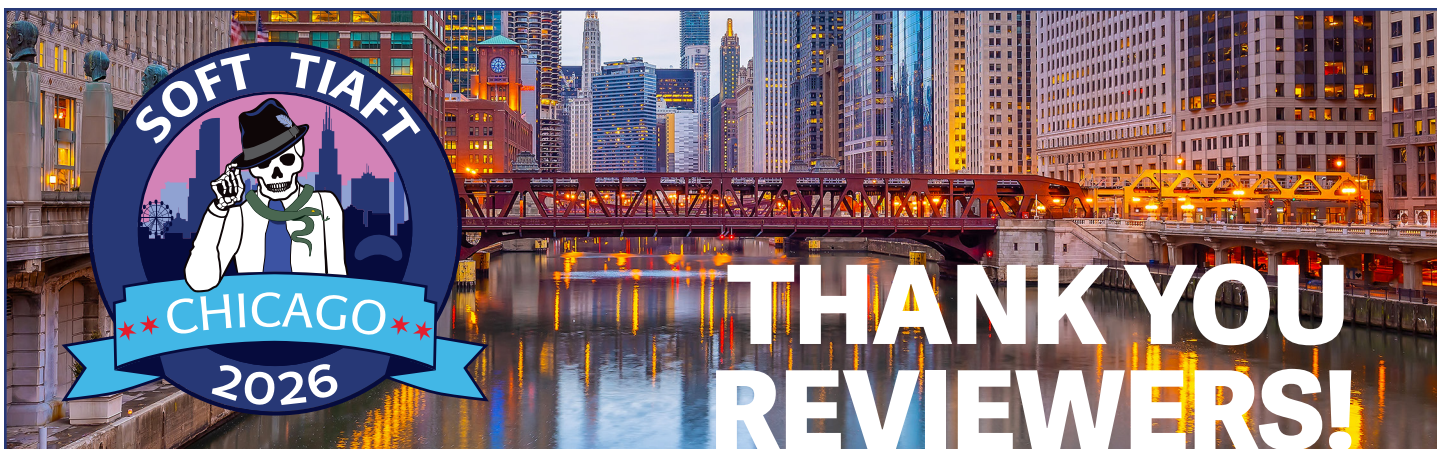
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KARLA MOORE FUN RUN/WALK

Wednesday, September 23

6:30–8:00 AM

Start Location: 8th Street Entrance,
Hilton Chicago

\$30 Donation

FUN RUN/WALK HISTORY

The original Tox 'N Purge Run was created by Dr. Karla Moore for the 1997 SOFT Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City. In addition to her many contributions to forensic toxicology and SOFT, Dr. Moore served as an officer in the United States Air Force.

Following her passing in 2008, the event was renamed in her honor. Proceeds are donated to the American Cancer Society in Dr. Moore's memory, while the generous support of SOFT exhibitors helps cover event expenses.



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WELCOME RECEPTION

Monday, September 21
6:30–9:30 PM

Join us for the grand opening of the Exhibit Hall! Explore the exhibits, reconnect with colleagues from around the world, and enjoy food and beverages. Be sure to check the meeting mobile app for the Exhibit Hall map and exhibitor information.

ELMER GORDON FORUM

DESSERT RECEPTION

Monday, September 21
8:30–10:00 PM

An opening-night tradition! Enjoy dessert while taking part in a lively, practical forum. Bring a topic, challenge, or question from your own laboratory and help answer those shared by others. Come to ask, answer, or simply listen and leave with real-world takeaways.

NITE OWL RECEPTION

Monday, September 21
10:00 PM–12:00 AM

Not ready for the evening to end? Continue the conversation and connect with colleagues at the Nite Owl Reception, hosted by Sponsor MilliporeSigma.

AN EVENING AT THE FIELD MUSEUM

Tuesday, September 22
6:00–10:00 PM

Spend an unforgettable evening at one of Chicago's most iconic institutions. Explore the Field Museum's renowned collections and exhibits, including SUE the T. rex and Máximo the Titanosaur, while enjoying food, beverages, and time with colleagues in a truly memorable setting. Bus transportation between Hilton Chicago and the museum will be provided.



KARLA MOORE FUN RUN/WALK

Wednesday, September 23

6:30–8:00 AM

Donation: \$30

Join us for the Karla Moore Fun Run/Walk, a tradition that began with the Tox 'N Purge Run created by Dr. Karla Moore in 1997. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society in her memory.

FEATHERS & FEDORAS:

THE PRESIDENTS' BANQUET & GALA

Thursday, September 24

Cocktail Hour 6:00–7:00 PM

Dinner & Dancing 7:00–11:30 PM

Join SOFT President Jeri Roper-Miller and TIAFT President Simon Elliott for a memorable closing celebration featuring dinner, drinks, and dancing.

Embrace the spirit of the Roaring Twenties with a full 1920s-inspired look, add just a hint of the theme with a feather, feather boa, or fedora, or simply come as you are. Dressing for the theme is entirely optional, and everyone is encouraged to join the celebration in whatever makes them feel comfortable.



SATURDAY, SEPT 19, 5:30-10:00 PM

SYMPOSIUM: Join us for a night of networking opportunities and educational presentations designed for early-career toxicologists. Enjoy drinks and hearty hors d'oeuvres while you connect with peers in your field. This event is exclusively for attendees aged 41 and under.

