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meets in Washington, D.C. every four years, and it is fortunate that so many government employees will be able to participate in the Tuesday sessions this year, which have been designed specifically to address issues of interest to our regulatory colleagues and, by extension, benefit the whole membership.

The Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, located in a charming older neighborhood with many restaurant options and close proximity to the National Zoo, should be a fun venue for our meeting. I encourage you to plan some extra time to visit some of the wonderful museums and monuments in this intriguing city. Most are easily accessible via the Metro (subway), which has a stop in front of the hotel. If you have not yet registered for the meeting, there is still time to do so, and I urge you not to miss this one.

In addition to the Scientific Sessions, there are some new opportunities for meeting attendees this year. Three Interest Groups—Clinical Pathology, Neuropathology, Reproductive Pathology—are being formed and will meet for the first time in Washington, D.C. (See related article on page 1.) Concurrent Continuing Education sessions (additional fee) will be offered on Sunday morning and afternoon. The Scientific and Regulatory Policy Committee (SRPC) will present its “Best Practice” recommendations on “Bone Marrow Examination in Nonclinical Toxicology Studies” during the Sunday lunch break. A scientific session presented in Spanish, “Estrategias en la Evaluacion Preclinica de Farmaceuticos,” will be offered on Monday at 12:00 noon. Career Development Sessions will be held again on Sunday and Monday. These sessions are geared toward helping our members with timely issues in their careers, are heavily attended, and receive uniformly good ratings. Don’t miss these!

All student attendees will receive invitations to participate in an outing at the National Zoo planned by the Student Subcommittee (Sarah Tannehill-Gregg, Chair) of the Career Outreach Committee (Eric Schultz, Chair; Suzanne Botts, Co-Chair.)

I encourage everyone to attend the Town Hall Meeting on Monday evening, which will feature a spirited discussion of the pros and cons on the desirability of “International Recognition of Qualified Toxicologic Pathologists” (see related article on page 9).

RESULTS OF STP MEMBER SURVEY ON JOINT MEETINGS

In February, the STP Executive Committee (EC) asked STP members to express their opinions on the desirability and advisability of exploring opportunities for joint meetings with other professional organizations. This was in response to suggestions received from members that the STP hold joint meetings with other societies to build stronger organizational collaborations, improve the content and variety of educational programming, offer opportunities for STP members to build stronger relationships with members of allied professions, and educate broader audiences on topics in toxicologic pathology.

1. Should the STP hold joint meetings with other societies rather than a separate meeting?

(339 responses)

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<th>Consistently</th>
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<td>20.9%</td>
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2. If you chose Consistently or Occasionally, which organizations should the STP approach and consider for joint annual meetings?

Please rate each organization as follows:

0 = Not in favor of a joint meeting with this organization.
1 = First choice (highest priority) of those considered desirable.
2 = Second choice.
3 = Third choice.

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<td>American College of Veterinary Pathologists</td>
<td>44.8% (126)</td>
<td>32.0% (90)</td>
<td>8.5% (24)</td>
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<td>Society of Toxicology</td>
<td>43.8% (123)</td>
<td>32.7% (92)</td>
<td>7.1% (20)</td>
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<td>Another organization with shared interest in the meeting topic</td>
<td>20.5% (31)</td>
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Which organization? Numerous organizations were suggested. More than 10% of respondents to the survey recommended the American College of Toxicology (ACT).

We will seek your direct feedback on this important topic via an on-line, 5-minute survey, that will be e-mailed to all members the day following the Town Hall Meeting. I ask that you take a few minutes to respond.

Another topic on which we recently sought member input was your interest in having joint meetings with other Societies. The results are summarized in the sidebar on this page. Based on member preference to do this occasionally, the EC has begun conversations with other allied organizations to explore the possibility of having a joint meeting in 2013, as well as collaborations that will expand our educational programs at other meetings. We will keep you informed on the outcome of these discussions.

The annual meeting would not be possible without the support of our Sponsors and Exhibitors (listed on page 12 & 13). Registration fees do not cover the costs required to provide hotel space, audio-visual equipment, operators, social events, security, and administrative support for our gathering. We are grateful to all of our Exhibitors, who continue to support the Society, and would like to extend our thanks to each of them. Please join me in thanking them at the meeting, and be sure to take time to talk with them in their booths in the Exhibit Hall.

