

S.A.T. Newsletter



Dallas to welcome S.A.T. April 29-May 1



International Accreditation process.

Saturday's scientific session will honor Dr. Jim Garriott. The session will focus on ethanol-related issues in toxicology, and will feature Richard Alpert of the Tarrant County District Attorney's office. Richard will update us on the recent Texas legislation expanding DWI mandatory blood draws, and will discuss his experiences with defense challenges to blood ethanol

Experience Texas hospitality at the Spring 2010 SAT meeting, to be held April 29th – May 1st at the Hilton Garden Inn/ Market Center in Dallas, Texas. The theme of the meeting will be "ISO and Ethanol in Dallas," and Friday's scientific platform will be anchored by a presentation from our guest lecturer, Dr. Marc LeBeau, Chief of

the FBI Laboratory's Chemistry Unit. Dr. LeBeau will speak on measurement uncertainty, and provide us with examples of toxicology



-related uncertainty calculations. Dr. LeBeau's session will be followed by real world experiences with ASCLD/LAB's

analysis. Get your alcohol abstracts ready to submit and share with the group!

The President's reception Thursday evening will include a pool-side "tequila tasting" and hospitality suite at the Hilton Garden Inn. Lunch on Friday is included in the meeting registration,



and we will enjoy Friday evening entertainment at Medieval Times restaurant, only a short drive from the hotel. The restaurant hosts honored guests inside its arena for a royal feast, medieval games of skill and an authentic jousting tournament—bring your armor!

Early meeting registration until March 30, 2010 is only \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members and \$40 for students.

Southwestern Association of Toxicologists

Highlights:

- > Marc LeBeau, FBI Laboratory
- > Alcohol-related issues
- > New facility for Dallas County
- > Jousting

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Southwestern Association of Toxicologists

**2010 Spring Meeting
 April 29 – May 1, 2010
 Hilton Garden Inn/Market Center
 Dallas, TX**



Registration Form

Name to appear on badge:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Title:	
Agency:	
Address:	

SAT Member SAT Non-member Student

Please register for the meeting and make hotel reservations prior to March 30, 2010 to avoid late fees. Registration includes admission to all scientific sessions, exhibits, breaks, the tequila tasting and reception Thursday evening, lunch on Friday, dinner (and jousting!) at Medieval Times on Friday night.

	Member	Non-member	Student	Total
Prior to March 30, 2010	\$50	\$60	\$30	
After March 30, 2010	\$65	\$75	\$40	

Extra ticket for Friday dinner	Number of guests (\$50.00/ticket)	Total
<input type="checkbox"/>		

Grand Total:

I will will *not* attend the Medieval Times dinner on Friday night.
 I require a vegetarian meal.

Please make payment by check or money order, payable to SAT, and mail to:

Susan Howe
 Tarrant County Medical Examiner
 200 Feliks Gwozdz Pl.
 Fort Worth, TX 76104

SAT Business Meeting Minutes, October 19, 2009, Oklahoma City

Minutes taken by Kathy Erwin (substituting for Greg Jellick, Secretary)

Call to Order

Past President Dr. Ashraf Mozayani, filling in for current President Paola Merritt, who was unable to attend, called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM on October 19, 2009.

Welcome—Dr. Mozayani welcomed everyone to Oklahoma City, introduced the officers present, and asked members present to introduce themselves. Ernie Street wanted to note the passing of Jim Garriott, one of our founding members. A suggestion was made that at our next meeting we should have an alcohol workshop in honor of him.

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the San Antonio meeting were published in the newsletter and were read for the record by Kathy Erwin. Erin Spargo made a motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Ernie Street and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Erwin presented the treasurer's report. Glenn Harrison made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Garry Metcalfe, and approved.

Committee Reports

Membership

Dr. Mozayani, as recommended by the membership committee, presented the following applicants to the membership for approval:

- Fessessework Guale, Harris County Medical Examiner's Office
- Keren Herrera, graduate student at UTHSC of San Antonio
- Josie Hollowell, Harris County Medical Examiner's Office
- Robert Johnson, Federal Aviation Administration
- Ariel Welch, graduate student at UTHSC of San Antonio

All five applicants were approved unanimously as new members.