AGENDA

5:30–6:30 PM

Professional Development Fair

6:30–6:35 PM

Introduction by the YFT and YS Committee Chairs

6:35–7:00 PM

Icebreaker/Professional Networking

7:00–7:30 PM

Leadership as a Young Scientist – Kayla Neuman

7:30–7:45 PM

TIAFT YS Best Oral Presentation Winner 2025 – Natan Van Wichelen

7:45–8:00 PM

TIAFT YS Best Poster Presentation Winner 2025 – Tarcisio Nascimento Correa

8:00–8:15 PM

Break

8:15–8:45 PM

AI in Forensic Toxicology – Brigitte Desharnais

8:45–9:00 PM

SOFT Leo dal Cortivo Poster Presentation Winner 2025 – Katya Beltran

9:00–9:40 PM

Panel Discussion: Drug Early Warning Systems

- EDNAV - Jennifer Schumann
- NPS Activity Assay Development - Henrik Green
- NPS Discovery - Brianna Stang
- UNODC - Jared Brown

9:40–9:55 PM

Open Discussion

9:55–10:00 PM

Closing by YFT and YS Committee Chairs

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FAIR:

Representatives from various accrediting and certifying agencies, graduate programs, and laboratories will be available to discuss opportunities for continuing education, professional training, board certification, academic advancement, and career opportunities.

An employment opportunity board will be located by the registration desk throughout the annual meeting. Please bring your resume/CV and any open forensic toxicology positions to post for all attendees to see!

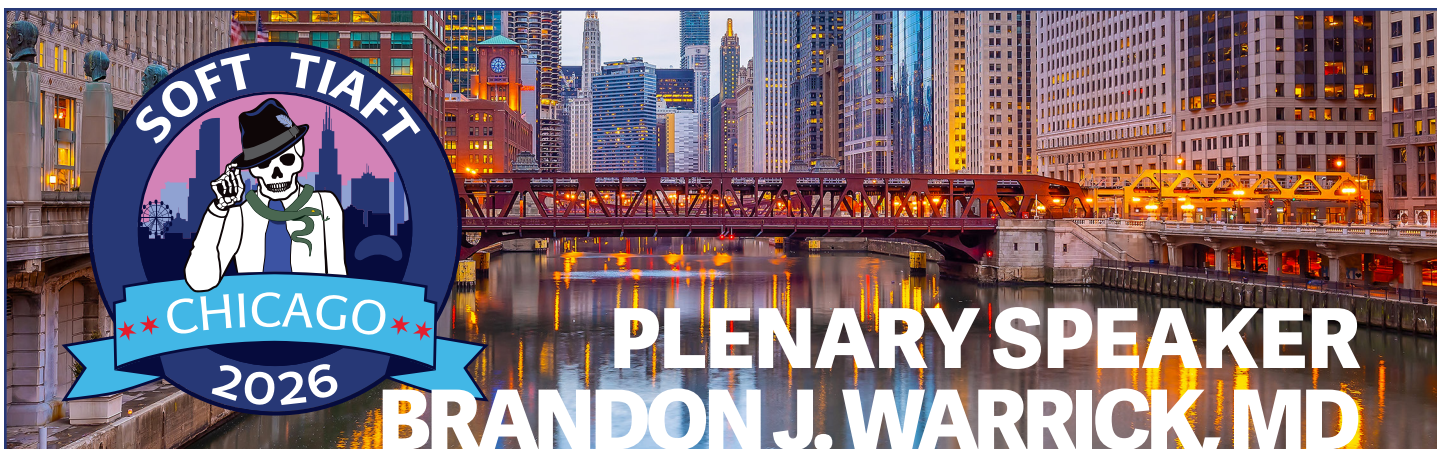
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**Addiction: Not a Moral Failure
Breaking the Blame Game with
Neurobiology and Health Equity**

Monday, September 21

5:45 PM

**Associate Professor
Brandon J. Warrick, MD**

**Associate Professor with Tenure
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of Medicine**

**Board Certified in Emergency
Medicine, Medical Toxicology,
and Addiction Medicine**

ABSTRACT

From the Roaring 20s and Prohibition to the modern overdose epidemic, substance-related harms have repeatedly challenged public health, policy, and society. Through clinical cases, historical toxicology outbreaks, and modern addiction research, this presentation explores how neurobiology, trauma, and environmental factors shape substance use behaviors. The session examines how assumptions about addiction influence public perception and policy, why vulnerable populations experience disproportionate harms, and how a more evidence-based understanding of addiction can improve outcomes.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Brandon J. Warrick is an Associate Professor with Tenure at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and is board certified in Emergency Medicine, Medical Toxicology, and Addiction Medicine. Growing up in rural South Dakota, Dr. Warrick became the first member of his family to enter medicine. He began his healthcare career as a nurse

before attending the University of South Dakota School of Medicine, bringing a perspective shaped by caring for patients across a variety of healthcare settings.

