

## SRA Europe Welcomes Benelux Chapter



*Frederic Bouder welcomes meeting attendees.  
Photo by Randa Kachef.*

*Marijn Poortvliet, Frederic Bouder and Arjen van der Heide*

On March 14, the inaugural meeting of SRA-E Benelux took place. Around 40 people gathered at the Brussels campus of Maastricht University to talk about the theme “New risks, better science, better governance?” Participants came from diverse backgrounds ranging from research institutes, government agencies, the private sector and academia. **Read more on page 4.**

## TRAC 2016 - Evolving Alternatives to Risk Assessment and Toxicologic Data Gaps

*Jacqueline Patterson, TERA Center*

Over 180 people attended the Toxicology and Risk Assessment Conference (TRAC) 2016, held in Cincinnati Ohio in April. **Read more on page 7.**

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## Message from the President

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*James H. Lambert, SRA President*

Welcome to the April-May 2016 edition of the SRA Newsletter! This issue has highlights of recent and upcoming SRA-sponsored events around the world, activities of the SRA Specialty groups and reminders how to nominate one another for SRA awards, the SRA Pantheon, and SRA elections of officers.

Please check the SRA website ([www.sra.org](http://www.sra.org)) for the latest notices of events and activities of SRA members. The leaders of Specialty Groups, Regional Organizations, and Co-Sponsored Events are regularly updating the notices there.

We expect more than 800 of you to submit abstracts for the upcoming 2016 SRA Annual Meeting to be held in San Diego, California, USA. Deadlines are in early May (roundtables) and later in May (symposia, workshops, and individual abstracts).

The SRA President-Elect Margaret MacDonell, Chair of the 2016 Program Committee, leads the preparations for the meeting. “Risk and Resilience: Viva la Revolucion!”

Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing many of you in person at the 2016 SRA Latin American Congress in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in May 10-13.

The details of the recent SRA Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg) organization are on page 4.

Activities for blooming of SRA organizations in Africa, Cuba, Turkey, and elsewhere were underway at the December Annual Meeting and are forthcoming—details how to be involved are available through the SRA Officers and Councilors and the SRA website.

Up to hundreds of SRA members have been participating in the monthly SRA webinars!! The webinars are archived at the SRA website.

Opportunities for SRA members to grow in leadership and scholarship are many: Publish in our Wiley journal; Submit your meeting abstracts; Organize workshops, roundtables, and symposia; Propose SRA co-sponsorship of an event (visit the SRA

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Conferences and Workshops section of the website); Offer to sponsor information booths, socials, fellowships, new- and young-member activities, etc., at the Annual Meeting; Nominate others or run for SRA offices across the 15 Specialty Groups and more than dozen Regional Organizations (contact the current SG and RO leaders to offer yourself) and the SRA Council.

The Wiley journal *Risk Analysis* continues to exceed all past performance. Please offer yourself to the Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, and Editorial Board to serve as an author/reviewer and in other ways.

The new (since December 2015) SRA Executive Director Brett Burk and Director of Administration Jill Drupa have been effective to maintain and grow the SRA in excellent business practices. A Director of Communications will be on board by September 2016, to align the SRA website, SRA Newsletter, SRA Twitter, SRA Webinars, SRA press releases, other social media, etc. Please contact the SRA worldwide headquarters in McLean, Virginia USA with your suggestions and needs to improve the operations of our worldwide organization.

Thank you for your thirty-five years (and continuing!) service and enthusiasm for the SRA community of scholars and practitioners.



2016 SRA Council at the 2015 SRA Annual Meeting. Photo by Randa Kacheff.

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## Summary of the SRA-E Benelux Inaugural Meeting in Brussels



*Ragnar Löfstedt introduces roundtable discussion. From left to right: Michael Faure, Tom Jansen, Marijn Poortvliet, Ragnar Löfstedt. Photo by Randa Kachef.*

The meeting consisted of plenary lectures and a number of smaller and interactive formats in parallel sessions. The contributions had a strong focus on policy in the context of risks. Christianne Brusckke, Chief Veterinary Officer of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, gave a keynote lecture. She presented the case of Q-fever epidemics and the dilemmas that it imposes on governments in their consideration between choosing to intervene (for instance, by culling livestock) and waiting (for instance, by gathering more data and drawing on lessons from earlier outbreaks). This was followed by a testimony from Ms. Anne Michiels van Kessenich regarding the development of cognitive and risk education in Dutch schools.

