

AG/Committee Name: Human Health Risk Assessment Interest Group

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Council/Board Liaison: John Toll

Organization: Human Health Risk Assessment Advisory Group

Group structure:

- Chair: Spencer Williams (ATSDR)
- Secretary: Patricia Videla (AMEC-FW)

Steering Committee – members listed in section below

Changes: Additional members have been recruited to serve on the Steering Committee (Brian Mulhearn, Yvette Lowney).

Activities Summary

Activities include the following:

- Conducted monthly calls.
- Spencer Williams has served on the Steering Committee of EDTRA IG.
- Spencer Williams also served as the liaison for HHRA to the TSCA Dialogue Group.
- SETAC NA 2016 annual meeting (Orlando).
 - Orlando HHRA IG Business meeting will take place on Wednesday at 7am during the annual meeting.
 - Sponsored Sessions:
 - Assessing Human Exposures to Chemicals from Consumer Products (Yvette Lowney, Spencer Williams)
 - This session was merged with another and is now titled From Source to Sink: Consumer Product Chemical Exposures and Exposure Pathways (POSTER, Monday).
 - Developments and Barriers in the Use of Bioavailability for Contaminated Soil and Sediment Human Health Risk Assessments (Jose Gomez-Eyles, Yvette Lowney, Glenn Hoeger)
 - This session was merged with another and is now titled Bioavailability of Organic Chemicals for Retrospective Risk Assessment: Measurement, Applications, and Communication (PLATFORM, Monday)
 - Leveraging Technologies Between Mammalian and Ecological Toxicology to Advance Risk Assessment (Claire Terry, Vincent Kramer) (POSTER, Tuesday)

Coordination with Other Advisory Groups and Committees

- Global EDTRA: Spencer Williams serves on Steering Committee.
- TSCA Dialog Group: Spencer Williams serves in group.

Future Plans

- Strategic planning

- Sustainable leadership development
- Outreach to ISES and SRA, and continuing relationship with SOT's Risk Assessment Specialty Section.
- More robust outreach to other SETAC IGs.

Business and Planning Meetings

As discussed above:

- Monthly calls
- Strategic planning calls with Steering Committee
- Business meeting at SETAC Orlando

Membership Communications

Effective communications:

- Monthly calls. (These calls are held as needed)
- Member discussions focused on specific topics and missions.
- Group emails.

Issues/Problems

The group still seeks solutions to structural problems. The challenge of the HHRA IG is, of course, that SETAC is well established as the primary society for ecological risk assessors. For those practitioners who do both human health and ecological risk assessment, they often attend SOT, SRA, or ISES for their HHRA activities. Recruitment has been a problem, partly because of participation of the membership and availability of the Chair. Despite our issues, we have still made a strong contribution to this year's meeting, though not in the formats we had requested.

However, the Steering Committee has been revitalized and begun the process of strategic planning. Our standard activities will continue – we plan to develop numerous sessions for the Minneapolis SETAC meeting in 2017. We will be considering another offering of a professional training course as well. We have identified priority areas for 2017 as: development of sustainable leadership and succession, outreach to other interest groups, and outreach to other professional societies. The latter two activities are expected to also solve our recruitment needs.

Our Steering Committee will also be reaching out to SETAC leadership during and after the annual meeting. We would like to work with SETAC to assure that human health-relevant content is prioritized for inclusion; we have had some issues with fully populated sessions being converted from platform sessions to poster sessions, and many of our invited speakers have not been interested in traveling to the meeting for a poster session.

Current Steering Committee

Steering Committee:

- John Toll (Windward Environmental) [Board liaison]
- Ruddle Clarkson
- Susan Turnblom (Oregon DEQ)

- Marie Bourgeois (University of South Florida)
- Patricia Videla (AMEC-FW)
- Yvette Lowney (Alloy LLC)
- Brian Mulhearn (Ensafe)

No. active members: Total membership (from Your Membership IG directory):

We have over 100 members listed in the group directory we maintain. Approximately 10-15 people participate in monthly calls.