STP 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award

The Society of Toxicologic Pathology (STP) Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a member in good standing who has played critical and influential roles in the area of toxicologic pathology and has made significant contributions for 20 years or more. Achievement may be demonstrated by a body of work in any or all of the following areas: scientific discovery, education, regulatory standards, or service to the Society of Toxicologic Pathology.

The STP is proud to honor Samuel M. Cohen, MD, PhD as the recipient of the 2015 STP Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Cohen received his BS, MD, and PhD degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He is a board certified pathologist and has served as staff pathologist at St. Vincent Hospital and up to an Associate Professor at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He was visiting professor with Dr. Nobuyuki Ito in Nagoya, Japan. He was recruited to the University of Nebraska Medical Center, where he has served as Professor, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Department of Pathology and Microbiology, as well as Havlik-Wall Professor of Oncology.

In addition to his academic and service roles, Dr. Cohen has made seminal discoveries in toxicologic pathology. He was one of the first scientists to fully grasp the critical role of cell proliferation in mutagenesis and carcinogenesis. His research on saccharin led to its down classification by IARC and removal from the NTP List of Carcinogens. Dr. Cohen is one of the most highly sought experts in chemical safety, including drug safety, with extensive knowledge regarding PPAR α and γ agonists amongst several other drug classes. Likewise, he has international expertise in urinary bladder pathology and carcinogenesis. He has served on Editorial Boards as a reviewer and Associate Editor for multiple journals and has received several honors and awards from professional societies. He has and continues to serve on multiple Advisory Panels, including: International Life Science Institute (ILSI) - Health and Environmental Sciences Institute Board of Trustees (HESI), 2001–present; Chairman, 2006–2008; ILSI Board of Trustees, 2007–present; Chairman, 2012–2015; National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) (2008–2013) and National Toxicology Programs (2002–2004) Boards of Scientific Counselors; WHO/IPCS, Expert Panel on Carcinogens, 1999–2006; Expert Panel of the Flavors and Extracts Manufacturers Association, 2002–present; as well as numerous committees and panels with NIH, EPA, FDA, WHO, IARC, IPCS, and various other national and international scientific organizations. His career has clearly impacted regulatory decision making, bringing more science into the risk assessment and human relevance of various toxicologic findings.

Dr. Cohen has been a member of STP since 1990 and he served on the Organizing Committee for the 2009 STP Annual Symposium. He has also served on STP Committees for Membership, Awards, and Nominations; and is currently an Associate Editor of the Society’s journal, Toxicologic Pathology, since 2005. Based on a lifetime of significant achievement and contributions to the field of toxicologic pathology, the STP is pleased to recognize Samuel M. Cohen as the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Awardee.

STP 2015 Outstanding Mentor Award

The Society of Toxicologic Pathology (STP) Outstanding Mentor Award is given to a member in good standing who has played a significant role in the training of toxicologic pathologists. The award is intended for individuals who have mentored pathologists as part of formal training programs as well as individuals who have consistently provided informal coaching or instruction.

The STP is proud to honor Thomas J. Rosol, DVM, PhD, DACVP as recipient of the 2015 STP Outstanding Mentor Award. Dr. Rosol has been instrumental in the training of numerous toxicologic pathologists, as well as contributing to many other educational activities for the STP. He is currently Professor in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences at the Ohio State University and Senior Advisor for Life Sciences to the Office of Technology Commercialization.