In a roundtable session, several participants reflected upon the role of uncertainty in legal, public policy and psychological areas. Conventional approaches to risk analysis have sometimes neglected the phenomenon of uncertainty. A proper acknowledgment of uncertainty may in fact lead to more optimal outcomes within legal procedures. Uncertainty plays an important role in environmental issues, and that the experience of uncertainty influences citizens' demands for government intervention. At the same time, it was also argued that in some cases uncertainties may become 'hyped' and, in so doing, may complicate decision making. This focuses on the practical application of risk analysis as a means to train children and students to improve decision making.

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Finally, there were parallel sessions that featured the themes, 'risk perception and communication,' 'risk management,' 'risk governance,' and 'crisis management.' In these sessions, participants looked closer into diverse topics such as safety cultures in medical settings, the current risk policy within the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, the outbreak of the Blue Tongue virus in Belgium, the economic impact of flooding in Europe, how the effectiveness of crisis communication could be enhanced, decision making in relation to nuclear energy, radiation risks in disaster areas and the various transparency cultures within EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) and EMA (European Medicines Agency).



*Attendees enjoy lunch in the sun. Photo by Randa Kachef.*

SRA-E Benelux was founded last year as a regional chapter of SRA-Europe (Society for Risk Analysis Europe). This chapter takes as its task to bring together individuals and organizations who are interested in risk assessment, risk management, and risk communication. More specifically, its goal is to foster risk research and knowledge on risk analysis within the Benelux. In addition, the Benelux chapter wants to set risk related topics that are of special concern to the Benelux countries on the agenda, to stimulate debate on those topics and to make policy makers aware of the importance and usefulness of risk research and analysis. And it tries to achieve this by serving as a platform to facilitate exchange between professional from industry, government, universities, research institutes and consultants as a way to improve both research and practice of risk analysis and risk management. One of the ways in which this will take place is by having an annual meeting on the above mentioned topics. In 2017, the next meeting will take place and will be organized by the RIVM (the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment) in Bilthoven.

*For more information, please take a look at <http://www.sraeurope.org>*

**Benelux Meeting Photos** *Photos by Randa Kachef.*



*Stijn Pieters*



*Anne Michiels van Kessenich*



*Christianne Bruschke*



*Hugo Marynissen*



**The next SRA Europe conference will be held this year from June 20 – 22 in Bath, UK**

**View more or share your meeting photos with us on Flickr**  
[https://www.flickr.com/photos/society\\_for\\_risk\\_analysis/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/society_for_risk_analysis/)

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## TRAC 2016 - Evolving Alternatives to Risk Assessment and Toxicologic Data Gaps

This conference is held every other year and organized by scientists from multiple U.S. agencies (including NIOSH, NIEHS, EPA, ATSDR, NIST, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Air Force), in cooperation with the Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment Center (TERA) at the University of Cincinnati. The conference provides attendees with an overview of current research, methodologic, and practice issues that are the focus of risk assessment efforts in various Federal agencies, academic institutions, industry, and other organizations. Topics are related to risk assessment principles and practice for environmental and occupational human health, ecological assessment, and worker safety.

Toxicology Excellence  
for Risk Assessment  
(TERA) Center



One highlight of the conference was the session on “Current Challenges in the Translation and Application of High-Throughput Data into Human Health Risk Assessment and Chemical Safety Evaluation.” This session, co-chaired by Scott Wesselkamper of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Karen Mumy of the Naval Medical Research Unit, looked at the current regulatory climate with respect to the characterization and application of alternative data streams, emphasizing the regulatory/decision-making risk assessor perspective. An excellent example of an alternative data stream is the ToxCast High-Throughput screening (HTS) program. Topics and data streams discussed included FutureTox III, an Air Force Specific *In Vitro* Screen (AFSIVS) using enhanced *in vitro* models, chemical structure activity relationships, cheminformatics and toxicogenomics. Proof-of-concept and example fit-for-purpose applications of alternative data in human health decision-making were presented. The session was a successful first attempt to facilitate discussion on the critical communication gaps and needs between the data generators, risk assessors, and risk managers/stakeholders.

