

President's Newsletter Number 1: January 2021

Dear Colleagues

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and let us hope that we have a more positive year ahead.

Of course life is still dominated by tiers and lockdowns but with two vaccines available the light at the end of the tunnel can be seen.

- As an update please note that we have several webinars available in the coming weeks namely: **Computational and *in silico* Toxicology** (*Coordinator: Dr Andreas Bender*): 13th January 2021 at 15.00
- **Mechanistic & Discovery Toxicology** (*Coordinators: Dr Muireann Coen & Dr Carolin Schram*): 15th January 2021 at 14:00
- **Risk Assessment** (*Coordinator: Dr Carol Courage*): tbc.

Registration is free for these sessions so if you have not registered and are interested there is still time to do so. Any enquiries regarding the sessions should be addressed to either the BTS secretariat (meetings@thebts.org) or the speciality section coordinator <https://www.thebts.org/join-the-bts/specialty-sections/>

I would also like to thank our members that provided feedback on the Member's Survey and we will be reporting back on this at the AGM in April 2021.

We are still considering how the Annual Congress will be hosted in April and as soon as I have some updates on this, I will let you know what changes may be made to our planned Annual Congress 2021 in light of Government guidance and regulations.

The Society has a number of Prizes and Travel Scholarships available so please do look at what is on offer at <https://www.thebts.org/events-2/awards-and-prizes/>.

Those of our members who are also members of the Society of Toxicology could I remind you of the forthcoming elections for the 2021-2022 nominations for the SOT Officers and members of SOT-elected committees. I am pleased to let you all know that one of our own members, Professor Heather Wallace has been nominated. The online ballot is available on the SOT website, just log in using your email and SOT password to gain access to the ballot. After you review the candidate biographical information, make your selections by marking the appropriate spaces next to the candidates' names, or complete text fields for write-in candidates. Cast your vote by February 1, 2021.

I am always keen to hear from our members so please feel free to contact me via president@thebts.org any comments about the Society.

Yours sincerely



Professor Shirley Price, President of the BTS.