In closing, I want to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve as President for the past year. It has indeed been a pleasure to help the Society weather some of the challenges of an economically difficult time. However, I have witnessed the great value in the continued success of our Society. I urge you to provide our new President, Peter Mann, all the support that he will need to continue to move the Society forward.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Ochoa, President, STP
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Bring a meeting bag. In an effort to be environmentally responsible and to reduce costs, bags will not be provided at registration this year. Please bring along last year’s bag or a briefcase for use during the meeting.

Don’t forget to pack a sweater or jacket for the air-conditioned session rooms.

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STUDENT ZOO OUTING

All student meeting attendees are invited to the Society of Toxicologic Pathology Student/Trainee Outing at the National Zoo on Tuesday afternoon, June 23, 2009. The group will take a behind-the-scenes tour with the keepers and clinical staff of the Zoo.

This is a chance to meet fellow students and interact with scientists representing all facets of the Society as you discuss your future and the various career paths available to you. STP will be designating current members to act as mentors for each student who attends, so this will be a great opportunity for one-on-one discussions, as well as for networking with your present and future STP colleagues. Lunch will be provided. Details will be e-mailed to student registrants and invited mentors. Students can register by contacting Krystle Gulley at k gulley@toxpath.org.

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Please e-mail Krystle Gulley, k gulley@toxpath.org, to volunteer. She will provide you with a list of open times.
**Tumor Pathology and INHAND Nomenclature**
*Chair: Susan A. Elmore, MS, DVM, DACVP, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, NC*

The objectives of this symposium are to provide continuing education on interpreting pathology slides, to generate lively and productive conversation, and to have a good time! The theme for the symposium this year is tumor pathology, corresponding with the STP meeting theme of cancer. We will also include some examples and discussion of INHAND nomenclature as it pertains to neoplastic lesions. During each talk, the speakers will project a series of lesion images on one screen with a choice of diagnoses/answers on a separate screen. Keypads (100) will be distributed at the door on a first come/first serve basis. The members of the audience with wireless keypads will then vote anonymously and the voting results will be displayed on the screen. After each voting session, time is allowed for discussion. The images presented for voting and discussion may represent lesions that are rare and interesting, present a diagnostic challenge, are controversial or have nomenclature dilemmas.

See Final Program (www.toxpath.org/AM2009/agenda.asp) for speaker and topic details.

**Free Sessions for Attendees**

**NTP Satellite Symposium**
*Saturday, June 20
9:00 AM–4:30 PM*
*Free Event; registration required*

**Career Development Workshop**
*Sunday, June 21
8:00 AM–12:00 NOON*
*Free Event; registration required*

**Bone Marrow Examination in Non-clinical Toxicology Studies**
*Sunday, June 21
12:30 PM–1:30 PM*
*Free Lunchtime Session*

**Session Presented in Spanish**
*Monday, June 21
12:15 PM–1:15 PM*
*Free Lunchtime Session*

**Toxicologic Pathology in a Multicultural World**
*Facilitators: A. Eric Schultze, Eli Lilly & Company, Indianapolis, IN, and Brian R. Berridge, DVM, PhD, DACVP, GlaxoSmithKline, Research Triangle Park, NC*

8:00 AM–8:10 AM
*Introduction and Agenda: A. Eric Schultze, Eli Lilly & Company, Indianapolis, IN, and Brian R. Berridge, DVM, PhD, DACVP, GlaxoSmithKline, Research Triangle Park, NC*

8:10 AM–9:50 AM
*China: Vincent P. Meador, DVM, PhD, DACVP, Amgen, Inc., Seattle, WA, and Helen Han Hsu, DVM, PhD, DACVP, J&J, Raritan, NJ*

9:50 AM–10:20 AM
*Break*

10:20 AM–12:00 NOON
*India: Kevin Donnelly, DVM, PhD, Covance, Greenfield, IN, and V.J. Reddy, Eli Lilly & Co, Indianapolis, IN*

