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### **August 2013 E-Letter**

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**Registration for SRA's 2013 Annual Meeting at the Baltimore Hilton on December 8-11, "Risk Analysis for Better Policies," will open on September 4.** Over 100 panels, symposia, and poster-platform sessions are already on the schedule, along with 16 pre- and post-conference workshops. Late-breaking poster submissions will be accepted until November 15. **Presenters must register by September 20** to ensure inclusion in the final program. For complete conference and hotel information, click [here](#).

**Save \$100! Early registration closes on November 8, 2013.** Registration by this deadline is \$385 for members and \$490 for non-members (including membership). Later registration is \$485 for members and \$590 for non-members. Non-member registration without membership is \$600 at any time. Student member registration is \$105 and student non-member registration is \$160 at any time (including membership). A one-day registration is also available for \$300 (\$250 prior to the early deadline).

#### ***MORE SRA NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Latest Figures Show Impact of SRA's Flagship *Risk Analysis: An International Journal*.** The newest (2012) citation data from Thomson Reuters show the journal remains strong with a two-year impact factor of 2.278 and a five-year factor of 2.468. Click [here](#) for details and a look at the ten-year trend.

**SRA Dose-Response Specialty Group Continues Teleseminar Series.** An August 6, 2013, presentation by Kan Shao on “Model Averaged Benchmark Dose Estimations” will be followed by others on September 10 (non-linear carcinogens) and October 1 (non-monotonic dose response). See details [here](#).

**Meet Elisabeth Gilmore, SRA Member and DOD Grant Recipient.** Gilmore, who studies the impact of climate change on human systems, is spending the summer of 2013 working on the relationship between climate change and armed conflict with colleagues at the Peace Research Institute in Oslo, funded by a new three-year \$1.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense. Read more [here](#).

### **REGIONAL SRA NEWS**

- **SRA-Japan** held a June Symposium on food safety risk and has announced details of its upcoming November 14-17 annual meeting. See details [here](#). The group reports that as of August, their study of the 2011 earthquake and Fukushima nuclear accident – available [here](#) – had been downloaded 1300 times.
- **SRA-Europe’s** June conference in Trondheim, Norway, with the theme of “Safe Societies” attracted 200 researchers from 34 countries. Plenary presentations focused on prevention, with emphasis on “black swans” (low-probability events with catastrophic impacts). Click [here](#) for details, including complete abstracts and details of student awards.
- **SRA-Latin America** is a sponsor of the 6<sup>th</sup> **Intercontinental Convention on Psychology, HOMINIS 2013**, scheduled for October 24-25. Details of this and other SRA-Latin America activities, plus announcements of other risk-related meetings, can be accessed [here](#).
- **Upstate New York SRA** toured the new Onondaga Lake Visitor Center in June, learning about one of the largest remediation projects in the United States. Click [here](#) for more.
- Following a busy summer of events focused on cell toxicology, food risk policy, environmental science and more, the **SRA National Capital Area Chapter** is planning a September 27 workshop on **Ex Post Evaluation of Risk Assessment Predictions** in cooperation with George Washington University. For more information, click [here](#).
- Recent **SRA-New England** seminars have included talks on climate change adaptation (May), uncertainties in the costs and benefits of environmental health regulation (June), and Exposure Science in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (July; with **SRA-NCAC**). Seminar materials can be found [here](#).
- **SRA-Southern California** held its 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at the end of May, with about 50 people attending presentations on drinking water regulation, hydraulic fracturing, climate change and wildfires, hazardous materials reporting, refinery safety and emergency preparedness; for presentation details click [here](#).

### **OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST**

**The European Food Safety Authority** has announced a public consultation on their process for soliciting expert knowledge. Comments are due by September 30, 2013; find more information [here](#).

**The Harvard Center for Risk Analysis** workshop on October 3, 2013, in Cambridge, MA, will focus on cross-disciplinary methods for research synthesis. Click [here](#) for further details.

**The “FoodRisC” (Food Risk Communication) Project**, in conjunction with the European Food Safety Authority, announces the project’s final conference, set for September 12, 2013. Find out more [here](#).

**The U.S. National Academy of Sciences** is offering a “Science of Science Communication II” event, the second in a series. The event is slated for September 23-25, 2013; more information is available [here](#).

**The World Health Organization** has announced the formation of a new worldwide network of institutions involved in chemical risk assessment. Click [here](#) for more information.

**The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** has announced an October 24-25, 2013, workshop on “Chemically Induced Mouse Lung Tumors” as applied in human health risk assessment. See details [here](#).

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