

Minutes – Dose-Response Specialty Group

Monthly Tele-meeting February 5, 2008, 12-1 pm EST

Conference call attendees: Sara Henry, Jeff Gift, Gary Foureman, Julie Fitzpatrick, Patty Toccalino.

1. Minutes from the January 2008 meeting were approved.
2. Sara indicated that Paul Feder has arranged teleseminars for March, June, and September:
 - a. Wednesday, March 5, 2008 (**Note the date is Wednesday, and not our usual Tuesday time slot**): Matt Wheeler (EPA and UNC); tentative title: “Characterizing dose-response model uncertainty using model averaging”.
 - b. Tuesday, June 3, 2008: Weihsueh Chiu (EPA/NCEA); tentative title: “Carrying Uncertainty and Variability in Pharmacokinetics to Dose-Response Analysis: Issues and Approaches”
 - c. Tuesday, September 2, 2008: Wout Slob (RIVM (National Institute for Public Health and the Environment) Bilthoven, The Netherlands); title: “The European view on the BMD approach”.
3. Sara is trying to contact the SOT Risk Assessment Specialty Group (no luck yet).
4. The new EPA Conference Center conference code for future DRSG tele-meetings is:
CALL IN NUMBER: 513-569-7897
CONFERENCE CODE: 7217 plus the # sign.
5. Sara contacted the SRA office to obtain an email list of DRSG and other Specialty Groups’ members in order to extend invitations to our periodic teleseminars, etc. The SRA office has not yet provided these lists.
6. Sara will talk with Dale Hattis and someone on the SRA Program Committee to determine when we need to submit symposium ideas for the 2008 annual SRA meeting and in what format. Current plan:
 - a. Have an outline of topics and speakers by our April 1, 2008 tele-meeting.
 - b. Gary indicated that the Program Committee meeting is typically in June.
7. Possible symposium topics for the 2008 annual meeting:
 - a. Benchmark dose for gene tox data. Jeff Gift is investigating speakers.
 - b. The ToxCast project – designed to create the ability to predict, or forecast toxicity. Jeff Gift will follow-up with Woody Setzer at EPA to see if this will be a proposed symposium topic.
 - c. Publication from PBPK workshop in Crete. Jeff Gift will follow-up with Woody Setzer. It’s unclear whether this topic represents one talk or multiple talks.
 - d. Chemical mixtures. Julie Fitzpatrick indicated that Michelle Embrey coordinated this effort for ILSI’s Health and Environmental Sciences Institute (HESI) at last year’s meeting. Sara will follow-up with Michelle to determine whether they plan to have a symposium this year.
8. Gary Foureman will investigate who initially developed the DRSG logo, and will send her/him a DRSG lapel pin.