The workshop, organized by the Career Outreach and Continuing Education Committees, will provide interactive sessions covering the challenges of doing business and communicating effectively in two geographical areas of developing business growth; China and India. Presenters include natives of these regions and non-natives with experience interacting in a professional capacity within these cultures. Cultural differences and business styles will be discussed. Differences in the training of professional colleagues, difficulties in scientific translation of reports and messages, and baseline communication skills will be reported. Workshop presenters will offer ways to enhance the interactions of pathologists of different cultures and describe how to prepare pathologists for effective communication in a global world. This interactive workshop will feature speaker and participant discussions of challenging scenarios in Toxicologic Pathology and real life business case examples will be emphasized. The Program is sponsored by an educational donation provided by Amgen.

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Exploring Cultural and Career Diversity in Toxicologic Pathology: A Panel Discussion

This is an informational panel discussion with 4 STP members who will share their diverse cultural and career path perspectives and the experiences gained as a result.

**Moderator:** Michael Conner, Vice President, Safety Assessment, Theravance, Inc.

**Participants:**
- Calvert Louden, DVM, PhD, Senior Director, Pathology, Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceuticals
- Evelyn Polack, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVP, Principal Investigator, Comparative Pathology, Biogen Idec
- Dr. Ingrid Pruimboom-Brees, Associate Research Fellow, Pfizer Inc.

Microscope and Digital Pathology Viewing Room Available

**Bring Slides You Would Like to Discuss**

A Microscope and Digital Pathology Viewing Room will be available to attendees in the Exhibit Hall during regular exhibit hours.

Internet Café

Computers will be available from Sunday, June 21 to Wednesday, June 24 in the Exhibit Hall during regular exhibit hours for attendees to check e-mail and complete meeting surveys. STP Annual Meeting Sponsors have provided the funding to support the e-mail message center.

Town Hall Agenda

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International Hall Meeting

**International Recognition of Qualified Toxicologic Pathologists**

Plan to attend the Town Hall Meeting Monday, June 22, to hear presenters briefly express differing viewpoints on the proposed international recognition process for qualified toxicologic pathologists. These short introductory remarks will be followed by a spirited debate and audience participation.

The International Federation of Societies of Toxicologic Pathology (IFSTP), of which the STP is a member, has been deliberating the implementation of a global process for recognizing qualified toxicologic pathologists. The initial proposal is to develop a mechanism to recognize those individuals engaged in regulatory-type (GLP) nonclinical toxicology studies. The rationale for instituting such a scheme, and for limiting recognition at first to anatomic pathologists performing safety assessment functions, has been described in a document recently published in *Toxicologic Pathology* (link to: www.toxpath.org/membersonly/pos) (37:553–561) and slated for simultaneous publication in the two other leading journals of toxicologic pathology. All meeting attendees can access the paper at www.toxpath.org/AM2009/agenda.asp. Members will be prompted for their STP login. Non STP members can access with the login provided via e-mail.

The STP Executive Committee (EC) seeks to understand the opinions of the Society’s membership before making a decision regarding whether or not to endorse such a global recognition mechanism. STP members will be requested to participate in a formal survey which will be e-mailed on June 23.
The Korean Society of Toxicologic Pathology (KSTP) was established in 2002 with 23 board-certified toxicologic pathologists composed of both veterinary and medical pathologists. The first and second president was Dr. Young-Soon Lee, Professor of Seoul National University. Dr. Dae-Young Kang, Medical Pathologist of Chungnam National University was the third president, and the current (4th) president (October 2008–September 2010) is Dr. Boo-Hyon Kang, Director of GLP Center, Medvill Co. LTD.

In October of 2002, KSTP became a member of the International Federation of Societies of Toxicologic Pathology (IFSTP). In March of 2003, the rule for renewal of Toxicologic Pathologist Board was established and promulgated.

KSTP is a non-profit association of pathologists and other scientists who are engaged in pathology-based research, including safety assessment of pharmaceuticals, chemicals, and food additives. KSTP is currently composed of 238 members with 96 board-certified toxicologic pathologists who have been working at colleges or universities, pharmaceutical and cosmetic companies, or contract research organizations (CRO) for non-clinical safety testing.

