

DESCRIPTION OF THE SOCIETY

The Scandinavian Society for Cell Toxicology (SSCT) was founded in 1983 as an organization for Scandinavian toxicologists with specific interests in cell toxicology. Cell toxicology is a sub-discipline of toxicology and can be defined as the discipline aimed at studying the principles of chemical interference with cellular structures and/or functions. Cell toxicology has developed considerably during the last two decades and has made major contributions to general toxicological knowledge. This discipline also has to be regarded as the scientific basis for the development of *in vitro* assays and *in vitro* testing strategies that might be used to reduce or even replace animal experiments for the toxicological hazard and risk assessment of chemicals.

The principle aim of the Scandinavian Society is to further promote the development of cell toxicology. This refers to basic scientific research as well as to applied aspects, e. g. development of *in vitro* tests with isolated and/or cultured cells, models to predict *in vivo* toxicity and integrated testing strategies.

The Society is run by an Executive Board comprising seven members, including chairman, secretary and treasurer. Members are elected by the General Assembly for a two year period.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY

The main activity of the Society is to organise a yearly scientific conference to promote the interchange of knowledge and research experience between scientists from universities, industry, government and other organisations sharing a common interest in cell toxicology.

The Society has started the Björn Ekwall Memorial Foundation (BEMF), which gives an annual award to the memory of Dr. Björn Ekwall, one of the founders of the Society. The Björn Ekwall award is given at the scientific workshops to a scientist who has significantly contributed to the field of *in vitro* toxicology.

Further information about the Björn Ekwall award, the prize winners, and the foundation is presented on the BEMF homepage (<http://www.bemf.eu/>).

MEETINGS

Scientific meetings/workshops are arranged regularly. The aim is to organise workshops in a different country each time. English is the official language. The workshops include invited lectures, general discussions on topics related to cell toxicology, alternative methods, and research reports from laboratories working in the field of cell toxicology and related areas. Proceedings of the workshops are published.

The Society welcomes anyone to attend and contribute to the meetings, however, only members are guaranteed to be notified and to pay a reduced registration fee.

MEMBERSHIP

The society welcomes anyone working in the field of cell toxicology as a member, however, any scientist involved in related areas, i.e. cell biology, pharmacology, biochemistry, alternative methods is invited to join the Society. To become a member, please contact Kathrin Zeller (kathrin.zeller@immun.lth.se).

Membership fees

Individual member:	32 EUR
Student member:	16 EUR

Benefits of membership

- reduced registration fee for SSCT workshops
- possible scholarship grants for students for participation in SSCT workshops
- discounted membership subscription to the European Society for Toxicology in Vitro (ESTIV)

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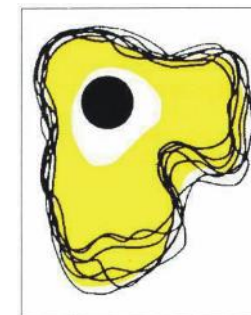
Future workshop: SSCT-Swetox workshop 2015

Tuesday Oct. 13th – Thursday Oct. 15th

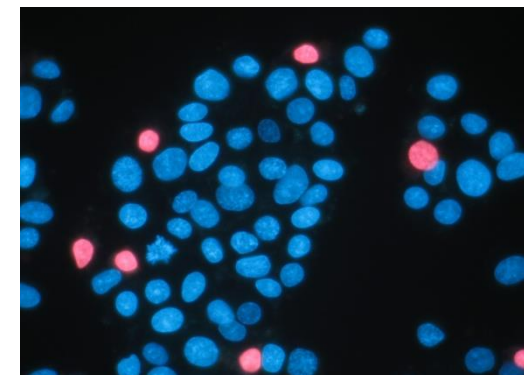
<http://swetox.se/event/spara-datomet-ssct-swetox-workshop-mechanisms-markers-and-models-the-3m-strategy-in-risk-assessment/>

Workshop history:

1983	Uppsala, Sweden (B. Ekwall)
1984	Uppsala, Sweden (B. Ekwall & J. Selling)
1985	Roskilde, Denmark (J. Clausen)
1986	Lysebu, Oslo, Norway (A. Hensten-Peterssen)
1987	Espoo, Helsinki, Finland (K. Linnainmaa)
1988	Göteborg, Sweden (L. Rönnbäck & E. Hansson)
1989	Ebeltoft, Denmark (D. Arenholt-Bindslev)
1990	Kongsvoll, Norway (T. Syversen)
1991	Nagu, Finland (B. Isomaa)
1992	Visby, Sweden (B. Ekwall & C. Clemedson)
1993	Klintholm harbour, Denmark (E. Selzer-Rasmussen)
1994	Ustaaset, Norway (K.-J. Andersen)
1995	Tampere, Finland (H. Tähti)
1996	Uppsala, Sweden, B. Ekwall & B. Ekwall)
1997	Roskilde, Denmark (S. Achim-Nielsen & J. Clausen)
1998	Tallinn, Estonia (SSCT/ETS workshop. A. Kahru & colleagues)
1999	Röstånga, Sweden (P. Kjellstrand & B. Ekwall)
2000	Stockholm, Sweden (C. Clemedson)
2001	Ringstedt, Denmark (J. Clausen)
2002	Oxford, England (SSCT/ETCS/BPG workshop. A. Forsby, R. Grafström and J. Masters)
2003	Tampere, Finland (H. Tähti & I. Christianson-Heiska)
2004	Zegrze, Poland (The INVITOX/SSCT workshop, M. Nordin Andersson & D. Sladowski)
2005	Toila, Estonia (SSCT/ETS workshop. A. Karuh)
2006	Grinda, Sweden (H. Gustafsson & colleagues)
2007	Salzau, Germany (H. Seibert & M. Gulden)
2008	Djurö, Sweden (ESTIV2008 workshop. C. Clemedson & colleagues)
2009	Lazne Sedmihorky, Czech Republic (Z. Cervinkova & M. Cervinka)
2010	Trondheim, Norway (T. Syversen) – cancelled
2011	Tampere, Finland (T. Heinonen & H. Tähti and colleagues)
2012	No workshop, Annual general meeting, Stockholm, Sweden (H. Appelgren)
2013	Vilvorde, Denmark (L. Mathiesen & L. I. Knudsen)
2014	No workshop, Annual general meeting, Prague in connection to the 9World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences (T. Heinonen)



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