



**Dose Response Specialty Group (DRSG)
Monthly Business Meeting Notes
July 5, 2005**

Attendees: Mike Zager, Justin Teeguarden, Paul Schlosser, Peter McClure, John Lipscomb, Ralph Kodell, John Keller, Gary Foureman, Paul Feder.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Website Updates

All meeting notes have been posted. The DRSG poster has been updated and is now posted on the website. The most recent teleseminar needs to be added to the poster. It was suggested that the “static” material on the poster be reviewed to determine if it needs any revisions.

2. Student Award at SRA meeting

Mike Zager reported the executive committee’s decision not to extend the deadline for abstracts, given that at least one qualified abstract was submitted by the stated deadline. Several ideas for increasing participation in the competition were discussed. Mike offered to formulate a list of questions to email to academic departments to help this process. He will contact potential sponsors to contribute toward this year’s \$500 cash award to the winner, and he will pursue getting a plaque through SRA HQ.

3. Amendment to By-laws

The proposed by-laws change—to replace President with Chair throughout—has been forwarded to SRA Council for ratification.

4. Teleseminars

Dale Hattis’ June 7 teleseminar was well attended. Justin Teeguarden will schedule a speaker for September 6, hopefully in time to announce it at the DRSG’s next meeting August 2.

5. Symposia for Annual Meeting, December 4-7

John Keller reported that the SRA Program Committee met June 22. All four of DRSG's endorsed symposia were approved. President-Elect Chris Frey expressed some disappointment in the modest response to his invitation to organize cross-specialty-group symposia on "hot" topics. The Program Committee then put together 5-6 of that type. (Sara Henry did organize one such symposium on Arcylamide for the DRSG.) John said that the committee was pleased with the final outcome, although one plenary session had to be eliminated because of the large number of symposia that were proposed.

6. Guidance for Using the DRSG Website and Email List

Because of the unauthorized poll that was sent to the DRSG Yahoo.groups email list June 6, with the implication that it was endorsed by DRSG, there was discussion of whether the group ought to have guidelines for using the email list and for posting information on the DRSG website. It was suggested that using the email list to disseminate information, including advertisements for courses and conferences, is appropriate. It was recommended that messages include links to sponsors' websites, and that brochures and registration forms not be posted on the DRSG website. Ralph will send a brief guidance message to the Yahoo.groups list after clearing it with the executive committee.

7. Risk newsletter Q4

Adam Finkel, SRA Council Specialty Group Liaison, has asked chairs of specialty groups to submit 500-750 word write-ups for the 4th quarter issue of Risk newsletter describing "new" or "hot" **issues** in their respective groups in 2005. Attendees were asked to make suggestions to Ralph in the next few weeks of topics to include. The deadline is September 15.

8. Other Business

The group was reminded that election of new officers for 2006 is not far off. Candidates are needed for Chair-Elect, Vice Chair and Trustee-at-Large.

9. Next Meeting

There might not be a teleconference August 2. It's possible that neither Ralph nor Justin will be available to conduct it.