



**Dose Response Specialty Group (DRSG)  
Monthly Business Meeting Notes  
October 5, 2004  
3:30 - 4:30 pm EDT**

**Attendees:** Greg Blumenthal, Peg Coleman, Gary Foureman (President), Ralph Kodell (President-elect), John Lipscomb (Past President), Peter McClure (Secretary-Treasurer), Paul Schlosser (Trustee-at-Large)

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

**1.) Elections and possible candidates**

Three officers are to be elected in November: *Trustee-at-Large* - Paul Schlosser will be rotating off after 6-7 years of continuous exemplary service to DRSG; *Secretary/Treasurer* – Peter McClure will be rotating off after a 2-year tenure; and *President-elect* – Ralph Kodell will rotate out of this position to become President.

Peter M. will circulate a memo (later in October) calling for nominations to supplement any nominees that the executive committee may recruit. Voting will proceed via e-mail ballot between November 18 and December 2, 2004. New officers will be announced at the SRA annual meeting in Palm Springs, December 5-8, 2004.

Potential candidates were discussed for each of the positions. Ralph K. will contact 4 members to gauge their willingness to run for President-elect. Gary F. will contact several potential candidates for Secretary/Treasurer. Greg B. and Peter M. agreed to be nominated to run for the Trustee-at-Large position.

**2.) Student Award Activities**

Gary F. and Mike Z. will: prepare award letters (on letterhead) for the winner (Julia Gohlke) and runner-up (Michael Pennel); arrange to have notation of the award in the

annual meeting program; ensure that the winner's check is prepared by SRA headquarters; and arrange for the plaques to include the titles of the presentations. Paul S. agreed to take photos of the Student Award winners at the Mixer on Tuesday December 7 in Palm Springs. John L. agreed to prepare a poster highlighting the awards, which he will send for display (along with the DRSG poster) at the Mixer.

### **3.) Update on DRSG Sessions in Palm Springs**

Gary F. noted that the Poster Platform session (Tuesday afternoon) entitled, *US EPA's IRIS Program: Advancing the Application of New Science and Methodologies in Health Assessment*, will be chaired by Amy Mills and that the Wednesday noon Roundtable Discussion entitled, *The Benchmark Dose and Risk Assessment – 20 Years Later*, will be chaired by Peter Preuss.

Paul S. agreed to prepare a DRSG information sheet, which will be distributed at the annual meeting. Topics to be highlighted include the Student Award winners, DRSG-sponsored events, and year-round activities of the DRSG possibly to include the intention of the DRSG to change the monthly Tuesday business meeting time from 3:30 pm (see item 6 below).

### **4.) Arrangements for DRSG Activities in Palm Springs**

Plan to attend the Joint Mixer with the Food and Water Specialty Group, Tuesday evening, December 7, 2004, 5:30-6:30PM (place TBD). Gary F. will be making arrangements in collaboration with the FWSG chair with SRA headquarters for Mixer food. There will be a breakfast business meeting of the DRSG on Tuesday morning, December 7, 2004, 7-8AM (place TBD).

### **5.) Financial Report**

Mike Z. noted after the meeting that \$100 checks have been received from Sapphire and Syracuse Research Corporation. The contribution from Environ has yet to be received. Gary F. noted that he will prepare letters of appreciation to be sent to these organizations.

### **6.) Discussion and update on the proposal for a time change for DRSG Tuesday meetings**

It was agreed that a move to a 12noon-1pm or 12:30-1:30pm timeslot (Eastern time) will be tried for a 3-month trial period to see if it encourages greater participation from European DRSG members. However, Gary F. noted that the Washington EPA teleconference hub has a high demand for these timeslots on Tuesday through Thursday. John L. agreed to check into the Cincinnati EPA teleconference hub for the availability of these timeslots on a regular basis on Tuesdays. This issue will be discussed further at the November business meeting.

**7.) Should DRSG have a President and President-elect or a Chair and Chair-elect?**  
Gary briefly indicated to the group that this issue could again be a discussion item for next month.