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Other sessions included: Perspectives on Evolving Alternatives and Managing Toxicological Data Gaps in Risk Assessment; Advancing Human Health and Environmental Protection through Superfund and Site-Specific Technical Support; Current Challenges in the Translation and Application of High-Throughput Data into Human Health Risk Assessment and Chemical Safety Evaluation; Environmental and Health Effects of Nanomaterials from the DoD Perspective; Risk Assessment for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Conformity Assessment; Epigenetics - Current Landscape of Epigenetics: Relevance to Risk Assessment; Getting Toxicological Science to Support Health Risk Assessment; Epigenetics - Risk Assessment and Policy Issues; and, Vapor Intrusion Environmental Health Risk Assessment. The program is available at <http://toxicologyandriskassessmentconference.net/index.htm>.

*The next TRAC will be held in April 2018.*

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## SRA Specialty Groups

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### **Dose Response Specialty Group**

*J. Allen Davis, MSPH Chair*

The DRSG eagerly awaits SG member submissions of abstracts for the 2016 Annual Meeting (deadlines are coming up soon!). The DRSG would welcome any desire to coordinate symposia topics or roundtables; please contact me ([davis.allen@epa.gov](mailto:davis.allen@epa.gov)) if you are interested. The DRSG will judge its own Student Merit Awards and nominate students for the Student Travel Award after receiving submissions this summer. The DRSG holds regular teleseminars throughout the year on topics of particular interest in the area of dose-response modeling, risk assessment, and toxicology. If you would like to receive information on these teleseminars, or other information relating to the DRSG, please contact me to be added to the mailing list.

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### **Foundational Issues in Risk Analysis Specialty Group**

*Terje Aven, FRASG Chair*

Looking forward to receiving your abstracts/proposals (symposium/roundtables) for the 2016 SRA Annual

Meeting. Let me know if you have any questions! The deadlines are coming soon, as described elsewhere in this newsletter.

The SG on foundational issues in risk analysis provides a scientific and technical forum for dialogue on the key scientific pillars of risk analysis - the elements that unify our professional discipline, with both current and future perspectives.

This year we highlight discussions concerning what defines risk analysis as a field/science and what defines us as risk professionals. We question:

1. Is risk analysis actually a field or science? Why? Is it really important? And if it is, what is the core of this field or science?
2. Seeing risk analysis as a field and science, how can we best improve its scientific platform?
3. How can we improve the related practice of risk analysis?

The plan is to organize a roundtable at the SRA annual meeting in December on this topic. Your contribution could relate to this topic or any other addressing foundational issues in risk analysis

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## **The Risk Policy and Law Specialty Group**

*Genya V. Dana, RPSG Chair*

The Risk Policy and Law Specialty Group organized a webinar on risk, certifications and insurance issues with unmanned aircraft systems (or drones) in March with Ms. Rose Mooney, Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership. The presentation focused on the challenges around integrating the wide range of drones, from hobbyists to professional pilots, into the U.S. airspace system and how operators must be licensed and insured and how operational standards are evolving.

Risk Policy and Law Specialty Group vice-chair Kirk Hartley organized a workshop "From Top Science Journals to Your Bottom Line: How Emerging Science Intersects with Business, Law and Regulation to Create Risks and Opportunities" to explore how rapid advances in genomics and other "omics" technologies are challenging the practices of attorneys and insurers and regulators. Past RPL Chair Gary Marchant hosted the workshop of ~30 participants at Arizona State University, Center for Law, Science and Innovation.

We encourage all RPL Specialty Group members to consider organizing a panel

or symposium or talk for the SRA Annual meeting, as detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. Please let Genya V. Dana (Chair) know of your plans and if you would like to coordinate symposia or roundtables for submission. The SG will adjudicate its own Student Merit Awards and nominate students for Student Travel Awards, over the coming summer.

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## **Risk Communication Specialty Group**

*Janet Yang, RCSG Chair*

The RCSG looks forward to our members' submissions of abstracts for the 2016 SRA Annual Meeting. The deadlines are coming soon, as described elsewhere in this newsletter. Please consider to contact me or other SG officers if you would like to coordinate symposia or roundtables for submission. A roundtable is more of a discussion about an issue of interest or a recent event or major publication, while a symposia is usually a set of related paper with or without a discussant. Students are strongly encouraged to submit their papers to the ExxonMobil Student Paper Competition (<http://www.sra.org/rcsg/exxonmobil-student-paper-competition>). The RCSG will also nominate students for Student Travel Awards, over the coming Summer.

The SG will be represented at the face-to-face meeting of the SRA Program Committee in June—you are welcome to contact me and the other SG officers anytime for constructive feedback on your submission.

