



**Dose Response Specialty Group (DRSG)
Monthly Business Meeting Notes
February 1, 2005**

Attendees: R. Kodell (President), J. Teeguarden (President-elect), P. McClure (Trustee-at-large), S. Henry (Secretary/Treasurer), P. Coleman, P. Schlosser, J. Wilson, M. Zager (Vice President), D. Hattis, R. Putzrath, J. Chen, J. Keller, G. Foureman, P. Feder, M. Dourson.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

- 1) **General items.** Pres. Ralph Kodell thanked G. Foureman for updating the DRSG poster that P. Coleman developed and displaying it at the Palm Springs meeting. J. Lipscomb has volunteered to distribute a DRSG flyer at the SOT meeting in March. R. Kodell also thanked P. Schlosser and G. Blumenthal for updating the DRSG website.
- 2) **By-laws change:** Gary F. will send out an email ballot regarding a change in the By-Laws. It is proposed that “President” and President-elect” will be changed to “Chair” and “Chair-elect” to bring these terms in line with SRA format.
- 3) **Dues payment:** Pres. Kodell will send an email message to the membership encouraging them to send their contact information to P. Schlosser so that he can update Member Contact Information on the DRSG website. Kodell will again urge DRSG members to pay their specialty group membership dues. It was pointed out that there is no way to contact paid DRSG members only without creating a separate list of paid and no-paid DRSG members. Increasing the number of paid members would enhance the DRSG budget.
- 4) **March 1 speaker:** J. Teeguarden has made all arrangements necessary to have Dr. Bette Meek of Health Canada speak at the March 1 meeting. Slides of the speaker plus her photo will be posted on the website by P. Schlosser. Speakers are urged to keep their talk to 30 minutes to allow time for questions

- 5) **June 7 speaker:** J. Teegarden is arranging with Dr. Dale Hattis to speak on the issue of children's relative cancer risks. D. Hattis pointed out two publications on children's health risks in Environ Health Perspectives (one coming in Aug. and one available now). He was urged to focus on methods and keep his talk to 30 minutes to allow time for discussion.
- 6) **Student Award:** M. Zager is putting out a call for papers April 22, with a deadline of June 8 just after the SRA deadline for the extended abstract to be submitted. DRSG has previously raised \$300 for outside sources to sponsor this award. Stronger emphasis will be placed this year on the need for the winner to attend the meeting. P. Schlosser will post the announcement on the website. G. Foureman and P. Schlosser will read the submitted abstracts. There was discussion about the need for sponsors. Last year Environ, Syracuse Research and Sapphire were corporate sponsors. P. Feder will contact Battelle about being a sponsor.
- 7) **Possible symposium for Orlando meeting:** J. Wilson and P. Feder will discuss further the feasibility, possible speakers, etc. at a symposium on methods for characterizing the variability in toxicological testing. Other possibilities discussed were acute vs. chronic toxicity dosimetry issues with phosgene, ethylene oxide, parathion and related pesticides (G. Foureman). There was also discussion of having Jonathan Wiener present on the DRSG-funded project "What constitutes an adverse response vs. a non-adverse response?" G. Foureman and J. Wilson will pursue this possibility further.
- 8) **25th SRA Anniversary Symposium:** J. Wilson suggested mercury. G. Foureman pointed out that there is more dose-response information on benzene. Chris Frey, President-elect. of SRA, had suggested benzene or mercury. It is expected that C. Frey will provide more guidance in March and April on how the specialty groups should work together to organize this symposium.
- 9) **SRA Fellows:** R. Kodell has contacted Robin Cantor about the nominating procedure for SRA Fellows. Apparently a CV and recommendation letters are required. R. Kodell will seek more information.