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Hawai'i Convention Center to Host the IUTOX 15th International Congress of Toxicology

With a global focus, the first ICT held in the U.S. since 1995 will draw attendees from 60 countries

Honolulu, July 9, 2019 – The Hawai'i Convention Center is hosting the first IUTOX International Congress of Toxicology (ICT) meeting held in the U.S. in nearly 25 years. It is expected to draw 1,200 attendees from around the world from July 15-18, 2019.

The IUTOX 15th International Congress of Toxicology (ICTXV) is a forum for scientists in academia, government and industry to learn about the latest developments in toxicological science and regulation. The Society of Toxicology (SOT) is partnering with the International Union of Toxicology (IUTOX) to co-host the triennial ICT conference, where East and West come together.

In 2013, SOT submitted a bid to host ICTXV because the Society felt the congress would align with its mission and guiding principles of fostering lifelong learning, supporting toxicologists from diverse backgrounds and circumstances, and advancing the impact and reach of toxicology. The conference is expected to serve as a global forum for the exchange of ideas that can create lasting partnerships and measurably elevate the competency of toxicologists globally.

By co-hosting the congress, SOT is working to expand educational and capacity-building opportunities for toxicologists around the world — including scientists from developing and less-developed countries — by providing expertise through a scientific conference that recognizes the needs of scientists from these underserved areas.

"The Hawai'i Convention Center is pleased to host this premier global conference, which highlights the Center's unique ability to serve as a world-class global meetings destination between East and West," said Teri Orton, general manager, Hawai'i Convention Center, managed by AEG Facilities.

The theme of the meeting is "Toxicology Solutions for Global Public, Environmental, and Personal Health." The Scientific Program Committee, in collaboration with IUTOX and other societies, has created a program that highlights excellence in the science and practice of toxicology, working to balance the interests of different countries and world regions. Of the almost 800 prospective abstracts received through regular and late-breaking submission, developing-country presenters represent nearly one-third of presentations.

The conference, which is drawing registrants from approximately 60 countries, includes 20 Symposia, four Keynote Lectures, and eight Continuing Education Courses. These sessions will explore informative and inspiring strategies to improve human and environmental health in countries with both robust and developing research and regulatory enterprises.

Other major medical and scientific meetings at the Center this year have included the American Stroke Association's International Stroke Conference in February, the Society of Gynecologic Oncology's 50th Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer in March, and the American Roentgen Ray Society's annual meeting in May. The Center will also host the National Medical Association's 2019 Annual Convention & Scientific Assembly later this month, OceanObs'19 in September, and the Health Span Hawaii Summit in November.

About the International Union to Toxicology (IUTOX)

Founded in 1980, IUTOX has 63 affiliated societies representing all six continents and more than 25,000 toxicologists from industry, academia and government as members; offering a diverse and challenging perspective on every issue and development relating to the profession. The IUTOX mission is to improve human health through the science and practice of toxicology worldwide. For more, visit www.iutox.org.

About the Society of Toxicology (SOT)

Founded in 1961, the Society of Toxicology (SOT) is a professional and scholarly organization of scientists from academic institutions, government, and industry representing the great variety of scientists who practice toxicology in the U.S. and abroad. The Society's mission is to create a safer and healthier world by advancing the science and increasing the impact of toxicology. For more, visit www.toxicology.org.

About the Hawai'i Convention Center

"Where Business and Aloha Meet," the 1.1 million-square-foot Hawai'i Convention Center provides a spacious, modern and flexible meeting space in the heart of Honolulu – all with an award-winning team and renowned aloha spirit. Conveniently located between East and West, the Center is a global leader for a diverse array of meetings and events, just steps from 30,000 hotel rooms in iconic Waikiki. The Center is a state-owned facility opened in 1998, and is managed by AEG Facilities. For more, visit HawaiiConvention.com.

About AEG Facilities

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