After completing Emergency Medicine residency training at Detroit Receiving Hospital, Dr. Warrick pursued fellowship training in Medical Toxicology during the national designer drug epidemic involving products marketed as "Bath Salts" and "K2/Spice." The rapidly evolving epidemic provided opportunities to work not only at the bedside, but also with public health agencies, law enforcement organizations, and policymakers responding to novel drug threats and emerging public health challenges.

After moving to New Mexico, Dr. Warrick witnessed firsthand the devastating impact of substance use disorders, alcohol-related disease, overdose, and suicide on patients, families, and communities. Practicing in one of the states hardest hit by these challenges redirected much of his professional work toward building systems of care, developing educational programs, and leading implementation efforts that translate evidence into practice. His work has included development of New Mexico Bridge, statewide addiction consultation services, Judicial ECHO, Addiction ECHO, Addiction and Pain ECHO, and participation in multiple NIH-funded clinical trials focused on substance use disorders.

Today, Dr. Warrick serves as Medical Director of Addiction ECHO, Judicial ECHO, and

Addiction and Pain ECHO; Director for Statewide Infrastructure Development and Co-Director of Clinical Implementation for New Mexico Bridge; and Associate Medical Director of the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center. He has authored multiple national position statements and practice guidelines, many focused on drugs of abuse, substance use disorders, and toxicologic emergencies. Dr. Warrick serves on the Editorial Board of Clinical Toxicology and has received two American College of Medical Toxicology Top Contributor Awards recognizing contributions to national guidelines and position statements.

Dr. Warrick collaborates with healthcare systems and government agencies throughout the United States and Canada, including the New Mexico Supreme Court, New Mexico Governor's Office, United States Attorney's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Royal Canadian Mounted Police. His work focuses on building systems of care, workforce development, healthcare implementation, and improving access to evidence-based addiction treatment.

Dr. Warrick's passion is sharing what he has learned from patients, families, colleagues, and communities. Much of his work has been shaped by listening to individuals whose experiences challenged assumptions and offered new perspectives on addiction, recovery, and health. He believes that understanding addiction as a medical condition rather than a moral failure can transform outcomes for individuals, families, and underserved communities.

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WS 4: GLP-1 Receptor Agonists: The Ever-Changing Landscape with Clinical & Forensic Implications

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Chair: Maria Jose Burgueño Arjona, PhD

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Chairs: Jochen Beyer, PhD
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WS 8: An Early Warning Toolkit For Toxicologists: Turning Drug Data Into Action

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Chairs: Luke Rodda, PhD & Daniel Pasin, PhD

WS 16: From the Transdermal to the Rectal Route: Specific Routes of Drug Exposure / Administration. Pharmacokinetics, Results Interpretation, Applications

