

**SRA Dose Response Specialty Group (DRSG)**  
**Monthly Business Meeting Notes**  
**July 6, 2004**  
**3:30 - 4:30 pm EDT**

**Members/Attendees:** Peg Coleman, Gary Foureman (President), Peter McClure (Secretary-Treasurer), Steve Olin, Paul Schlosser (Trustee), Winona Victory, Mike Zager (Vice-President)

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

**1. Student Abstracts/Award**

Mike Z. reported that 5 student abstracts were submitted for consideration for the 2004 Student Merit Award in Dose-Response Assessment (2 from the University of North Carolina, 1 from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 1 from the University of Washington, Seattle, and 1 from Finland).

A committee comprised of Mike Z., John Lipscomb, and Chandrika Moudgal will meet on July 16 to rank the submissions and determine the winner and runner-up. Gary requested that the committee report their entire ordinal ranking, from first to last.

Mike Z. requested financial information from Lori Mullins to determine if DRSG funds will cover the cost of the elements of the award (engraved plaque, waiver of annual meeting registration fee, and minimum of \$300 in cash). Mike Z. reminded members that extramural pledges of support for the award totaled \$300. Mike will notify Gary F. and Peter M. of the information he receives from Lori Mullins. The issue of providing a cash award to the runner-up was discussed. It was agreed that dilution of the winner's cash award was to be avoided, and that a token award to the runner up would be considered, dependent on DRSG's financial conditions.

**2. DRSG Finances**

Peter M. and Gary F. have noted previously some apparent discrepancies in the financial reports provided on April 13 and presented some questions to Leslie Hushka. To date, answers to the questions have not been received. Peter and Gary will attempt to speak further with Leslie and Lori Mullins this month.

**3. Annual Meeting (December 5-8, 2004, Palm Springs, California) Recommendations from the SRA Program Committee Meeting, June 21, 2004**

Steve Olin reported on the recommendations of the SRA Program Committee representing the DRSD which included Annie Jarabek, Cynthia Mann, John Keller, and Steve Olin.

The first session each morning (8:30-10:00 a.m., Monday – Wednesday) will be Plenary Sessions. Roundtables will be at noon on Wednesday. Two Roundtables were recommended by the DRSG, but the Program Committee did not make recommendations on these sessions. The Secretariat will make final decisions on Roundtables. Symposia, Poster Platform Sessions, and Regular Oral Presentation Sessions will be held during the remaining three time slots each day: 10:30-Noon; 1:30-3:00; 3:30-5:00 (or 5:30). A total of 77 sessions will occur during the meeting.

Dose-Response Symposia and Regular Oral Sessions will be in the Pueblo Room (capacity ~130), and Poster Platform Sessions will be in the San Jacinto Room. The DRSG Mixer will be on Tuesday evening.

The following is a list of sessions (recommended by the Program Committee), which Steve thought would be of interest to DRSG members. Those with asterisks were recommended by the DRSG; full proposals for the others were not presented to the DRSG before presentation to the SRA Program committee.

Monday 10:30-Noon

\**Symposium*: Microbial Dose-Response Assessment for Inhalation Exposures (Chair: Peg Coleman) – Abstracts #212 (Coleman), 214 (Thran), 215 (Nicas), 216 (Freihaut)

*Poster Platform*: Dose-Response: Life Stage and Inhalation Applications – Abstracts #382 (Gohlke), 47 (J.P.Brown), 374 (Tomar), 152 (Hattis), 256 (Kirman), 328 (Rhomberg), 64 (Stanek), 323 (Dennison), 286 (Alexeeff)

Monday 1:30-3:00, 3:30-5:00 (Double Session)

*Symposium*: Recent Data on Naphthalene Toxicity and its Impact on Risk Assessment (Co-chairs: Steve Lewis, Cynthia Mann) – Abstracts #87 (Sweeney), 170 (Buckpitt), 313 (Plopper), 300 (Genter), 68 (Butterworth), 347 (Salmon), 179 (Haber), Discussion

Tuesday 10:30-Noon

\**Poster Platform*: U.S. EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program – Abstracts #140 (Mills), 141 (Hogan), 142 (Flowers), 143 (Marcus), 145 (Rieth), 147 (Manibusan), 148 (Wong), 228 (Pagan)

Tuesday 1:30-3:00

*Regular Oral*: Systems Biology, Probabilistic Risk Assessment, and Bayesian Approaches – Abstracts #361 (Goble), 42 (Travis), 116 (Pennell), 363 (Schmitt)

Tuesday 3:30-5:30

*Symposium*: The Interpretation of Weak Associations Identified in Environmental or Occupational Epidemiology (Chair: John Bukowski) – Abstracts #221 (Bukowski), 372 (Phillips), 232 (Longnecker), 236 (Weed), 237 (Belzer)

Tuesday 5:30-7:00 **DOSE RESPONSE SPECIALTY GROUP MIXER**

Wednesday 10:30-Noon

*Poster Platform*: Current Concerns and Case Studies – Abstracts #469 (Marty), 470 (Broadwin), 89 (Chu), 311 (Wolansky), 188 (Dunn), 351 (Faust), 250 (Starr), 390 (Sandy), 364 (Wullenweber), ? (Krewski)

Wednesday 10:30-Noon, 1:30-3:00 (Double Session)

\**Symposium*: Chemical Mixtures Health Risk Assessment Methods (Chair: Linda Teuschler) – Abstracts #247 (Rice), 241 (Teuschler), 25 (Chen), 24 (Gennings), 260 (Mumtaz), 310 (Hertzberg), 104 (Yang), 406 (MacDonnell)

Wednesday 3:30-5:00

\**Symposium*: Dose-Response Relationships in Pharmacodynamic Modeling (Chair: Paul Schlosser) – Abstracts #205 (Cox), 341 (Zager), 150 (Zhang), 251 (Schlosser).

There was some discussion of whether or not the DRSG should make recommendations for the other sessions, but it was agreed that this was unnecessary. It was agreed that Peter M. would prepare a flyer for distribution with registration materials at the meeting; the flyer will highlight this list of sessions of special interest to DRSG members.

#### 4. Consideration of changing time slot for DRSG meetings and teleseminars.

In order to accommodate participation by European DRSG members during an hour closer to normal working hours, the issue of changing to an earlier time slot was discussed. It was agreed that this is a good idea, which needs some further investigation concerning: 1) the cost (if any) to the EPA conference call set up (do participants pay for their time on the conference call?); and 2) whether or not such a change would lead to greater participation in either the business meetings or for the teleseminars. Gary F. agreed to look into these matters and report back at the August meeting with an instrument (yahoo message) listing queries for the membership to consider on this matter.

#### **5. Identification of participants at the teleseminars.**

Ralph Kodell included an RSVP in the announcement for the June teleseminar in order to promote interaction and recognition among the membership and to allow speakers to have some idea of their audience. In addition, a few minutes were taken at the June teleseminar to allow participants to identify themselves. It was agreed that these actions will promote better communication among DRSG members and should be continued for the September teleseminar.

#### **6. Identification of DRSG Yahoo members.**

It was agreed that distribution of a list of DRSG Yahoo members is another good idea to promote interaction and recognition among the membership. Paul will broadcast a request that Yahoo members reply with their full names and affiliations.