

Dose Response Specialty Group (DRSG)
Monthly Business Meeting Notes
November 2, 2004

3:30 - 4:30 pm EDT

Attendees: Greg Blumenthal, Mike Dourson, Gary Foureman (President),
Ralph Kodell (President-elect), Peter McClure (Secretary-Treasurer),
Paul Schlosser (Trustee-at-Large), Mike Zager (Vice-President)

NOTE: The next business meeting will occur Tuesday December 7, 7-8 AM,
place TBD in Palm Springs at the annual SRA meeting. In January,
business meetings (and teleseminars) will begin to occur at noon to 1
pm eastern time, on the second Tuesday of each month. We have 25 lines
available for each call. The new call-in number is 513 569 7897, the
access code is 2790#.

NOVEMBER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1.) Nominations for New Officers

President-elect: Justin G. Teegarden
Secretary/Treasurer: Sara Henry
Trustee-at-large: Greg Blumenthal / Peter McClure

Peter M. distributed a call for nominations to the general DRSG
membership on October 20 through the Yahoo list. Peter M. will
distribute a sample ballot to executive committee members during the
week of November 8 for review. The ballots will include a space for
write-in nominations. Final ballots will be distributed to the general
DRSG membership on November 15, 2004.

2.) Student Award Activities

Gary F. and Mike Z. will prepare award letters (on letterhead) for the
winner (Julia Gohlke) and runner-up (Michael Pennell). Mike Z. is
checking with Environ concerning their pledge of support for the award.
Gary F. has arranged to have notation of the award in the annual
meeting program and has ensured that the winner's check will be
prepared by SRA headquarters. Gary F. is arranging for the preparation
of the plaque (winner) and certificate (runner-up) to include the
titles of the presentations. Mike D. suggested that John Christopher be
contacted for a company that prepares plaques at a good price. Mike Z.
will contact the chairs of the sessions at which the winners'
presentations will be made to request that Gary F. give an announcement
of the awards. Paul S. agreed to take photos of the Student Award
winners at the Mixer on Tuesday December 7 in Palm Springs.
At the October meeting, John Lipscomb agreed to prepare a poster
highlighting the awards, which he will send for display (along with the
DRSG poster) at the Mixer. Gary F. will request that John update the
poster with photos for the new officers.

3.) Final Arrangements for DRSG Activities in Palm Springs Gary F. is making arrangements for the breakfast business meeting (Tuesday December 7 7-8 AM, place TBD) and the mixer (Tuesday December 7, 5:30- 6:30 PM, place TBD).

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 items 5 and 7 below).

4.) Report on "Adversity Project" - Jonathan Weiner and Student Jonathan Weiner informed Gary F. that this project is underway. Gary F. will present a status report for the project at the December business meeting. Paul S. suggested that DRSG should consider requesting a short presentation of this work at the 2005 DRSG Mixer.

5.) Discussion and Update on the Proposal for a Time Change for DRSG Tuesday meetings It was agreed that a move to a 12noon-1pm timeslot (eastern time) will be tried for a 3-month trial period, starting in January, to see if it encourages greater participation from European DRSG members. In October, John Lipscomb agreed to check into the Cincinnati EPA teleconference hub for the availability of these timeslots on a regular basis on Tuesdays.

After the meeting, John L. provided the following information: For the next twelve months, we have the following arrangements for the DRSG Conference bridge. All calls are set for noon to 1 pm eastern time, on the second Tuesday of each month. We have 25 lines available for each call.

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Greg B. will prepare a Yahoo message informing the general membership of the change in time for the business meetings and teleconferences.

6.) 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. Mike D. noted that the original DRSG by-laws called for a chair and an executive committee and that these were changed in 1997.

7.) DRSG Flyers for Palm Springs Paul S. agreed to prepare the flyers for distribution at the registration table. Gary F. agreed to get them printed and delivered to the table at the beginning of registration. Gary F. proposed that the flyers contain the following information:

DRSG Logo

Business Breakfast - 7:00 - 8:00 am, Tuesday, December 7 at (hotel restaurant name)

Mixer - 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Tuesday, December 7 in (room name)

DRSG Meeting Times and Phone - The 1st Tuesday of every month -- noon-1pm EST (513 569-7897, Access Code 2790#)

DRSG Website - <http://www.sra.org/drsg/>

Suggestions for Quarterly Teleseminars?

DRSG Officers for 2005 -

President - Ralph Kodell

President-elect -

Vice - President - Michael Zager
Secretary/Treasurer -
Trustees - Gary Foureman,

DRSG Student Award Winner - Julia Gohlke (Monday, Session 8.1)
DRSG Student Award Runner-Up - Michael Pennell (Tuesday, Session 12.3)

Some DRSG-endorsed Sessions: (these are from July 04 DRSG notes)
The following list of sessions is recommended to DRSG members. Those sessions with asterisks (*) are endorsed and/or developed by the DRSG.

Monday

10:30-Noon (Session M 3) - * Microbial Dose-Response Assessment for Inhalation Exposures
10:30 - Noon (Session M 8) - Dose-Response: Life Stage and Inhalation Applications
1:30-3:00, 3:30-5:00 (Sessions M 12 & M 21) - Recent Data on Naphthalene Toxicity and its Impact on Risk Assessment.

Tuesday

10:30-Noon (Session T 8) - *U.S. EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program
1:30-3:00 (Session T 12) - Systems Biology, Probabilistic Risk Assessment, and Bayesian Approaches
3:30-5:30 (Session T 21) - The Interpretation of Weak Associations Identified in Environmental or Occupational Epidemiology

Wednesday

10:30-Noon (Session W 8) - Dose Response: Current Concerns and Case Studies.
10:30-Noon, 1:30-3:00 (Sessions W 3 & W 12) - *Chemical Mixtures Health Risk Assessment Methods.
Noon- 1:30 (Roundtable) - *The Benchmark Dose and Risk Assessment - 20 Years Later.
Noon - 1:30 (Roundtable) - Can Drinking Water Risk Assessment Approaches be Harmonized?
3:30-5:00 (Session W 21) -*Dose-Response Relationships in Pharmacodynamic Modeling.

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