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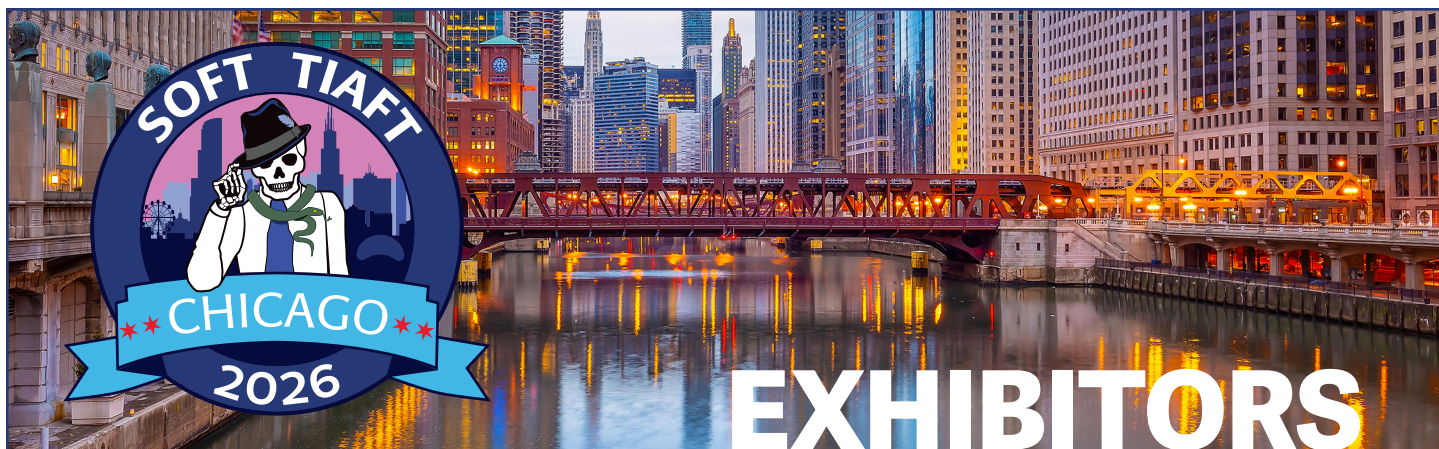
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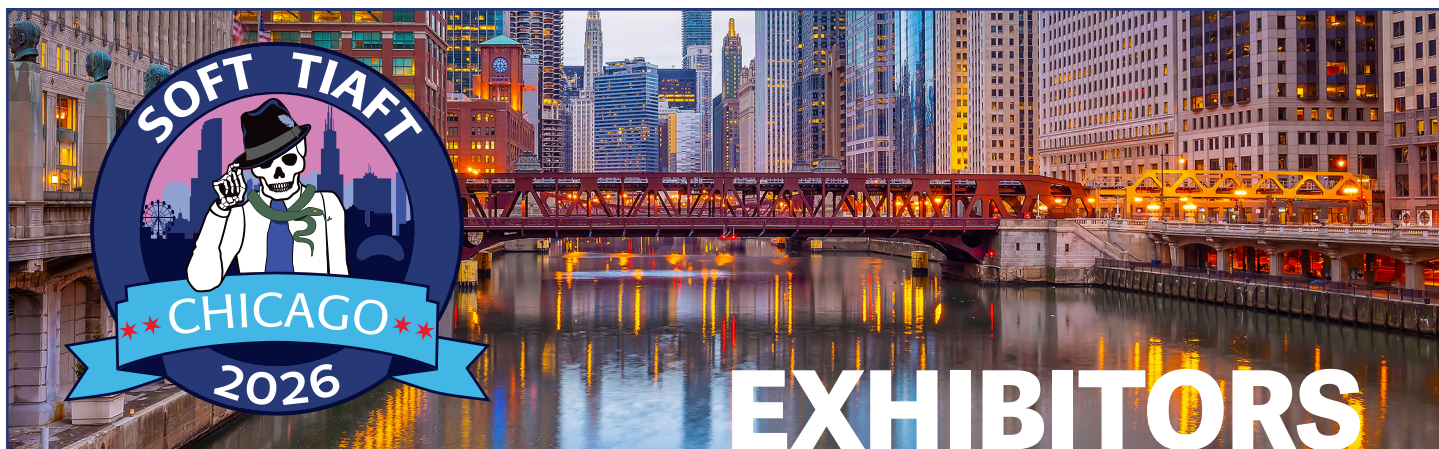
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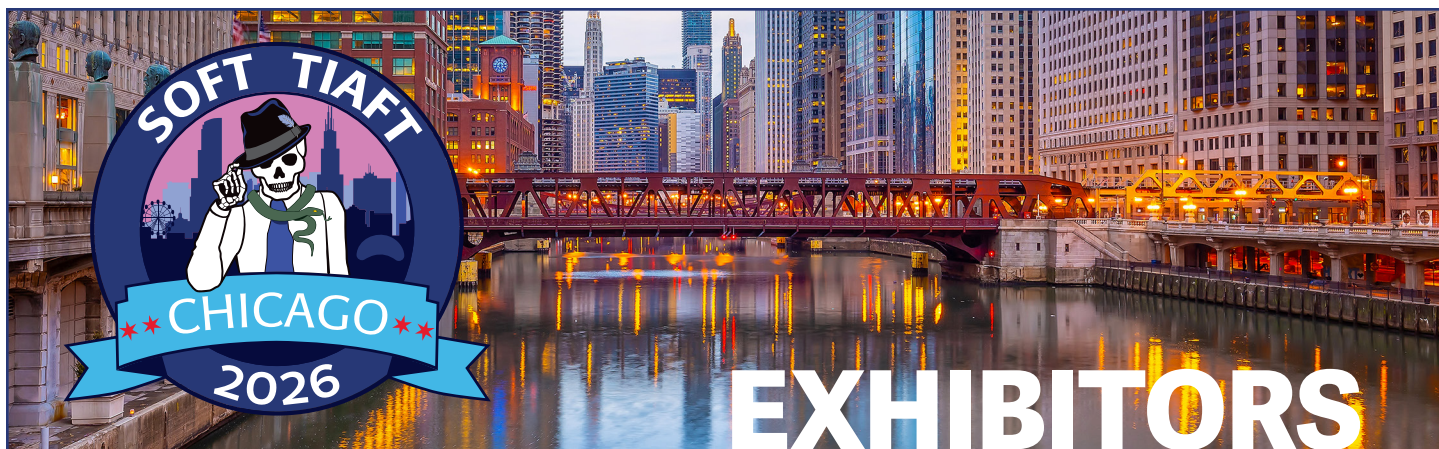
