



DRSG Monthly Business Meeting Notes
April 4, 2006

The DRSG had its regularly scheduled teleconference meeting on April 4, 2006. Present were Justin Teeguarden, Chair, Sara Henry, Sec'y/Treas., and Ralph Kodell, Past Chair, Mike Dourson, Dale Hattis, Paul Feder, and Patty Toccalino.

Ideas for Annual Meeting

Several ideas for symposia for the annual meeting were discussed. These included biologically-based clonal growth models for formaldehyde and other aldehydes, and captan toxicology.

Gary Foureman proposed a session on internal dosimetry with an introduction given by himself or Hugh Barton, Tim Fennell as a speaker on biomarkers, John Stannick and himself speaking on surface area as a surrogate for internal dosimetry for airways, Lisa Sweeney speaking on body weight to the three quarter power vs. various ways to model internal dosimetry, Harvey Clewell speaking on PBPK modeling and internal dose, especially emphasizing work for the future.

Justin T. proposed a session, possibly for the afternoon following Gary's session on human equivalent concentrations or internal dose and uncertainty factors. Mike Dourson will work with Justin T. on this symposium. Possible speakers for case studies include Jim Dennison, George Woodall and Ernie Falke.

Sara H. reported that the DRSG-sponsored symposium on the definition of "adverse effect" has morphed into a Continuing Education Course at the behest of the Program Committee. An outline is being prepared by the ad hoc committee organizing this course – Sara Henry, Jim Wilson, Lynne Haber, Patty Toccalino and Heather Douglas. Mike Dourson suggested that this course include a discussion of "critical effect" as defined in the IRIS glossary and as used by EPA; suggested speakers for this issue include Chris DeRosa (ATSDR) or Celine Chow (ATSDR).

Teleseminar program

This seminar being organized for June 6 by Dale Hattis will cover exposure and risk assessment issues related to nanotechnology. Speakers will be Joann Schotkin and Bob Mercer. There will be an additional half hour after the regular one hour teleconference for discussion and questions with the speakers. Speakers are being urged to keep their presentations under 30 minutes.

The September teleseminar, as proposed, is to be done by Rob McPhail who would speak on insights into interindividual variability from animal data.

Student Award Program

Paul Feder is developing ways to market the DRSG student award. The American Statistical Association has put our announcement of the award on their web page and in their mailing to all departments of statistics, including biostatistics. Similarly, the Biometric Society is cooperating. The Society of Toxicology is not cooperating because of their policy that SOT will not advertise activities of “another society”.

Respectfully submitted,
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