

SRA Dose Response Speciality Group (DRSG)
Monthly Business Meeting Notes
December 9, 2003, 7:00 am
SRA National Meeting in Baltimore, Md

Members/Attendees: Sandra Baird, Greg Blumenthal, Peg Coleman, Gary Foureman, Lynne Haber, Peter McClure, Resha Putzrath,, Woody Setzer, Glenn Suter, Jeff Swartout, Jim Wilson

Items of Discussion

1. *DRSG Website report:* Greg noted that modifications have been made so that SPAM coming through the website has been minimized. There was some discussion of the need to update information on the website, including recent meeting notes and announcement of the student award. This should probably be the responsibility of the Secretary in conjunction with the President.
2. *ACC-sponsored project on the legal use of the term adverse effect:* Jim Wilson noted that he received a proposal from the Duke Center for Environmental Solutions (Jonathan Weiner, Faculty Director) to prepare a paper on how the term Adverse effect@ and related terms are used across the array of U.S. statutes and regulations related to both human health and ecological risks from environmental pollutants. The proposed budget was for \$3000 to cover \$2000 for approximately 200 graduate student hours (@ approximately \$10/hour), \$500 for support staff time (25 hours@ \$20/hour) and \$500 for books and materials. The proposal was to hire the student and start the research in January 2004. A draft would be prepared by May 15, 2004, which would be peer reviewed (including one or more SRA colleagues) between June and August, 2004. It was proposed that the paper would be published as a Duke Center for Environmental Solutions research paper in September 2004.
3. *Topics for symposiums/teleseminars in 2004:* Several topics were brought up including: a) methods for characterizing the variability in toxicity testing (Jim Wilson); b) development of dosimetry models for pregnant females and developing fetuses (Greg Blumenthal); c) development of methods to predict and measure dose-response relationships for mixtures of agents and methods to predict risks from exposure to mixtures of agents (possibly Jeff Swartout); and d) progress in the development of models to predict toxicodynamic responses to chemical, physical, or biological agents, e.g., Tony Cox's model on the leukemia response to benzene (possibly Lynne Haber).
4. *DRSG poster:* Peg Coleman made significant progress in preparing a draft DRSG poster. Comments on the poster are encouraged so that a final poster can be made and be

ready for the next annual meeting. Peg requested members to send any photos of DRSG activities that might be included in the poster.

5. *Election results:* Newly elected officers are: Ralph Kodell, President-elect (running unopposed); Michael Zager, Vice-president; and Chandrika Moudgal, Trustee-at-large. The elections for Vice-president and Trustee-at-large were very close: 27 votes were cast and only 1-or 2-vote differences separated the candidates. The DRSG appreciates the willingness of Resha Putzrath to run for Vice-president and Greg Blumenthal to run for Trustee-at-large.