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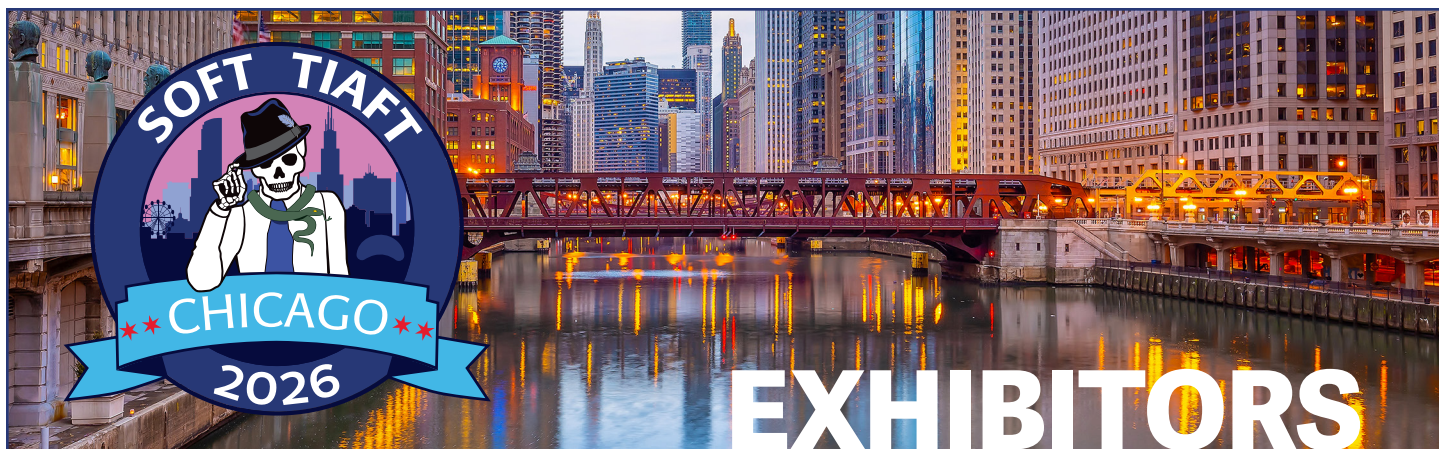
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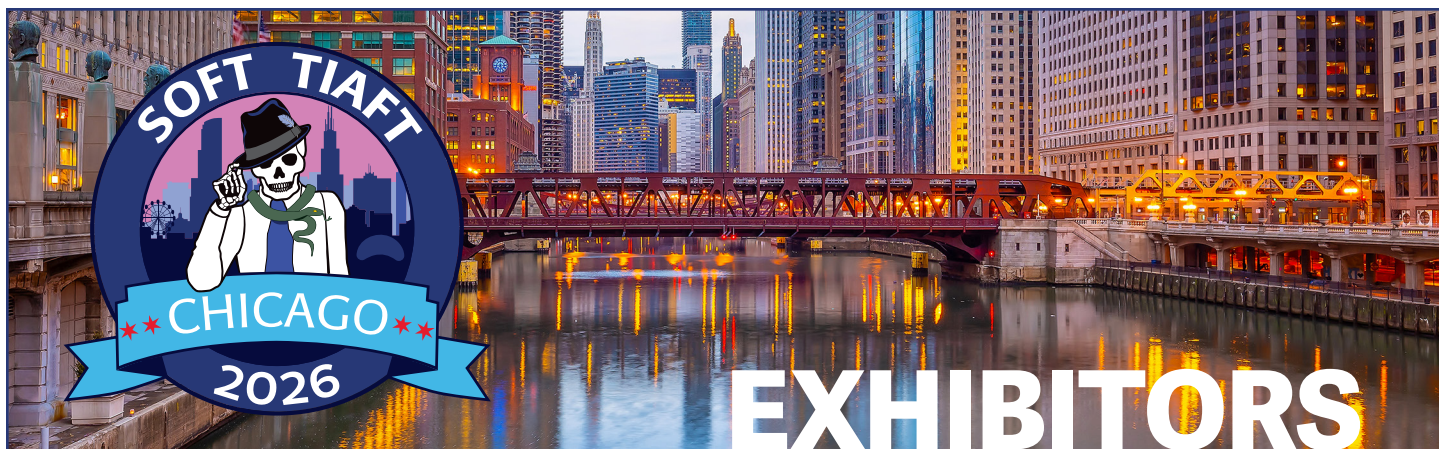
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