The vision of KSTP is to foster excellence in toxicologic pathology to improve and protect human, animal, and environmental health by encouraging the advancement and sharing of knowledge, learning, and communication. Educational programs provided by KSTP include lectures and seminars, not only for pathologists, but also for other scientists who are interested in toxicologic pathology and development and safety evaluation of drugs and chemicals. KSTP holds scientific meetings, symposiums, or workshops twice a year. Sometimes, KSTP has joint meetings with the Korean Society of Veterinary Pathologists (KSVP) and the Korean Society of Pathologists (KSP). The programs KSTP has provided so far have included toxicogenomics, toxicologic pathology of several organs or organ systems (liver, kidney, skin, digestive system, male and female reproductive system, respiratory system, nervous system), and nanoparticles. These programs also included histopathology slide conferences.

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KSTP 2010 Joint Symposium on Neuropathology

The 29th STP Annual Meeting will be held jointly with the International Federation of Societies of Toxicologic Pathologists (IFSTP) in Chicago, June 20–24, 2010. Kathleen Funk, Robert Sills, and Brad Bolon are Scientific Program Co-Chairs for the meeting, which will focus on Neuropathology. The meeting and related events will take place at the Chicago Downtown Marriott Magnificent Mile Hotel at which STP has also negotiated a block of reduced-rate guest rooms. Preliminary Program information, hotel reservations, meeting registration, and abstract submission will be available at www.toxpath.org on September 1. The abstract deadline is March 1, 2010.

STP Homepage Updates

To enhance Web site navigation, the Internet Committee has added three shortcut buttons at the top of the homepage for the Journal, The Scope Newsletter, and the “What’s Your Diagnosis” feature. The left menu list has been reordered for ease of use, and a “Forms” page has been added at the bottom of the list. A “Make a Gift” option is now available from the menu list for members who would like to make unrestricted or Education Fund gifts at any time.

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6:45 PM–8:15 PM Salon 1
**Anapath Welcome Reception**
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Monday, June 22
6:30 PM–10:30 PM Salon 1
**EPL Reception**
All attendees and guests invited

Monday, June 22
7:00 AM–8:00 AM Exhibit Hall
Continental Breakfast Hosted by **Charles River**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Morning Breaks Hosted by **Roche**

EXHIBITOR-HostED SESSIONS

Wednesday, June 24
12:00 NOON–1:00 PM
Balcony CD
**CompuCyte Corporation**
Quantitative Imaging Cytometry for Tissue Analysis

For personalized medicine, accurate quantification of cellular expression of relevant proteins linked to particular therapies is vital. This workshop will address:

- QIC Performance characteristics: accuracy, sensitivity, precision
- Simultaneous analysis of fluorescently and chromatically stained samples
- Continuous “scoring” instead of the “0” to “3+” approach
- New standardization and QC materials for accurate, reproducible and quantitative measurement of protein concentrations in situ.

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Tel: 703-438-7508 Fax: (703) 438-3113 Web site: www.toxpath.org
Q. Where do you work and what are your main job responsibilities?
A. Charles River Laboratories, Preclinical Services, Nevada, as Division Director, Pathology. I am responsible for financial performance, customer satisfaction, scientific performance, the regulatory compliance of the scientific and technical staff of a small pathology organization. I locally manage personnel issues, and serve as the on-site representative for our business unit and company wide initiatives. In addition, I serve as a Study Pathologist as needed.

Q. What are your primary pathology investigative/specialty interests?
A. Toxicologic pathology, drug discovery, development, digital pathology, animal models of toxicity, disease, renal pathology, and carcinogenesis are some of my professional interests.

Q. What aspect(s) in your current position (or career for that matter) do you find most rewarding?
A. I find a great deal of satisfaction in helping people develop in new avenues of study and career success. I have been involved with a variety of initiatives and committees with the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP), the Society of Toxicologic Pathology (STP) and the American College of Toxicology (ACT) that mostly revolve around education and recruitment. I view contributions to the various organizations within our discipline as an important part of my career and development in our discipline. John taught me the tools of the trade and gave me a realistic outlook for career paths and development in our discipline. In addition, I would not be the pathologist I am today without tremendous mentoring from many other pathologists including Frank Geoly, Rich Miller, Doug Wolf, Jim Swenberg, Russ Cattley, Brad Bolon, Isaac Hayward, Jeff Engelhardt, Noel Dybdal, and Stephen Durham.

