

## 1. THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

The **Spanish Association of Toxicology (AET)** is an **about 400-members** society that represents the Spanish toxicologists inside Spain and in international federations as EUROTOX and IUTOX. It includes members dedicated to all basic and applied field of Toxicology, including academic, research and professional activities.

The society is very active doing scientific activities. A general national congress is organised every two years and a number of workshop, seminars and other scientific and training activities during the midtime. Several very active **speciality sections** have been organised for activities in several fields of application (Group of Alternative Methods, Clinical Toxicology, Ecotoxicology and Environmental Toxicology, Forensic Toxicology, Veterinarian Toxicology) and other in collaboration with other scientific societies as Group of Endocrine Disruption (GrupoDE), Spanish Network (platform) of Alternative Methods (REMA).

The AET publishes a Scientific Journal of Toxicology ("*Revista de Toxicología*" in Spanish (with abstracts in English) that is refereed in ICyT, IME, EMBASE/Excerpta medica and Chemical Abstracts. It contains reviews and original data papers under review process, and some other informative sections. Via Internet the AETOX maintains several activities and services.

The AETOX has a Register of Toxicologists, managed by an independent committee of members from research institutes, universities, industry and other bodies. The system has been homologated under the EUROTOX Register of Toxicologist and it is operating since 2001.

The main **Homepage** ([www.aetox.com](http://www.aetox.com) or [aetox.org](http://aetox.org)) shows useful toxicological information:

- (a) General information of the society
- (b) Links to important toxicology address, including IUTOX homepage
- (c) The abstract of the "*Rev Toxicologia*"
- (d) Links to the pages of speciality sections
- (e) Links to incorporate to two debate forums (LISTSERVERS) one for general toxicology topic and other specific on "3Rs" for Alternative Methods. They are offered to all interested people including non-AETOX member and in fact it is working with more than 400 people distributed in about 21 countries.

Members of the AETOX are involved in international scientific expert committee bodies in the EU as in the Committee of Toxicology, Ecotoxicology and Environment, the committee of pesticides, in ECVAM, ECB and other European agencies. International congresses and meeting related of Toxicology had been done and organised either by the AETOX or by AETOX members with some support of AETOX. Examples are:

- EUROTOX'96. European Congress of Toxicology. Alicante 22-25 Sept 1996 (Chaired by Prof. E. Vilanova)
- 7th International Congress of the European Association for Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology. July 6-10, 1997. Madrid, Spain. (Chaired by Prof. A. Anadón)
- INVITOX 2000. Alicante (Spain) 25-28 October 2000 (Chaired by Prof. JV Castell)
- ISSX' 1996. Workshop: Food Toxins and Host Mechanism Conditioning Toxic Response, Sitges, Spain. 1996 (Chaired by Dr. A. Messeguer)
- Eleventh Annual Meeting of SETAC-EUROPE. 2001, Madrid, Spain (Chaired by Dr V. Tarazona)

International courses and high level training activities in Toxicology are also important indication of toxicology activities with the collaboration or support by AET. Recent examples are:

- IUTOX-Risk Assessment Summer School (RASS) October 2000. Pueblo Acantilado (Alicante) Spain (Organise by Dr Malmform with local help by E. Vilanova UMH-Elche-Spain)
- Tools for the risk assessment of chemicals substances in EU: IUCLID (International Uniform Chemicals Information Database). EUSES (European Union System for Evaluation of Substances). Universidad Miguel Hernández de Elche-Alicante (Spain) 2000, 2001, 2002 (Coordinated by Ana Payá, ECB-Ispra-Italy and E. Vilanova, UMH-Elche-Spain) and further editions are in planned