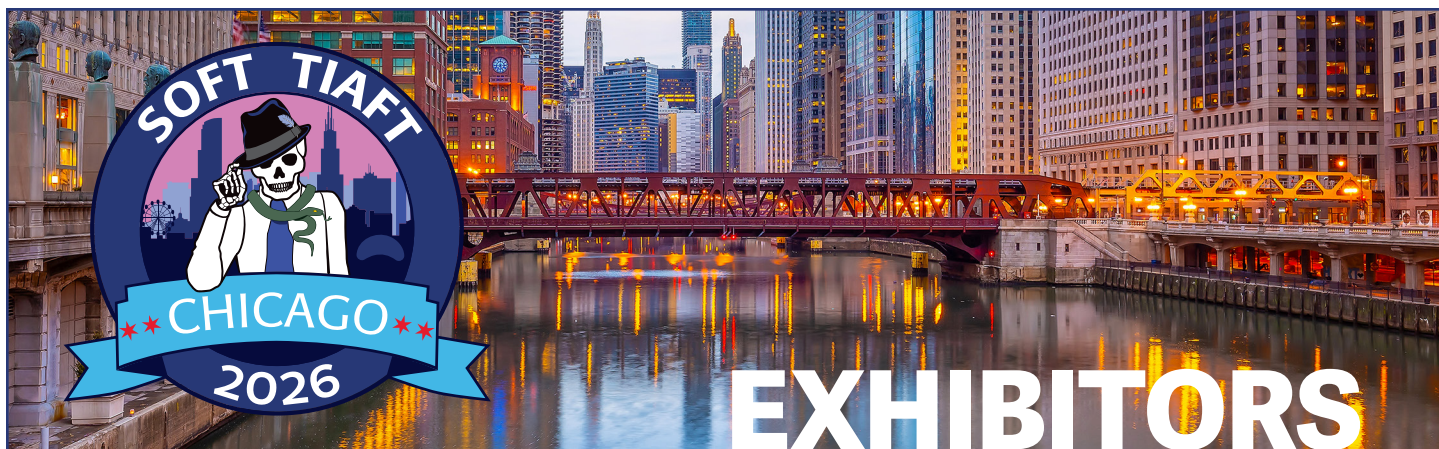
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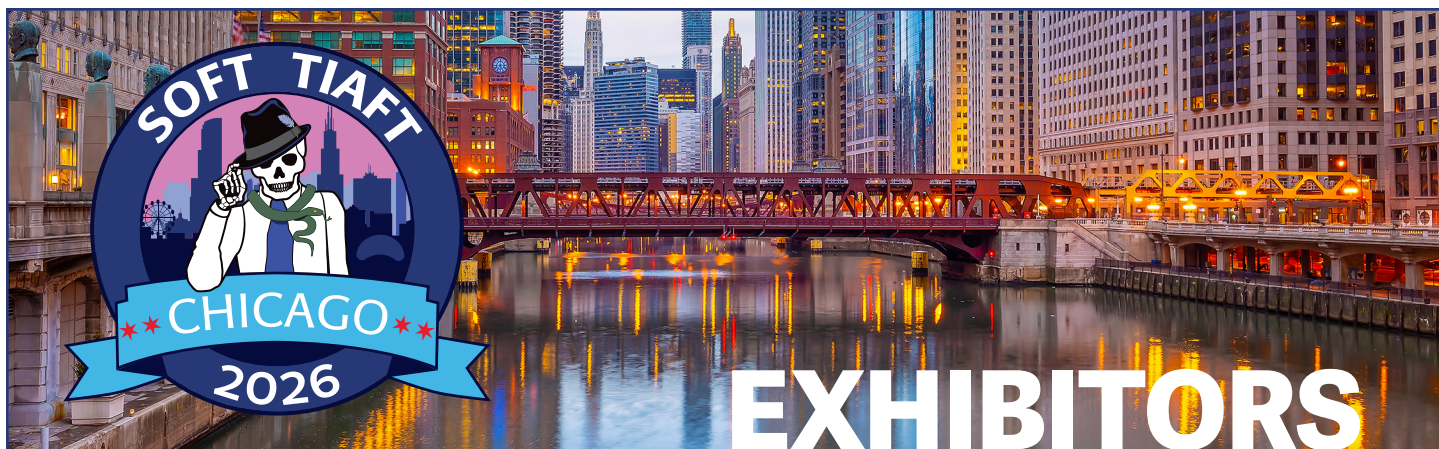
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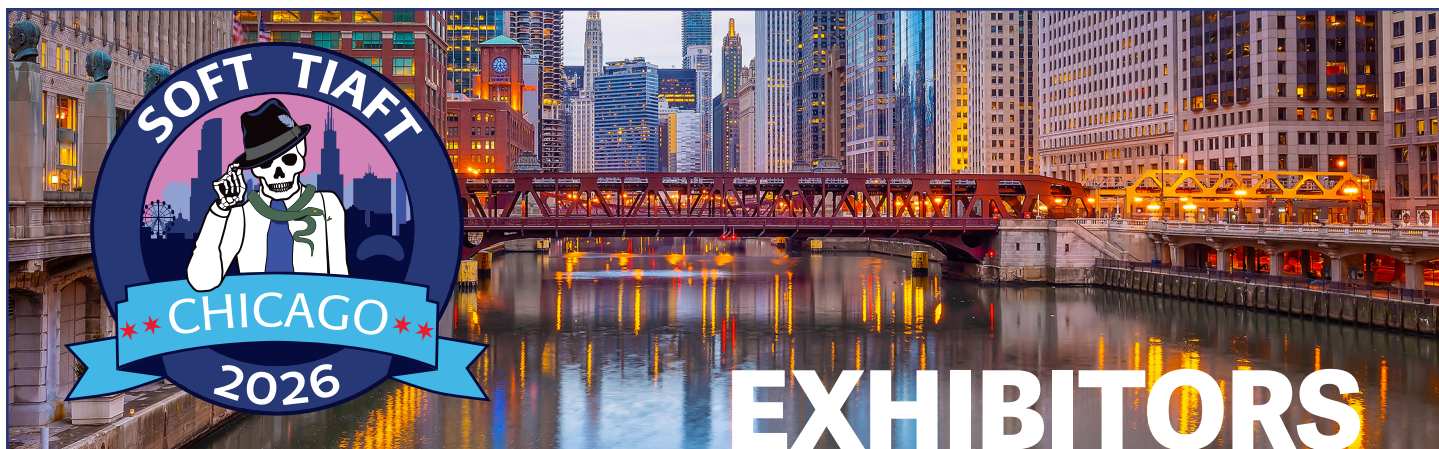