Q. What or who “sparked” your interest in pathology?
A. My interest in toxicology started when I learned about the link between asbestos exposure and mesothelioma, which my grandfather died from when I was young. John Robertson was my first mentor and inspiration in the pathology community. John taught me the tools of the trade and gave me a realistic outlook for career paths and development in our discipline. In addition, I would not be the pathologist I am today without tremendous mentoring from many other pathologists including Frank Geoly, Rich Miller, Doug Wolf, Jim Swenberg, Russ Cattley, Brad Bolon, Isaac Hayward, Jeff Engelhardt, Noel Dybdal, and Stephen Durham.

Q. Who are your family members?
A. My immediate family members include my wife Elena, dog Casey and cat Priscilla. Elena is a toxicologist who has served various roles in drug discovery and development. We met in our post-graduate days spent in beautiful Chapel Hill at the University of North Carolina. My extended family consists of my parents, Elmer and Nancy, and sister, Sheryl, who all live in my home town of Bel Air, MD.

Q. What pets do you have?
A. Elena and I enjoy spending down time with our 14 year old dog Casey and 11 year old cat Priscilla. Casey is a Carolina Dog which is a primitive dog breed with ancestral links to Asian Neolithic dogs. We adopted her from the Wake County pound when she was just 6 weeks old. Apart from some lenticular sclerosis and slightly decreased bounciness and hearing, Casey is as spry as when she was a 2 year old. Priscilla is a completely white Domestic Shorthair cat that we adopted as a 3 week old feral kitten, and she has ruled the household ever since (at least in her mind).

Q. What are your hobbies/interests?
A. I have many varied hobbies and interests. Zymurgy, or the study of fermentation and art of brewing alcoholic beverages, is my most interesting (and appetizing) hobby. I've been brewing beer since 1988 and, remarkably, I've won several ribbons in local homebrew competitions. My favorite beer styles are English and Scottish-style Ales. I have an interest in surrealist art (often more enjoyed when combined with the above study of fermented beverages), especially the life and works of Salvador Dali which are best displayed at the Dali Theatre-Museum in Figueres, Spain. I also enjoy hiking, and some of my favorite trails include the Tahoe Rim Trail (Sierra Nevada Mountains, NV), Mt. Marcy (Adironack Park, NY), Parker's Ridge (Icefields Parkway, Alberta, Canada), and Grandfather Mountain (Blue Ridge Mountains, NC). I like mountain biking and...
have done a fair amount of single track, but I really prefer a nice, relaxing jeep trail or fire road; my favorite trail combo is through Umstead State Park with single track around Lake Crabtree (North Carolina). I really enjoy traveling to new places, especially in Europe. Through the years I have traveled extensively within the United States and Canada, and to France, Spain, and Belgium. My favorite travel destination is Paris, France due to the many tremendous museums, historic tourist sites and churches, wonderful cuisine, beer and wine, and incredible people.

Q. Just for fun—is there something you would like to mention to the member community that they would be surprised to know about you?

A. I was active in high school and college musical theatre. My most memorable performance was Pseudolus in “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,” a bawdy story of a slave (Pseudolus) and his attempts to win his freedom by helping his young master woo the courtesan next door. I was able to run around, sing and dance like a fool, and people applauded me for it! Some of you might remember the role being played by its most noteworthy casting of Samuel Joel “Zero” Mostel. My casting in the role was secured when I auditioned with the Rodgers and Hammerstein song “I Enjoy Being a Girl,” proving that I was willing and able to make a complete fool of myself on stage.

BEHIND THE SCENES

AIM’s Communications team may not be at the STP Annual Meeting this year, but you will recognize some of their work in the materials these professionals have designed for the 2009 event. From the Annual Meeting Web site to the program and signage, AIM’s Communications Department has been hard at work for some time to bring you these products. AIM’s Communications team consists of five professionals with 65 years of combined experience that covers web design, software development, graphics arts and video production. Debbie O’Keefe, who has been with AIM for the past 15 years serves as the Communications and Web Development Director for the group. Devin Yates, is the Web Master, Sue Curran serves as the Print Production Manager, Chris Cerniglia serves as the Graphic Designer/Communications Specialist and Colleen Kelley-Vaquerano is the Graphic Designer/Communications Specialist.

