Minutes for Dose Response Specialty Group  
Tele-meeting       January 8, 2013

Present: Patty Toccalino, George Woodall, Julie Fitzpatrick, Paul Schlosser, Kan Shao, Julie Frith, Sara Henry

In the absence of Peg Coleman, George W. reported on DRSG’s proposal to SRA Council for approval and funding of a new initiative. Working with the Student Outreach Committee, before the next annual meeting in Baltimore, professors in the Baltimore-Washington D.C. area with students with SRA-type interests would be identified and these people would be encouraged to get involved in SRA and DRSG, starting with attendance at the December 2013 meeting. As of January 8, no response had been received from Council.

Patty Toccalino presented a list of possible teleseminar topics from the DRSG annual meeting in San Francisco. See attachment. It was decided to have the teleseminars organized around a broad theme of “moving away from default assumptions” Julia suggested a seminar on the serious decline in the U.S. and Europe of pollinator species, especially honeybees, e.g., exposure of honeybees to clothianidin, a neonicotinoid pesticide used to treat corn seeds.

Sara suggested a talk on health risks from fracking; Paul suggested the topic of the effects of interindividual human variability in risk assessment.

Our “webmaster” Paul reported that the new website is up; he also has a pdf version of the DRSG poster. Minutes from the 2012 telemeetings are on the website.

As of October 2012, DRSG has $6586.

Respectfully submitted,

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