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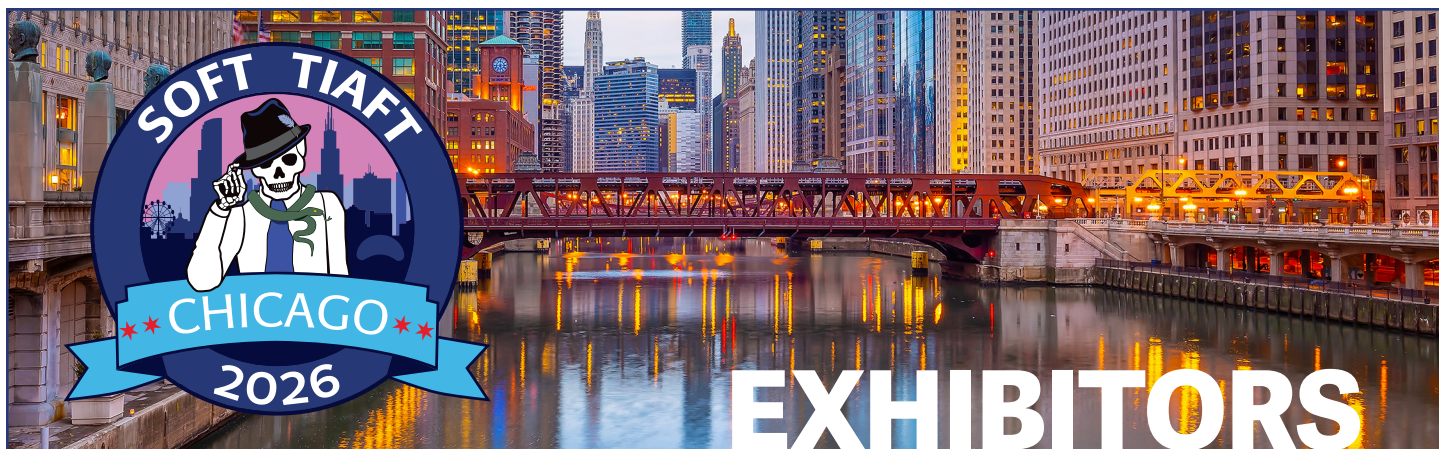
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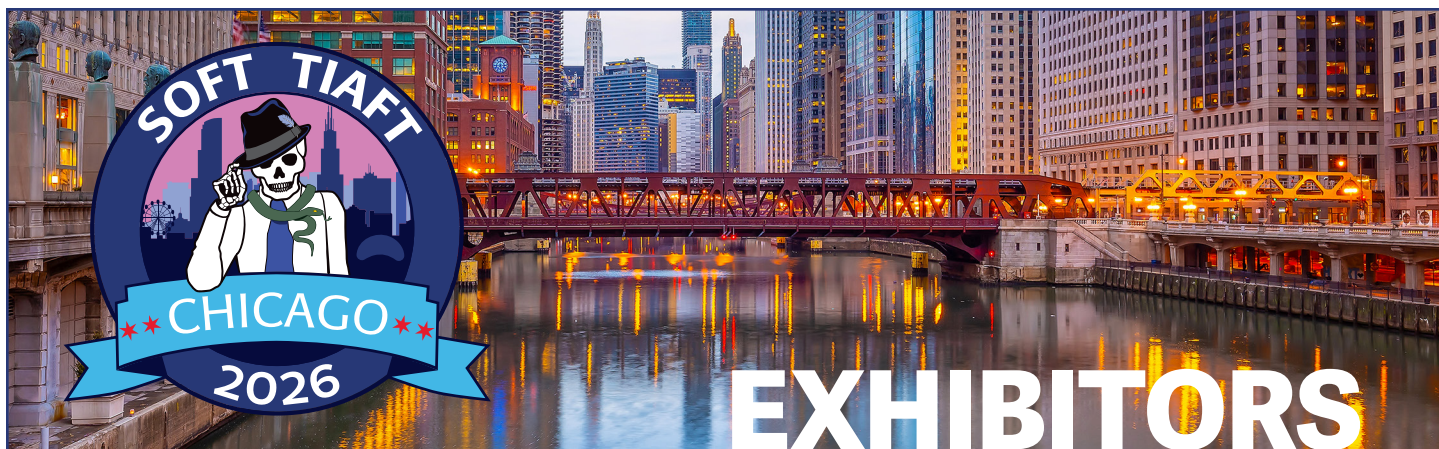
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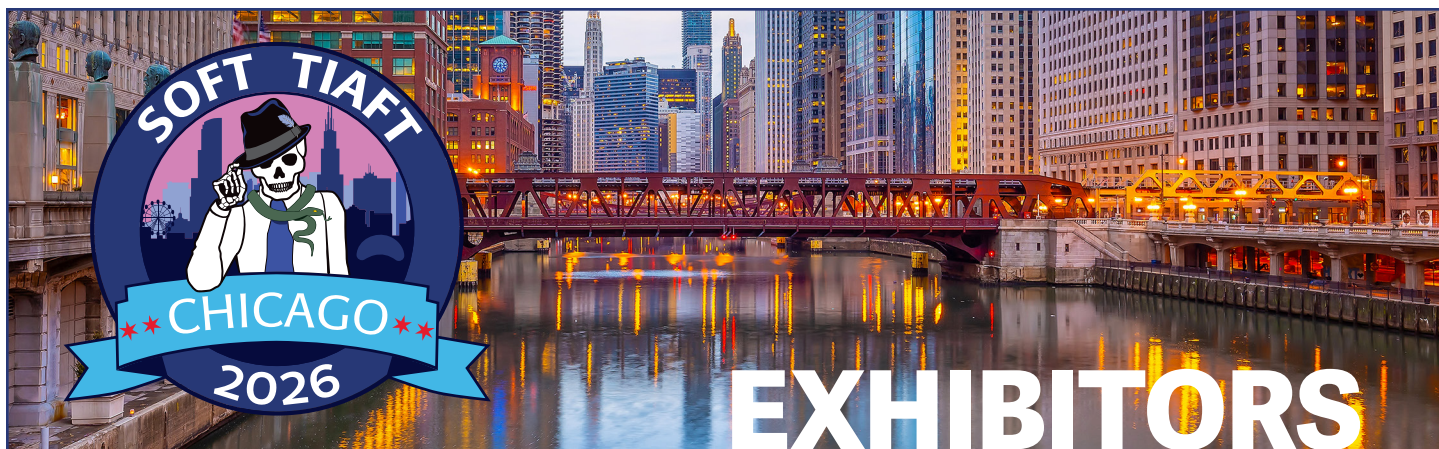
