

DRSG Teleconference
Minutes – January 5, 2010

Participants: Mike Dourson, Jeff Gift, Paul Schlosser, Sara Henry, Lynn Haber, Julie Fitzpatrick, Allen Davis, Jenny Li, and Tony Fristachi.

Our next teleconference will be noon to 1 pm EST, on the first Tuesday of February.

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Chair Jeff Gift called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes from December meeting were approved.
2. Status of Treasury – 4th quarter report will not be ready until early February. 3rd quarter balance of \$5893.02 was sufficient to cover all costs associated with Annual Meeting. Alan Davis graciously requested that half the proceeds from the BMDS Workshop at Annual Meeting be contributed to the DRSG treasury – this is expected to be more than \$2,000.
3. The group discussed TeleSeminar ideas for 2010 with the goal to have 3 or 4 TeleSeminars. Additional topics and suggestions on these topics should be directed to Lynne Haber (haber@tera.org)
 1. Microbial Risk Assessment – Peg Coleman, Sara Taft, Janell Kause (USDA/FSIS)
 2. Nested Developmental modeling (novel ideas to address modeling without individual litter data) Allen Davis and Jenny Li
 3. Probabilistic reference dose issues – are uncertainty factors large enough? Different ways to consider probability and which ways are useful. Multiple approaches could be presented in one call. Potential speakers: Jeff Swartout/Dale Hattis and Sandy Baird/Lorenz Rhomberg.
 4. Thresholds and refining TTC approaches; Steve Olin (ILSI Research Foundation), Susan Felter (P&G), Ian Munro (CanTox), or Mike Bolger (FDA).
4. Initial brainstorming on SRA 2010 symposium ideas

The group discussed the need to work on developing symposia which present a balance of viewpoints for controversial topics. The group discussed specialty group sponsorship including the requirements for submittal and how to make the Program Committee process more efficient. Jeff will discuss with SRA leadership a proposal for the specialty group chairs to draft criteria for sponsorship that will encourage the submittal of high-quality balanced symposia submittals. He will also suggest a requirement for all symposia to be sponsored by at least one specialty group.

1. Nested developmental dose response modeling (Allen Davis and Jenny Li)
2. Additively to background level (to be considered as a double session) – Paul White, Lorenz Rhomberg, Rick Hertzberg, and Kenny Crump.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Fitzpatrick