

Welcome to the latest edition of SRA's quarterly e-letter, developed to complement our redesigned website at [sra.org](http://sra.org) in calling your attention to news of the organization and the field. Follow the embedded website links to find details of these items, posted on the SRA site at [sra.org](http://sra.org).



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#### **SRA Activities Around the Globe: March 2015 SRA Member E-Letter**

**The December SRA annual meeting in Denver featured a series of provocative plenaries** on topics ranging from “fracking” to legalized marijuana to the social dimensions of natural disaster vulnerability. We hope you didn’t miss a minute of these great presentations – but just in case, you can go [here](#) for a capsule summary of these events.

**A few slots remain open for late-breaking poster submissions for the 2015 Fourth World Congress on Risk**, to be held July 19-23, 2015, in Singapore. “Risk Analysis for Sustainable Innovation” is the theme. For more information on the Congress as it is available, be sure to check the information available [here](#).

**The SRA Council has established a committee to create a new risk glossary.** A draft version was presented to the Council at the December meeting. Comments and suggestions are solicited. View details and a link to the draft glossary [here](#).

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**Mark your calendars** for these important upcoming regional events, and continue to browse the group websites for developing details on these and other activities:

**SRA-China** announces that the 5<sup>th</sup> international conference on Risk Analysis and Crisis Response (RACR) will take place on June 1-3, 2015, in Tangier, Morocco. Paper submission is due December 1 and early registration ends January 15. More information can be viewed [here](#).

**SRA-Europe** reminds you that their 24<sup>th</sup> annual meeting will be held in Maastricht, the Netherlands, on June 15-17, 2015. The theme of the conference is “Science, Policy and Society – Bridging the Gap Between Risk and Science.” Complete details are available on the conference website [here](#).

**SRA-Russia**, in conjunction with the Ministry of Emergency of Russia and the Russian Academy of Sciences, has organized a May 2015 conference on Global and National Strategies for Risks Management of Accidents and Natural Disasters. Details and contact information can be found [here](#).



**This issue’s member profile features Warner North.** Click [here](#) to read highlights of the biography of this past SRA president and area editor for *Risk Analysis*, including his “best book reviewer” award received at the 2014 SRA annual meeting.

**SRA member Seth Baum, Executive Director of the Global Catastrophic Risk Institute**, spoke at the Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons in December. He has contributed some comments on the experience to the SRA website [here](#), including a link to his talk.



**Recent SRA activities, including regional and specialty group activities** from the past few months have included these items:

**Presenters at the first 2015 seminar sponsored by SRA New England**, held January 11, discussed results from the Fort Worth Natural Gas Air Quality Study and an evaluation of the potential human health risks to drinking water. Visit the [SRA NE pages](#) to learn more, including details of other upcoming events in the series.

The **SRA Microbial Risk Analysis Specialty Group** has created a new LinkedIn subgroup as a place for discussion of issues related to the group’s interests. Access it from the SRA LinkedIn page by going [here](#) or by clicking on the blue “in” icon at sra.org.



**See below for other important notices and events from outside SRA** that should interest SRA members, with links to external sites for additional information:

**The Health Effects Institute** has announced that letters of intent are due March 2, 2015, for the Walter A. Rosenblith New Investigator Award. This award supports junior investigators at the assistant professor or equivalent level working on the health effects of air pollution with up to three years funding. Details of this and other HEI programs are available [here](#).

The **U.S. Food and Drug Administration** is offering a free webinar on March 11, 2015, to introduce a new version of its web-based tool for assessing or ranking contaminant risks to the food supply. You can find details [here](#).

**Harvard's T. H. Chan School of Public Health**, in cooperation with the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, has announced a March 9-12, 2015, course on analyzing risk. Click [here](#) for details of this professional development opportunity.

The **Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis** will hold its 2015 annual meeting on March 19-20 at George Washington University. The theme is "Advancing the Policy Frontier." Access the conference website, including program and registration details, [here](#).

The **Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment Interdisciplinary Instructional Institute (QMRI III)** at Michigan State University announces a 10-day workshop August 1-12, 2015. Applications are due March 31; click [here](#) for details.

The **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** announces two risk-related postdoc opportunities, one in PBPK modeling (in Research Triangle Park, NC; details [here](#)) and one in human health risk assessment (in Arlington, VA; details [here](#)).

The **HSEnano project** seeks input on its "beta version" web platform, created by SRA member Guilherme Frederico Bernardo Lenz e Silva and colleagues for transnational dissemination of reports, tools, contacts and other information related to nanotechnology risk assessment and standards. View the project website [here](#).

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**Be sure to follow the links provided above to access complete stories and other details. And did we miss your news?** News and announcements can be published at sra.org on a continuous basis. The news editor welcomes your ideas and suggestions for items to be included on What's New at sra.org, on the linked News page, and in this e-letter. We are especially interested in publishing member commentary on risk-related issues, as well as reports that synthesize the results of workshops and other deliberations on risk. Nominations for member profile features are also always welcome. Contact the SRA news editor at [newseditor@sra.org](mailto:newseditor@sra.org).

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