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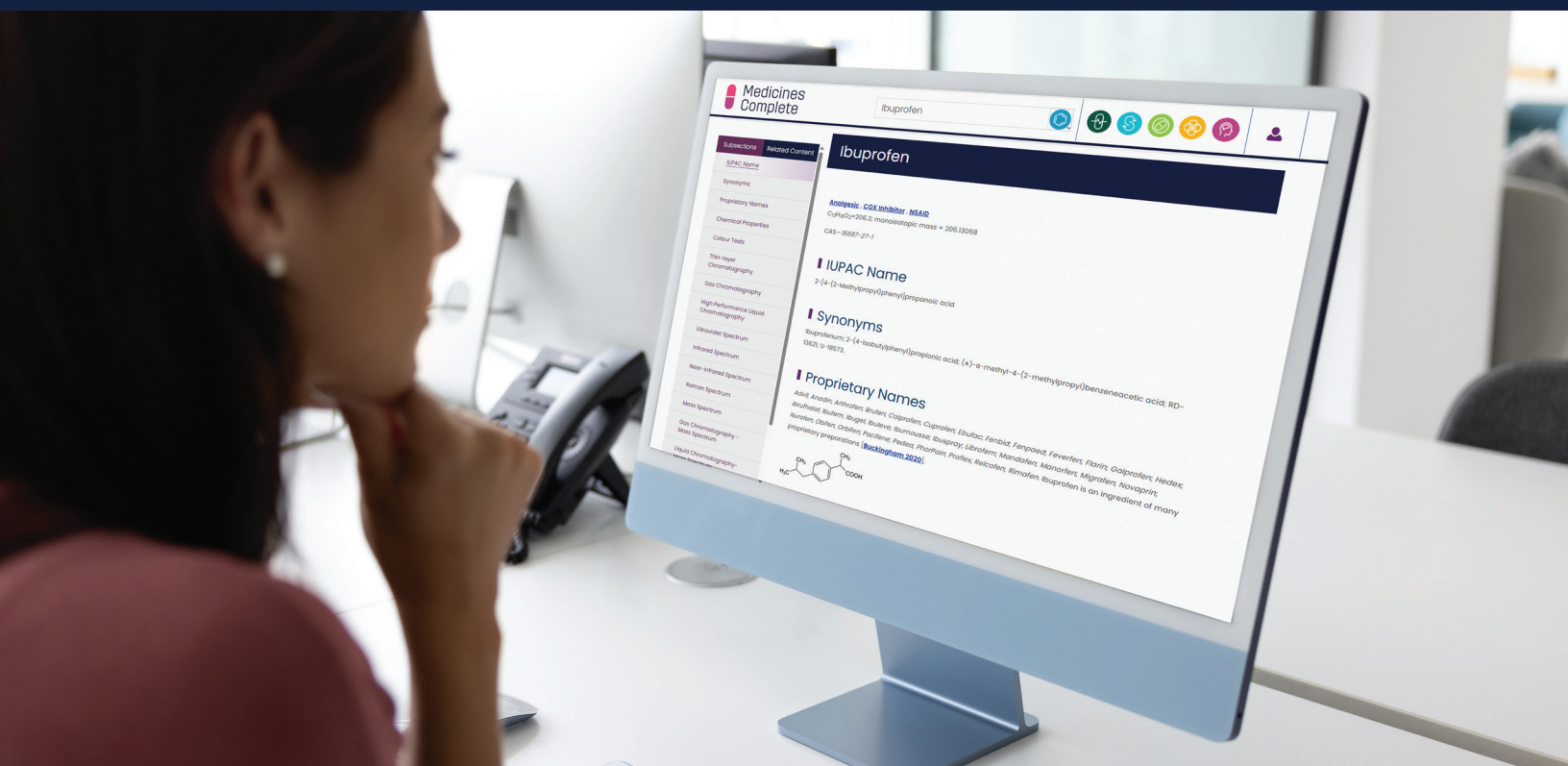
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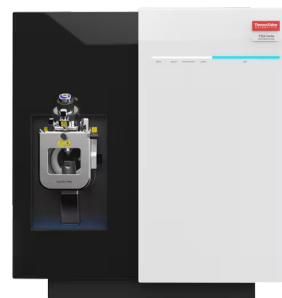
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