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Jun Kanno, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Kanno:

On behalf of the IUTOX Executive Committee, I have the honor of informing you that you've been named the 2025 IUTOX Merit Award winner.

Your service on the IUTOX Executive Committee as President and your long-term commitment to IUTOX programming activities have advanced our mission to improve human health through the science and practice of toxicology world-wide. Your intellectual contributions to our field as a scholar, writer, educator, leader, and mentor are remarkable and enduring.

Through your service in both public research institutions and academia, you have made significant contributions to regulatory toxicology and toxicological science. Your work at institutions such as the National Institute of Health Sciences (NIHS) in Japan has had lasting impact on both national and international policy and practice. In addition, your intelligent and humorous personality have engaged many members across national and language barriers, and helped IUTOX to be united under a mutual trust. You have worked to participate in and organize numerous international symposia, facilitate international research collaborations, and promote capacity building in toxicology at the next generation.

The nominations from the Japanese Society of Toxicology, Society of Toxicology USA, Chinese Society of Toxicology, Korean Society of Toxicology, Toxicology Society of Taiwan, and the Malaysian Society of Toxicology speak for the many societies and scientists you have collaborated with in your distinguished career:

Dr. Jun Kanno has consistently demonstrated a profound commitment to advancing toxicology on a global scale. His contributions to the development of the international community and toxicology are highly regarded, and therefore he is considered worthy of this Merit Award.

Japanese Society of Toxicology

A longtime friend and collaborator of SOT, Dr. Kanno exemplifies the award's focus on contributions to the international toxicology community and toxicological science... Dr. Kanno is a world-class researcher who has actively contributed to many international working groups, including ones for the World Health Organization (WHO) International Programme on Chemical Safety, the WHO International Agency for Research on Cancer, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Advisory Group on Endocrine Disrupters Testing and Assessment.

Society of Toxicology USA



...His contributions to the activities of international societies and to the dissemination of toxicology are highly commendable and deserve this award.

Chinese Society of Toxicology

As is well known, Dr. Jun Kanno has been a member of the EC of IUTOX for more than 10 years and served as its president from 2016 to 2019. During this time, he served on the Board of ASIATOX for many years and contributed to the activities of Japanese Society of Toxicology. He also contributed to the dissemination of the latest knowledge in toxicology.

Korean Society of Toxicology

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Toxicology Society of Taiwan

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Malaysian Society of Toxicology

We couldn't agree more with their assessment and I look forward to presenting you with the highest award IUTOX confers at the International Congress of Toxicology. The presentation of the Merit Award, which includes a plaque and a cash award of \$1,000, will occur during the opening ceremony of ICTXVII in Beijing, China on Wednesday, October 15. I look forward to welcoming you to Beijing and thanking you for your many years of service to IUTOX and to our global community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Emanuela Corsini
Secretary-General, IUTOX