

Meeting Notes
Dose Response Specialty Group, SRA
November 1, 2005

Attendees: Mike Zager, John Keller, Kenny Crump, Resha Putzrath, Dale Hattis, Paul Feder, Peter McClure, Paul Schlosser, Patty Toccalino, Ralph Kodell.

Discussion Topics:

1. Website update
 - The August and October meeting notes have been prepared by Sara Henry and have been sent to Paul Schlosser for posting.
 - Ralph Kodell will update the DRSG poster to include the new Student Award winner.
2. Student Award
 - Winner: Tiffany DeFoe, Carnegie Mellon (with Mitchell Small, Elizabeth Casman)
Title: "Simulation and Latent Variable Regression Methods for Exposure-Response Analysis in Populations with Unidentified Sensitive Subgroups"
 - She will present in Session W13.4 in Room Scotland A at the SRA meeting.
 - Mike Zager has arranged with Lori Strong to have a \$500 check and a registration-reimbursement check at the SRA meeting, and with Stephanie Cross to have the winner's plaque there.
 - The award will be presented at the DRSG Mixer Dec. 6.
3. Annual Meeting: December 4-7, 2005, Orlando, FL
 - Business Breakfast, Monday 7:00-8:00 am. It will be held at a restaurant in the hotel, with separate checks paid by individual attendees. It is hoped that this meeting and site will be listed in the final program. Ralph indicated that those who attend the SRA mixer on Sunday could help to spread the word as to the location and time of the business meeting.
 - Mixer, Tuesday 5:30-6:30. The Student Award will be presented. SRA and DRSG will provide a limited selection of food items. There will be a cash bar. We planned for around 40 attendees.
 - DRSG-endorsed symposia
 - Sara Henry: Acrylamide in Food, T19, 1:30-3:30
 - Gary Foureman: Acute Health Risk Assessment, W4, 10:30-noon
 - Resha Putzrath: MOA in Cancer Guidelines, W14, 1:30-3:00
 - Paul Feder: Variation in Toxicological Studies, W22, 3:30-5:00
 - Both Resha Putzrath and John Keller represented DRSG on the SRA Program Committee, which met last June. Ralph expressed regret for not having attended the program meeting to help John and Resha. He was concerned that three of the four DRSG-endorsed symposia are scheduled for Wednesday, with two in the afternoon and one of those in the last session. He expressed the thought that specialty-group-endorsed symposia should have a higher priority for Monday and Tuesday time slots than sessions put together from proffered abstracts. Resha and John indicated several reasons for the schedule, including the desire by the program committee's co-chairs to save interesting symposia for Wednesday afternoon to encourage attendees to stay until the end of the meeting. There were many competing objectives, including directives from the overall program chair, SRA Chair-elect Chris Frey. John and Resha indicated that there is an effort underway to have a cross-cutting plenary session on Wednesday afternoon at next year's SRA meeting, and to publicize it well in advance, as an inducement for attendees to plan to stay through the whole meeting. Ralph thanked John and Resha for their service to the DRSG.

- Paul Feder inquired about any special requirements that he might be unaware of regarding the symposium he organized. None were identified.
 - Sunday Workshops: John and Resha indicated that the number of persons booked thus far for the workshops is running behind previous years. Ralph mentioned that there are workshops being presented by several DRSG members.
4. Election of Officers for 2006: We have a stellar slate of candidates:
- Nominees

Chair-Elect:	Dale Hattis, Clark University
Vice-Chair:	Paul Feder, Battelle Columbus Eric Hack, TERA
Trustee-at-Large:	Patty Toccalino, USGS
 - Additional nominations are possible through November 3.
 - Ballot will be emailed to DRSG yahoo.groups November 4.
 - Deadline for voting will be November 25.
 - New officers will be announced via email the week of November 28.
 - Terms begin December 5, at the conclusion of the Business Meeting.
5. Teleconference set-up
- Ralph has sent an email inquiry to John Lipscomb about renewing the DRSG teleconference set-up with EPA/Cincinnati for 2006. Resha mentioned that requirements for setting up and activating conference calls have changed at EPA. It may be necessary to make a different arrangement. Kenny Crump suggested using Budget Teleconferencing which is relatively inexpensive, if we can no longer get this complimentary service from EPA.
6. Teleseminars
- Ralph encouraged members to suggest topics and speakers to the new 2006 Chair-Elect soon after the election, especially for the March teleconference. Several ideas were suggested to Dale Hattis (the apparent new Chair-Elect) during the call, including the use of PBPK models in risk assessment, influence of mode of action on dose-response, and the use of 'omics' data in dose-response assessment. Members are invited to email ideas to the newly elected Chair-Elect after the election.
 - Patty Toccalino inquired as to whether the DRSG has a record of previous teleseminars. We do not. Paul S. indicated that a record could be compiled by going through old Yahoo.groups emails that have been archived from the beginning. Peter McClure offered to look into compiling a record from those emails.
7. Next meeting
- December 5, 7:00 am: Business Breakfast at Orlando.
 - No Telecon at noon December 6.