DRSG telemeeting minutes: June 07, 2016

Present: Allen Davis (Chair), Ingrid Druwe (Vice-Chair), Kan Shao (Trustee/Past Chair), Paul Schlosser, Mike Musso (Trustee-at-Large), Peg Coleman, Steve Lewis, Patty Toccalino, Resha Putzrath, Jeff Gift, Julie Fitzpatrick, Julia Pletz (Secretary/Treasurer), Michelle Deveau

Agenda

1. Approve minutes from the May 1st meeting (attached)
The minutes of the May meeting were approved without any amendments and will be placed on the website.

2. Update on 2016 DRSG Teleseminar planning (Ken, all)
Ken is not on the call today. The schedule of remaining teleseminars for the next 4 months is online. Allen said the he has not heard from SRA regarding the teleseminar for the entire SRA community. As soon as Allen receives some new information on it he will forward it on.

3. SRA Program Committee Meeting – June 21st Tysons Corner
Sara Henry has agreed to attend the meeting instead of Allen.

a. Symposia/Roundtables/Workshops
Allen reported that for this year’s SRA Annual Meeting, 10 presentations were submitted by DRSG, a few posters and two symposia on e-cigarettes (Sara Henry) and low dose monotonic response (Jacqueline Patterson, Rita Schoeny). Dan Krewski has submitted an oral presentation abstract on a symposium that has not been submitted. Steve Lewis who can speak of the SRA Committee suspects that quite a few symposium abstracts are incomplete so it is the Committee’s responsibility to allocate single oral presentations. Allen understands that Dan Krewski treats his presentation as stand-alone talk. Steve Lewis added that a program reconstruction will have to be done. In this context, 28 of 128 presentations will have to be turned into posters.

Allen addressed Mike’s plan to submit a roundtable. Mike responded that he has to wait until next year. One speaker is working with the turf industry; the other speaker is working for a municipality. Both were interested but Cal EPA are currently conducting studies which will not be finalized by December. ATSDR and US EPA are doing studies but it is also too early for them. Therefore, this roundtable is not feasible in December 2016.

Allen added that three workshops were submitted, i.e. the full-day CatReg workshop held by Allen, Jeff and Jay Zhao, a half-day workshop on exposure-response arrays held by George Woodall, and a full-day workshop on probabilistic dose-response assessment held by Weihsueh Chiu and Greg Paoli. Mike said that he submitted a full-day workshop on contaminated sites with the TERA Center/University of Cincinnati. Patty commented that Rick Hertzberg also submitted a full-day workshop on cumulative risk assessment with Linda Teuschler.
b. Student award submissions
Three students chose DRSG as key specialty group, and only two are directly related to dose-response assessment. Julie and Patty agreed that fewer applications were potentially submitted because the Annual Meeting is organized on West Coast.

4. Treasurer’s report/Finances (Julia, all)
Julia had sent an email to Allen prior to this meeting saying that there is no update on the financial report as the next quarterly report will be released next month. DRSG started dispersing the income from last year’s Annual Meeting workshops. The entire CatReg workshop income will be directed to DRSG, which will be $1162 in total. Last year, more people attended than in previous years. A new version of CatReg was just released, so hopefully even more people will attend in December this year.

5. Other Items?
None.