

## Message from the President July 2014

My aim in these short messages is to keep you, the members, up to date with events and Society business so I will summarise what has happened over the last 2 months or so. The BTS Executive Committee met at the end of May to consider our strategy in moving the Society forward over the next 2 years. Our mission statement is

*“To provide the forum for toxicology in the UK, to support and enrich the careers of toxicologists, and to promote the importance and advancement of toxicology in the wider scientific and lay communities”.*

The most obvious way in which we provide a forum for toxicology is through our Annual Congress where we aim to provide toxicologists with topical symposia on selected aspects of toxicology, an active Continuing Education Programme and networking opportunities together with some social interaction. The BTS does support the Annual Congress each year financially to keep the costs of attending the meetings as low as possible for members of the Society. Any member can offer a symposium topic so if you have a good idea for a session please do let me know at [president@bts.org](mailto:president@bts.org). Our next Annual Congress will be 19 – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at St John’s Hotel in Solihul. We held our Congress there in 2013 and the venue proved popular with the members.

EUROTOX 2014 is just around the corner and the numbers are looking very positive with more than 1050 delegates registered already and over 880 abstracts submitted. The BTS is a sponsor of this event and as a member you do get reduced registration rates. The programme covers many aspects of toxicology and looks exciting and informative. Have a look at [www.eurotox2014.com](http://www.eurotox2014.com).

The BTS is a membership Society and is run by members who volunteer for positions on our various committees and subcommittees. We will be advertising for new committee members over the next 4-6 months so do look out for the adverts if you are interested in becoming involved.

You will all, by now, have received the first edition of the btsNews. What did you think of it? Let me know!

I wish you all a great summer and look forward to welcoming many of you to Edinburgh in September.

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**President, British Toxicology Society**