

## ***Charter Meeting of the Cardiovascular Toxicology Specialty Section***

The Cardiovascular Toxicology Specialty Section (**CVT SS**) will hold a Charter Meeting during the 2010 Annual Society of Toxicology Meeting in Salt Lake City. The Meeting will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center, room 355 B, on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 12 noon to 1:30 pm. All SOT members (full, associate, post-doc and student members alike) are invited to attend this first reception to introduce the **CVT SS**.

Two keynote speakers: *Dr. Kenneth Ramos* (Past President of the Society of Toxicology, and Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Louisville) and *Dr. R. Dustan Sarazan* (Director of Safety Pharmacology, Covance Laboratories Inc.) will highlight our Charter Meeting with insightful discussions from their experiences as preeminent cardiovascular toxicologists, and the future challenges, as well as opportunities the **CVT SS** faces.

The **CVT SS** will be dedicated to:

- 1) Identification, prevention and/or amelioration of cardiovascular toxicities.
- 2) Development of scientific programs, position statements, focal points for technical expertise and outreach activities.
- 3) Graduate education/training and the recruitment of new cardiovascular scientists.

This broad-reaching commitment will serve not only to unite scientists from academia, government, industry, and the private sector but also to actively promote issues germane to cardiovascular toxicology while facilitating the training of the next generation of scholars in this field. In this Charter Meeting of the **CVT SS**, we will develop the necessary foundation to initiate these commitments. Additional information about the **CVT SS** can be found at our interim website (<http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/ccrs/cvtss>), or questions can be directed to Timothy R. Nurkiewicz, Ph.D. (tnurkiewicz@hsc.wvu.edu). Interested members should submit their contact information (insert survey monkey link) to be added to our distribution list.