AIM (Association Innovation and Management, Inc.), headquartered in Reston, VA, has served as the management company for STP since 2002. AIM’s 32 full-time staff also support seven other toxicological societies.
This morning there were snowflurries flying outside my home office window. Now, finally, the nearly forgotten sun is peeking out from behind the thick gray, all-day, wall-to-wall cloud, just in time for it to drop over the edge, also just in time to cast slanted golden rays of lush evening light on what? A flock? A swarm? A swat team? What is the word for a beach ball-sized wad of hundreds of mosquitoes bouncing in the air on the other side of this glass? We weren’t given even a day of transition between shoveling and swatting. It was just one fell swoop: one minute you’re pasty white and itchy, the next you’re pasty white and itchy decorated with even itchier red bumps. There’s still a little snow in the woods, and Jellybean still wants her doggy coat, but she’s already got to be on heartworm meds. The grass isn’t even green yet. (About this I should not complain, I could be out there mowing and swatting.) Two weeks ago exposed skin was at risk for frostbite, now I have to protect it from exsanguination. We went from “wind chill factor” to “kill that %@$#er!” faster than Republicans turned into deficit hawks. Winter in the Michigan can seem interminable, like a windowless office with a dirty microscope and a carc study with five dose levels and a dozen target organs. Don’t we deserve a nice warm green interlude before the vernal invasion of flying hypodermics? Wouldn’t a little spring break be in order?

But I’m sure I’m not the only one who’s had the, “Hey! What just happened?!” Feeling lately. Even if you never go outside or you live in a perpetually sunny climate (no, you can’t have our water), the daily news of downsizings, mergers, and falling markets has wrecked a lot of plans with little warning. The days of living like there’s no tomorrow are clearly over; 401Ks have turned to 201Ks, and lots of us can see that it will be more years than we hoped before we limp and wheel ourselves into the eternal cocktail lounge of retirement. All these changing plans and evaporating dreams can be hard on a person. Aging has been defined as the loss of ability to respond and adapt to change, but I doubt that hard times are hitting sub-geezers like me any harder than the newly minted grads who need a first job in this economy. The elections last fall were all about change: change for America, change you can believe in. Now it’s change for a cup of coffee, change that itches. Buddy, can you spare some DEET?

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Dr. Mildred Christian**

Dr. Mildred Christian passed away on March 25 in Mechanicsville, PA. She was an STP member since 1996. She was co-founder of Argus Research Laboratories in 1979 (now a Division of Charles River Laboratories) and President and CEO of Argus International, Inc.

Dr. Christian received a Ph.D. in developmental anatomy from Thomas Jefferson University and was active in industrial toxicology for more than 30 years. Since co-founding Argus Research Laboratories in 1979, and Argus International in 1980, she was personally involved in the conduct, evaluation and submission of over 1,200 developmental, reproductive, and general toxicology evaluations performed in-house or under contract, from protocol to final report.

Dr. Christian was an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Anatomy and Developmental Biology at Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University since 1992 and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences since 1997. She was a certified Diplomate in General Toxicology, The Academy of Toxicological Sciences.

She was the Founding Editor of the *International Journal of the American College of Toxicology* and was its Editor-in-Chief for 10 years. She also edited and/or contributed to several major textbooks and authored more than 100 papers and abstracts.

Dr. Christian is survived by her husband, Dr. Alan Hoberman.
might produce; we hope that we can provide support that will help
the groups organize, grow, and develop their own agendas.

Three STP Interest Groups are scheduled to meet in Washington,
D.C. at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel at the annual meeting
this year. Neuropathology, Reproductive Pathology, and Clinical
Pathology groups will each hold a meeting on Tuesday morning.

Interested attendees are invited to join their colleagues at the
appointed time(s) and place(s) to begin building these interest
groups.

**STP Special Interest Groups Form**

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