

Dose-Response Specialty Group Minutes: July 1, 2003

Attending: John Lipscomb, Gary Foureman, Peg Coleman, Paul Schlosser, Peter McClure, Mike Dourson

1. John prepared an account for the SRA Newsletter of the most recent DRSG teleseminars by Dr. Julian Preston (*Bystanders, Adaptive Responses, and Genomic Instability: Potential Modifiers of Low Dose Cancer Responses*) and Dr. William Waddell (*Dose-Response Curves in Chemical Carcinogenesis*). The account includes some description of the responses and conversations within the membership which were stimulated by the seminars. The newsletter entry also contains news about the upcoming DRSG Student Awards.
2. James Chen (NCTR) will be giving the next teleseminar in September on issues of dose-response analysis for chemical mixtures. Gary will confirm this occurrence at next month's meeting.
3. John proposed that a poster be prepared that will promote interest in the endeavors of the DRSG and be available to display at various professional meetings. John envisioned the poster to be of moderate size (2'x2') to facilitate ease of transport, and offered EPA resources for the printing. Items for inclusion on the poster that were discussed include: a logo for DRSG; mission statements of SRA and DRSG (in bullet formats); information on DRSG monthly meetings and quarterly teleseminars (e.g., dates and times, past topics); information about DRSG Student Awards; mention of 10-year anniversary; links to related specialty groups within SRA and other professional societies (e.g., SOT, SETAC, AIHA); and requirements for membership in DRSG. John will begin work on the poster and will be seeking comments from members as the poster is developed.
4. Several items regarding the upcoming national meeting were presented: a). the new member breakfast will be held on Monday morning; b). the leadership breakfast will be held on Tuesday morning; c). Council is willing to contribute up to \$500 to specialty group mixers; d). nobody on the teleconference had attended the SRA's planning meeting, so no preliminary information on sessions was available.
5. "Late breaker" Symposiums at the national meeting: In a recent e-mail message, SRA President Caron Chess encouraged specialty groups to submit proposals for "late-breaker" symposiums up until early fall (deadline has not been set). Proposals will be favored that encourage discussion, rather than the standard format of 4 speakers with 20-minute presentations. DRSG members are encouraged to consider the development of a late-breaker symposium. John has distributed the e-mail message from Caron Chess for DRSG members; it contains additional details about submitting a proposal for a "late breaker" symposium.
6. National meeting DRSG mixer and meeting: It was agreed that a networking theme would be adopted for the mixer (no technical presentation will be made). Some schemes for maximizing mixing at the mixer were discussed. Keeping with the networking theme, and converging with the overall meeting theme of "*Bridging Risks Divides*", John has contacted Igor Linkov of the Ecological Risk Assessment Specialty Group to propose a joint mixer on Tuesday at 5 PM.