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## Security and Defense Specialty Group

*Jun Zhuang, SDSG Chair*

The Security and Defense Specialty Group (SDSG) looks forward to specialty group members' submissions of abstracts for the 2016 SRA Annual Meeting!! The deadlines are coming soon, as described elsewhere in this newsletter. Please consider contacting if you would like to coordinate symposia or roundtables for submission. The SG will adjudicate its own Student Merit Awards and nominate students for Student Travel Awards, over the coming summer. The SG will be represented at the face-to-face meeting of the SRA Program Committee in June—you are welcome to contact me and the other SG officers anytime for constructive feedback on your submission.

Also see below for a photo taken at SDSG business meeting at SRA 2015, where the 2015 SDSG Student Merit Award was presented to Casey Canfield by Drew Rak (the past chair of SDSG).



*Photo by Jun Zhuang*

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## The Engineering and Infrastructure Specialty Group

*Sam Chatterjee, EISG Chair*

The EISG focuses on risk and policy analysis applied to infrastructure management and engineering problems spanning topic areas including energy, environmental protection and pollution prevention, transportation, homeland security, disaster preparedness and response, technology regulation, and water/wastewater. The EISG looks forward to SG members' submissions of abstracts for the 2016 SRA Annual Meeting. The deadlines are coming soon, as described elsewhere in this newsletter. Please consider contacting me if you would like to coordinate symposia or roundtables for submission. The SG will adjudicate its own Student

Merit Awards and nominate students for Student Travel Awards, over the coming summer. The SG will be represented at the face-to-face meeting of the SRA Program Committee in June—you are welcome to contact me and the other SG officers anytime for constructive feedback on your submission. The EISG is also planning a webinar on a technical topic as part of the SRA webinar series later this year – more updates to follow soon.

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## SRA News

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### SRA Members' Research Getting the Word Out

David Clarke, Press Director

As part of efforts to communicate SRA members' work to broader external audiences, each month the Communications Committee's News Release Subcommittee selects a study from the online version of the *Risk Analysis* journal to promote with editors and reporters as potentially newsworthy. And the word is getting out.

After our January news release about SRA members Jonathan Welburn's and Vicki Bier's study, "Import Security: Assessing the Risks of Imported Food," an [original news article](#) appeared in *Food Quality News* and *MedicalResearch.com* [interviewed Jonathan](#). Newswise reported that the release had 1,109 hits and PR Newswire stated that it was found on 230 websites according. For example, the release was picked up by [\(e\) Science Daily](#). In turn, the release was posted on [the blog Health News](#). Additionally, author Jonathan posted the news article and two related links of the news release on his [personal website](#).

In February, the study by SRA members Ian Dawson and Johnnie Johnson, "Does

Size Matter? A Study of Risk Perceptions of Global Population Growth," attracted the attention of science website *Phys.org*, which not only [ran the article](#) but included a link to the original journal study. And *WN.com*, another online news service, was among the other news sites, including (e) Science Daily, that [also picked up the news release](#). According to Newswise, the release had 572 hits and PR Newswire reported that it was found on 194 websites.

View a full list of links to articles on page 20.

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### Twitter Update

Randa Kachef, News Editor



Since its inception at the 2014 SRA Annual Meeting in Denver, the Twitter account has shown remarkable growth. With 650 followers and over 370 tweets, [@SocRiskAnalysis](#) is an active account effectively broadcasting a range of risk related news. Through retweets and user interaction, 2,000 Twitter users read tweets by the SRA every week; with topics ranging from member research, SRA updates, risk in the news and live updates from select SRA annual meetings around the world.

Be sure to follow us to be retweeted and for those who don't use Twitter, send us your news to [twitter@sra.org](mailto:twitter@sra.org) and we will tweet it for you.

**Look forward to live Twitter updates from the SRA Latin America meeting from May 10 – 13.**

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## **SRA Webinars**

*Robin Dillon-Merrill, SRA Councilor*

Since the start of the New Year, SRA has hosted four well-attended webinars. In January David Banks spoke about Adversarial Risk Analysis. In February Seth Guikema spoke about Predictive Modeling and Risk Analysis. In March, Rose Mooney spoke about Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Emerging Policy Issues around Risk, Certifications, and Insurance. And in April, Ray Rasker presented Reducing Wildfire Risk to Communities by Improving Land Use Planning and A Tool for Identifying Populations at Risk.

Past webinars are available in the password section of the SRA website. Additionally, we have webinars scheduled through November now, so be looking for those announcements of speakers, topics, dates, and times.

