

ERT World wide IUTOX Registry Project

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IUTOX initiated a task for the global harmonisation of existing registration and certification of toxicologists schemes under the umbrella of IUTOX. For this purpose IUTOX formed the Toxicology Recognition Task Force (TRTF) in 2011.

EUROTOX has been invited to participate in this Project by being the member of TRTF. Since then EUROTOX President and RSC participated in all meetings and conference calls held by IUTOX as member of the TRTF.

The information about the recent IUTOX member Society surveys and below proposed/recommended plans of IUTOX were given to the participants and these were thoroughly discussed.

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IUTOX leadership believes that finding a way to recognize toxicologists on an international basis will help develop the toxicology profession as a whole, and has developed a **two-part** process to achieve that goal.

Part one of the two step process is to record the names of toxicologists around the world who currently participate in a national or regional toxicology society.

Part two is a longer-term goal and is envisioned to “harmonize” the existing certification and registration processes already available around the world.

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Part I

Development of a **Global Directory of Toxicology** will provide individual toxicologists the ability to network with other scientists for the purposes of sharing research, solving local problems and learning about job opportunities.

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IUTOX proposed 3 options for the management of
Global Toxicology Directory
by reviewing the communications opportunities
presented by existing technology and emerging social
media
at EUROTOX Paris Congress 29th of August 2011
These were

- 1: Socius Membership Engagement Software—Online Platform for Associations
- 2: netFORUM Enterprise Software —Online Membership Database for Professional Societies
- 3: ResearchGate Online Scientific Network (Public social networking platform)

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Due to the robustness of the tool, its focus on science and the lack of initial or on-going fees (with the exception of limited staff time support), the Executive Committee and all the members of TRTF agreed on the use of ResearchGate, an open, free social networking tool for **Global Toxicology Directory**.

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On the 14th of March, 2012, at IUTOX TRTF Meeting in San Francisco, California, U.S.A. (SOT Meeting) the Pilot Program results were discussed.

In 8th CTDC Congress in Bangkok, Thailand, 10-13 September, 2012 IUTOX EC evaluated the current practice and decided to improve the experience of IUTOX Work Group participants.

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Part II

Toxicology Recognition plan

Harmonize certifications and registries that already exist in countries or regions for senior scientists.

This is a longer term objective due to the level of coordination that will be required between groups in Europe (ERT), Asia e.g. Japan and the United States.

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Currently existing other certifying boards or society registries are;

Exam based;

The American Board of Toxicology

The American Board of Veterinary Toxicology

Exam and CV based;

Japanese Society of Toxicology –CV based for the recognized toxicologists in industry

Korean Board of Toxicology

Chinese Board of Toxicology

CV based;

The Academy of Toxicological Sciences (USA)

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Part II

The discussions about the harmonization/mutual recognition process got underway at EUROTOX 2011 Paris , SOT Meetings in Washington DC, 2011.

The below session was held at SOT meeting in San Francisco on 14th of March, 2012, by SOT with the contribution of important existing society registration and certifying boards

“Getting Certified as a toxicologists: Why, when, where and how”

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At SOT Meeting in San Francisco, California, U.S.A.
On 14th of March, 2012, Wednesday at 7.30 am to 8.50 am
A session was held on

"Getting Certified as a toxicologists: Why, when, where and how"

- Introductory talk: What makes a Toxicologist ?
Mary Jane Selgrade, NC, USA
- Certification through the American Board of Toxicology (ABT)
John A. Wisler, CA, USA
- Certification through the Academy of Toxicological Sciences (ATS)
William J. Brock, MD, USA
- Certification as an European Registered Toxicologists (ERT)
Nancy D. Claude, France
- Certification through the Japanese Society of Toxicology (JSOT)
Shuji Tsuda, Japan
- Opportunities for harmonization
Lewis L. Smith, (IUTOX), UK

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The meeting on the harmonization/mutual recognition process by the IUTOX TRTF was held immediately after that session.

Each body representative provided clarification of their schemes. All indicated that they are willing to be part of this initiation of IUTOX. There were fruitful preliminary discussions about how to reach a consensus on basic requirements.

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Part II

Currently IUTOX Task force is preparing the matrix of the rules/guidelines of the existing registration and certifying boards to understand the commonalities and differences among them for the harmonization/mutual recognition process.

The discussions will be continued at SOT meeting in March 2013 in San Antonio, Texas, USA and at the ICTXIII meeting in Seoul, South Korea, 2013

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