DRSG meeting Annual Meeting 2015, Monday 12/7/15

Chair Kan Shao called the annual meeting of the DRSG to order and announced that in the course of 2015 DRSG email communications with its members switched successfully from the yahoo group to the drsg-l@Indiana.edu email list. After a brief recollection of the success of this year’s teleseminars, Kan introduced the new chair Allen Davis (U.S. EPA/NCEA) who then introduced the new officers for 2016. These are Chair-elect Kenneth Bogen (Exponent), Vice-Chair Ingrid Druwe (U.S. EPA/NCEA) and Trustee-at-Large Michael P. Musso (HDR).

Allen presented the financial report with an estimate of $2000 for annual meeting expenditures – including $500 for the student awards, $500 for the mixer, and $1000 for speaker support, – and $700 for Kan’s travel to the SRA World Congress. DRSG’s balance as of the last reporting date at the end of September 2015 was $7805.02 minus the above $2700 leaves DRSG with an estimated balance for 2016 of $5100. Compared to previous years, DRSG gained less revenue in 2015 as Jeff Gift and Allen Davis did not organize a workshop at last year’s annual meeting. Revenue achieved through the workshop’s attendance fees is usually donated to DRSG. However, a workshop was held this year and the revenue will be donated to DRSG again.

The following point on the agenda was the presentation of the three student awards. Kelly Harris (Meharry Medical College and Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center) was awarded the 3rd prize, a $150 check and a certificate. Kerry Hamilton (Drexel University) received the 2nd prize, a $350 check and a certificate. Miao Guo (University of Maryland) was awarded $500 and a certificate as 1st prize winner. All were reminded to stop by the student award posters P34 (by Miao Guo), P35 (by Kerry Hamilton) and P32 (by Kelly Harris).

Everyone was reminded to attend the mixer on Tuesday evening held on conjunction with the Microbial Risk Assessment, Exposure Assessment and Applied Risk Management Specialty Groups. Also, the DRSG sponsored sessions and posters were noted.

The following topics were suggested for teleseminars in 2016:

- Model uncertainty approaches incl. model averaging (Jeff Gift); may not be an overall theme for the whole year. Also, Jeff announced the workshop on model averaging later that week.
- Low-dose non-monotonic dose response (Jacqueline)
- Dose response for contaminant mixtures

Before concluding the meeting, Allen added that the identification of additional topics will be addressed at the upcoming meeting in January.