

SRA Dose-Response Specialty Group
Minutes of May 7, 2002 Conference Call

Attendees: Sandy Baird, Ron Brown, Peg Coleman, Gary Foureman, Jeff Gift, Gay Goodman, Lynne Haber, John Lipscomb, Reesha Putzrath, Paul Schlosser, Justin Teeguarden, Isabel Walls, Jim Wilson

The main topic of discussion was review of proposals by symposia/workshop organizers seeking DRSG endorsement. John Lipscomb, DRSG President-Elect, lead the discussion.

Proposal 1: Short-Term Exposure Limits
Submitter: Ron Brown

There was general consensus among the discussants that this was a strong and well-balanced proposal; however, a number of participants had concerns about having one speaker give two presentations. Ron mentioned that he would discuss this with the presenter offering to give 2 talks and would substitute another talk if one was available before the deadline. The group agreed to endorse this proposal.

Proposal 2: The Replacement of Default Uncertainty Factors with Those Based on Data
Submitter: John Lipscomb

Concern was expressed that a very similar session was held at last year's SRA meeting and that the state of the science had not progressed enough in the past year to warrant a similar session. In addition, a number of the discussants expressed concerns about the approach itself, which led to a proposal by the group that a roundtable discussion should be held to explore the pros and cons of the CSAF approach. Dr. Lipscomb was in favor of this proposal, as was the rest of the group, and he said would reformat the proposal accordingly. Participants were encouraged to provide input to John on what they felt were the strengths/weakness of the CSAF approach. The possibility of having the session run longer than 1 ½ hours was also discussed as was positioning the session at the end of the day, right before the DRSG mixer.

Proposal 3: Mechanistic Dose-Response Modeling for Microbial Risk Assessment
Submitter: Isabel Walls

Dr. Walls presented a proposal for a workshop, not a symposium, so somewhat different criteria were used in evaluating this proposal. Jim Wilson provided some very practical advice on how to proceed forward with this proposal and the specialty group has decided to endorse it.

Proposal 4: Dose-Response for Endocrine Effects
Submitter: Paul Schlosser

There was broad agreement that the DRSG should endorse this symposium; however, there was some discussion of whether 1 or 2 sessions should be organized. The pros/cons of a panel discussion were explored and Dr. Schlosser will take those recommendations into account when deciding how to format the sessions.