Communications

Garry Metcalfe reported that our website designer has quit without completing the

CMS system (content management system). Garry would like to look for some bids to complete this work. Kathy Erwin made a motion that

Garry obtain bids for the remaining website work and submit them to the board. The motion was seconded by Erin Spargo and was approved. A suggestion was made during this discussion by Dr. Mozayani that SAT should hire someone to do things that officers don't have time to do.

New Business

Officer nominations

In addition to nominations from the board, Dr. Mozayani opened the floor for officer nominations.

President-elect (for the term 2010-2011). The nominees are:

Amy Scarafile

Susan Howe (nominated from the floor by Kathy Erwin)

Treasurer (for the term 2010-2012). The nominee is:

Kathy Erwin

Councilor (for the term 2010-2012). The nominees are:

Sabra Smith-Botch

Eduardo Padilla

Carrie Presses

Dallas Spring 2010 Meeting

Erin Spargo explained that the dates for the meeting will be April 30-May 1, 2010. The location for the meeting is the Dallas-Market Center Hilton Garden Inn. Marc LeBeau will be coming to speak on uncertainty. The room rate will be \$85.00/night. They may have a session on alcohol Saturday as suggested earlier. The business meeting is scheduled after lunch on Friday.

Future meetings

Fall 2010—Houston

Spring 2011—tentatively Austin

Committee Volunteers

Ernie Street volunteered to serve on the constitutional review committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.



Paola Merritt
2009-2010 SAT President

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I wish I was wearing my S.A.T. polo shirt!



Want to look professional AND sexy in the lab? You'll do both in a fabulous new SAT polo shirt. We are currently accepting orders for delivery to the Dallas meeting. The shirts are navy blue with the SAT logo in gold embroidery composed of a comfortable 5 oz. cotton polyester pique blend. Women's and men's sizes are available. The shirts will be sold at cost (\$15-20). A limited number of polos in limited sizes will be available at the meeting, but to ensure get one of these hot items, place your preorder at gjellick@bexar.org. Please note: Small sizes and those over XL will require a preorder to the email address above.

Hotel Information

Meeting Accommodations:

The spring meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn/ Market Center in Dallas. The hotel has offered us a special rate of only \$85/night, and features relaxing, well-appointed guest room accommodations, complimentary premium cable channels, complimentary high-speed Internet access, and a pool, whirlpool, and workout facilities. *Please book your rooms by March 30th to ensure our special room rate and availability.*

Address and contact information:

Hilton Garden Inn/Market Center
2325 North Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, Texas
USA 75207
Tel: 214-634-8200

Reservations:

By phone/local: 214-634-8200

Toll free: 1-800-HILTONS

Online: <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/DALMAGI-SST-20100426/index.jhtml>

Special Communication—Chris Heartsill

Those of us that use a comprehensive drug screen such as the Foerster or Modified Foerster method have found it difficult to obtain a suitable external quality control. Several years ago there was brief discussion regarding a comprehensive quality control sample that could be manufactured by an external source. We discussed the types of drugs we would like to see in such a control and the concentrations that would be suitable. The discussions slowed when trying to identify a vendor that would suit the outlined needs and this is where the discussions faded. I have talked to a representative from UTAK in the past several months and he is interested in providing a “regional” quality control sample that would fit this need. If there is enough interest for bulk production the cost would

be reasonable. UTAK currently provides quality control samples in urine and human whole blood for drugs of abuse. Several whole blood quality control samples were extracted in our lab to determine the quality of the samples and results. All were found to be within the expected range. Another aspect that UTAK may provide is tracking of the results via the web. This would allow for tracking of results from lab to lab and increase the confidence in the results.

I would like to take some time with those interested to develop a regional quality control sample. The discussion should include appropriate drugs and appropriate concentrations that would be included in the mix.

Call for Abstracts

We are currently accepting abstracts intended for the Spring 2010 meeting of the Southwestern Association of Toxicologists. Please email your title and abstract (200 words or less) to Susan Howe at: srhowe@tarrantcounty.com. **The theme of the meeting is “ISO and Ethanol”, and preference will be given to abstracts devoted to these two topics.** Please include your name and any co-authors, organization name, email address, postal address and phone number. Indicate whether you prefer 20 or 30 minute time slots and we will try to accommodate your request. We will have an LCD projector and laptop for your powerpoint; please be prepared with a flash drive or CD/DVD so we may pre-load your presentation. If you need to use your own laptop, please advise us in advance. Thank you!

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*Fall 2010—
Houston*

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