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## **2016 Annual Meeting Abstract Deadline**

The submission deadline for abstracts to the 2016 SRA Annual Meeting is Monday, May 23.

Don't miss your chance to take part.

<http://sra.org/news/sra-annual-meeting-call-abstracts>

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## SRA Committees

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### Conferences and Workshops Committee

*Sandra Hoffman, CWC Leader*

Conferences and Workshops Committee has two subcommittees. The Conferences subcommittee focuses on events outside the annual meeting. The Workshops subcommittee focuses on organizing workshops held in conjunction with the annual meeting. So far this year the Conferences subcommittee has approved seven SRA co-sponsored events in the U.S., and Europe. If other organizations you are involved with are planning a conference or workshop, please consider SRA non-financial co-sponsorship. It's a great way to get wider advertisement about your event and organization and to spread word about SRA. An application form can be found on the SRA website. Applications for workshops to be held in connection with the Annual Meeting are due on May 23. The proposal forms for workshops are is also on the SRA website. The conferences and workshop committee members are happy to answer questions about either annual meeting workshops or conferences at other times of the year.

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### Specialty Group Chair Committee

*Terje Aven & Sandra Hoffmann, SG  
leaders*

In this period we have worked on establishing a what-do-to list with calendar for Specialty Group chairs. We have also supported the SGs in their work on updating their websites and providing up-to-date membership lists, as well as in announcing the SRA annual meeting activities. We have sent out reminders about submission deadlines for the meeting and encouraged chairs to collaborate on co-sponsoring sessions at the meeting. We have responded to questions from chairs about roundtables and the Program Committee meeting.

The Committee also use considerable time in stimulating discussions on fundamental issues of importance for all SGs, topics that unify the different SGs. In this period we have had a focus on the following topic: Risk Analysis as a field/science and what defines us as risk professionals.

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The SRA Council maintains a number of committees to facilitate the governance and operation of the Society. Members interested in the topics covered by committees or serving on a committee may contact their chairs.

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## Are you on LinkedIn?

Stay connected with the SRA by joining the SRA LinkedIn group.



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# SRA Nominations

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## Nominations Now Open for SRA Officer and Councilor Positions

*Ortwin Renn, Nominating Committee*

Nominations are now being accepted for SRA President-Elect, Secretary and three open Council seats for terms starting in December, 2016.

Members are encouraged to send nominations to Nominating Chair Ortwin Renn ([ortwin.renn@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:ortwin.renn@iass-potsdam.de)) and Executive Secretary Brett Burk ([bburk@burkinc.com](mailto:bburk@burkinc.com)) no later than July 1, 2016. Nominations should include name and contact information for the nominee, position for which he or she is being nominated, and any supporting information indicating why the nominee would be a strong candidate for the position. Please consider our policy to have good balance in terms of gender, ethnic background, professional affiliations, countries and age. Selected nominees will be included in the slate of candidates for the membership-wide election in the Fall of 2016. Officer and Councilor duties are described in full in the Society bylaws, available at <http://www.sra.org/bylaws>.

### Pantheon Nominations

The Pantheon of Risk Analysis, launched in 2008, honors deceased giants in the field on whose shoulders we now stand and showcases how high-quality risk analysis can advance knowledge and the public good. Any SRA member may nominate a candidate to the past president; the SRA Council selects the inductees. In 2008, the SRA inducted 35 initial honorees into the Pantheon of Risk Analysis. In 2015, the SRA added two new inductees



*2015 Inductees*

*Frances Kelsey and Virginia Apgar*

*Photos from Wikipedia*

nominated by SRA members: Frances Kelsey and Virginia Apgar. The full list is on the SRA website, at [www.sra.org/about\\_pantheon.php](http://www.sra.org/about_pantheon.php), with links to the relevant Wikipedia page on each honoree. To submit a nomination, please contact Past President Pamela Williams - [pwilliams@erisksciences.com](mailto:pwilliams@erisksciences.com)

## Suggestions for 2016 SRA Awards

1. **The Distinguished Achievement Award**, which shall be awarded to any person for extraordinary achievement in science or public policy relating to risk analysis.
2. **The Distinguished Educator Award**, which shall be awarded annually to that teacher, author, or mentor who has contributed substantially to the training of new experts in risk analysis.
3. **The Outstanding Practitioner Award**, which shall be awarded to a member for outstanding risk analysis practice. This award typically alternates between recognizing public and private practitioners.
4. **The Chauncey Starr Distinguished Young Risk Analyst Award**, which shall be awarded to any member age 40 years or younger for outstanding achievement in science or public policy relating to risk analysis and exceptional promise for continued contributions to risk analysis.
5. **The Richard J. Burk Outstanding Service Award**, which shall be awarded to a member of the Society for extraordinary service to the Society that deserves special recognition.
6. **Society for Risk Analysis/Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer** which is awarded to a prominent member of the Society. The recipient will be promoted for periodic lectureship through the Sigma Xi organization.
7. **Fellows**, who shall include all former Presidents of the Society and up to one percent of the Society members per year who are selected based upon substantial achievement in science or public policy relating to risk analysis and substantial service to the Society.

