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News from the American Society for Cellular and Computational Toxicology

This spring was a very busy time for the newly formed American Society for Cellular and Computational Toxicology (ASCCT). In February, the Society released its first quarterly newsletter to members. To increase visibility of the Society, its activities and plans, the newsletter is now available to the general public via the ASCCT website (www.ascctox.org).

In March, the ASCCT sponsored its first conference booth at the Society of Toxicology (SOT) meeting in Washington, DC. SOT's record-breaking attendance brought numerous attendees to the ASCCT booth. They were interested and pleased to learn of the new society, and many entered into a drawing to win a free one-year membership. Five complementary memberships were given

out, and many entrants who did not win took advantage of the chance to join the Society at the half-off rate of \$ 25 until the end of March.

In addition, several companies became new Founding Sponsors of ASCCT this spring. Founding Sponsors pledge \$ 1,000 of support to the Society and can look forward to one lifetime membership and other promotional benefits. The Founding Sponsors of the ASCCT now include Avon, Bioreliance, Clorox, Colgate-Palmolive, S.C. Johnson & Son, the Institute for In Vitro Sciences, and the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. For more information see the ASCCT web site.

ASCCT members now can subscribe to *ALTEX* and to *Toxicology in Vitro* at a discounted rate. Members who are on

the social networking service LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com) can join the ASCCT discussion group to collaborate with other ASCCT members.

Finally, in early summer, ASCCT will offer members free webinars on hot topics in *in vitro* and *in silico* toxicology, including regulatory agency, member, and OECD activities and emerging research and tools. Later this summer, you can find the ASCCT at the 8th World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences in Montreal. ASCCT will be present in the exhibition hall and in a special session with our European friends from the European Society for Toxicology In Vitro. Check the web for more information soon. We hope to see you there!