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Of Mice, Men, and Models

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Workshop Overview

Risk assessment has become an essential tool for developing occupational and environmental health and safety standards and other policies to protect workers and the public from hazardous exposures. Risk Assessment is a relatively new discipline and the currently available data and methods are often inadequate and/or controversial. The lack of consensus on what are appropriate methods for risk assessment has frequently led to acrimonious debates, which have been an impediment to the development of appropriate and expedient responses to environmental and occupational hazards. The source of the controversies are generally related to either the methods used for developing the toxicologic (e.g., mice) or epidemiologic (e.g., men) databases or to the methods used to develop mathematical predictions (e.g., models) from these databases. Thus research is needed to develop methods that will enhance the relevance of toxicologic and epidemiologic data, and the credibility of models of the results from these studies for predicting the consequences from exposures to occupational and environmental hazards. The resulting improvements in the methodology used for risk assessments should lead to the greater acceptance of the results from risk assessments, and ultimately to improvements in the development of standards and policies designed to protect workers and the public from exposure to hazardous substances.

Workshop Goals

- ✎ Develop a national agenda for research targeted towards improving risk assessment methods.
- ✎ Foster the development of an interdisciplinary approach to research on risk assessment methods.
- ✎ Identify problems with current methods used in epidemiologic and toxicologic studies that limit their usefulness for risk assessment.
- ✎ Identify problems with current methods used in models for predicting doses and risks associated with exposure to occupational and environmental hazards.
- ✎ Identify research that may resolve some of the problems associated with current methods used in toxicology, epidemiology and modeling.
- ✎ Identify mechanisms and funding resources for the support of targeted research to resolve methodological problems with risk assessment.
- ✎ Develop partnerships and mechanisms for increasing stakeholder and community input.

Who Should Attend?

Risk assessors, researchers, policy makers, grants program administrators, labor, industry organizations, public advocacy and community groups.



PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP PROGRAM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH

4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Early Bird Registration

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH

7:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. **WELCOME**
Paul Schulte, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

8:20 a.m. **WORKSHOP CHARGE:**
Current Problems and Opportunities in Risk Assessment Methods Research
Leslie Stayner, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

8:40 a.m.–10:00 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION I:**
Current Perspectives on Issues in Risk Assessment Methods
Chair: A. John Bailer, Miami University and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
Adam Finkel, Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Bernard Goldstein, Robert Wood Johnson School of Medicine
Roger McClellan, Chemical Industry Institute for Toxicology
Frank Mirer, United Auto Workers
Ellen Silbergeld, Environmental Defense Fund
Herman Gibb, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

10:00 a.m. Open Discussion

10:20 a.m. Break

10:40 a.m.–12 noon **PLENARY SESSION II:**
Epidemiologic Issues
Chair: Kyle Steenland, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

10:40 a.m. **Environmental Epidemiology and Risk Assessment**
Joel Schwartz, Harvard School of Public Health

11:00 a.m. **Issues in Exposure and Dose Assessment for Epidemiology and Risk Assessment**
Tom Smith, Harvard School of Public Health

PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP PROGRAM (continued)

11:20 a.m.	Biologic Markers and Epidemiologic Risk Assessment <i>Paul Brandt-Rauf, Columbia University</i>
11:40 a.m.	Open Discussion
12 noon-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.-2:20 p.m.	PLENARY SESSION III: Toxicologic Issues <i>Chair: Mark Toraason, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health</i>
1:00 p.m.	Use of Toxicological Data in Estimating Reference Values for Risk Assessment <i>Carole Kimmel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i>
1:20 p.m.	Linking Pharmacokinetic and Biomarker Data to Mechanism of Action In Risk Assessment <i>James Swenberg, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>
1:40 p.m.	Genomics, Transcriptomics, Proteomics, and Human Health Risk Assessments <i>Kevin Morgan, GlaxoWellcome</i>
2:00 p.m.	Open Discussion
2:20 p.m.	Break
2:40 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	PLENARY SESSION IV: Statistical and Biologic Models of Dose and Response <i>Chair: Dale Hattis, Clark University</i>
2:40 p.m.	Simplicity Versus Complexity in the Design of Statistical Models for Dose-Response Assessment <i>Dan Krewski, University of Ottawa</i>
3:00 p.m.	Innovative Use of Mechanistic Considerations in Forming Quantitative Risk Assessment Models <i>Chris Portier, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences</i>
3:20 p.m.	Toxicokinetic Models: Where We Have Been and Where We Need to Go From Here <i>Mel Andersen, University of Colorado</i>
3:40 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Open Discussion

PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP PROGRAM (continued)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **BREAKOUT GROUP SESSIONS (CONCURRENT)**

Group 1: Epidemiology and Risk Assessment

Chair: Harvey Checkoway, University of Washington

Rapporteur: Herman Gibb, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Group 2: Toxicology and Risk Assessment

Chair: Clayton Frederick, Rohm and Haas

Rapporteur: Elaine Faustman, University of Washington

Group 3: Models of Dose and Response

Chair: Lauren Zeiss, State of California

Rapporteur: Dale Hattis, Clark University

8:00 a.m. Introductory Remarks and Charge for the Group

Breakout Chairs

8:30 a.m. Breakout Group Identification and Discussions of Issues

10:00 a.m. Break

10:20 a.m. Continuation of Breakout Group Identification and Discussions of Issues

12 noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Breakout Group Identification of Research Priorities for Resolving Issues

7:00 p.m. Banquet Dinner

PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP PROGRAM (continued)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH

7:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m.-12 noon **PLENARY SESSION V:**
Conclusions

8:00 a.m. **Presentation of Epidemiology Workgroup**
Rapporteur: Herman Gibb, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

8:20 a.m. Open Discussion

8:40 a.m. **Presentation of Toxicology Workgroup**
Rapporteur: Elaine Faustman, University of Washington

9:00 a.m. Open Discussion

9:20 a.m. **Presentation of the Dose and Response Models Workgroup**
Rapporteur: Dale Hattis, Clark University

9:40 a.m. Open Discussion

10:00 a.m. Break

10:20 a.m.-12 noon **PLENARY SESSION VI:**
Opportunities for Funding of Research in Risk Assessment Methodology
Chair: Michael Attfield, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
Roy Fleming, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
Steven C. Lewis, Chemical Manufacturers Association
Peter Preuss, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Anne Sassaman, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

11:00 a.m. Open Discussion

11:30 a.m.-12 noon **Final Synthesis and Closing Remarks**
Leslie Stayner, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Desk

The registration desk will be open during the following hours:

Tuesday, August 15 th	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 16 th	7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 17 th	7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday, August 18 th	7:00 a.m. to 12 noon

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Reservations may be canceled up to 72 hours before the arrival date without penalty; please ask the reservation desk for a cancellation number.

Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.
Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

Travel Arrangements

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Wednesday night Rodeo and BBQ

A rodeo and BBQ is held every Wednesday and Saturday night. The cost for this event is \$31.00 per person inclusive. Each individual event cost is as follows: Rodeo \$16.00, BBQ \$15.00.

There will be a reception style buffet dinner on Thursday evening for all invited conference participants. The reception/ buffet is sponsored by the Chemical Manufacturers Association. For additional guest, the cost is \$45.00 per person.

Tickets for both events can be purchased at the Silvertree Hotel upon arrival.

- ☐ Please check if you plan to attend the dinner.
☐ Please check if bringing guest(s). How many? _____

Breakout Session Selection (Thursday and Friday)

Please rank your first and second choice selections for attendance at the breakout groups. Attempts will be made to honor your first choice, although assignments to these groups will be subject to space availability. Each room will hold up to 50 participants.

- ___ Group 1: Epidemiology and Risk Assessment
___ Group 2: Toxicology and Risk Assessment
___ Group 3: Models of Dose and Response

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