Members are encouraged to send nominations to Awards Chair, **George Gray** ([gmgray@gwu.edu](mailto:gmgray@gwu.edu)) by **May 1, 2016**. Nominations should include name and content information for the nominee, award for which he/she is nominated, and any supporting information indicating why the nominee would be a strong candidate for the award.

The award descriptions and past winners are listed on the website: <http://www.sra.org/awards> and <http://www.sra.org/fellows-society>

# SRA Collaborations

## Advancing the Science Webinar Series: Chemical-Induced Asthma – April to October, 2016

This webinar series will discuss the advances being made with chemical-induced asthma and the role of clinical, toxicological, and epidemiological research in regulatory and hazard characterization approaches. Future topics will include, “The role of toxicology in asthma hazard assessment” (April 2016), “Environmental contributions to asthma prevalence: Assessing the link between exposure and disease” (June 2016), “Asthma risk assessment: A regulatory perspective” (August 2016), and “Asthma-specific hazard characterization approaches: A novel approach to a complex problem” (October 2016). The webinar series is sponsored by the American Cleaning Institute (ACI), in collaboration with the Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA) Center, University of Cincinnati, and Endorsed by the Society of Toxicology and Society for Risk Analysis. The webinars are **FREE** but registration is **REQUIRED**. For more information on the upcoming webinar or past webinars, go to:

<http://med.uc.edu/eh/centers/tera/seminars> or [aciscience.org/asthma](http://aciscience.org/asthma).

<b>Advancing the Science Webinar Series:</b> Chemical-Induced Asthma and the Role of Clinical, Toxicological, and Epidemiological Research in Regulatory and Hazard Characterization Approaches				
<p><b>Session 1:</b> Current Clinical Perspectives in Evaluating Chemical Induced Asthma, or “What Caused My Asthma?”</p> <p>February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 2p.m. EST Jon Bernstein</p> <p>A review of the clinical tests used to diagnose asthma. This speaker will discuss symptom variability its effect on diagnostic ability.</p>	<p><b>Session 2:</b> The role of toxicology in asthma hazard assessment</p> <p>April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 2p.m. EST David Basketter</p> <p>A review of the <i>in vivo</i>, <i>in vitro</i>, and <i>in silico</i> models used for toxicological assessments of asthma and surrogate or related endpoints, specifically their utility and limitations. This speaker will also discuss new methods, tests, and approaches for toxicological assessment.</p>	<p><b>Session 3:</b> Environmental contributions to asthma prevalence: Assessing the link between exposure and disease</p> <p>June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 11a.m. EST Judy LaKind</p> <p>A discussion of how the relationships between environmental exposures and asthma induction are addressed, specifically the endpoints and types of studies that are considered. This speaker will address the limitations of current research methods and the difficulties associated with exposure estimation.</p>	<p><b>Session 4:</b> Setting Exposure Limits for Chemical Allergens: Understanding the Challenges</p> <p>August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 11a.m. EST Scott Dotson (NIOSH)</p> <p>This session would describe the types of information used to support chemical regulations and safety assessment decisions.</p>	<p><b>Session 5:</b> Asthma-specific hazard characterization approaches: A novel approach to a complex problem</p> <p>October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 11a.m. EST Andy Maier</p> <p>Discussion of ongoing hazard characterization guidance developments specific to asthma that accounts for gaps in toxicological, epidemiological, and exposure information.</p>
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## Upcoming SRA Meetings

- **Third Congress of the Latin American Regional Organization of the SRA (SRA-LA)** Tuesday, 10 May – Friday 13 May 2016. São Paulo, Brazil.
- **SRA Europe 2016 Conference** Monday, 20 June – Wednesday 22 June 2016, Bath, UK.
- **SRA Australia and New Zealand 2016 Conference on “Engaging Risk”** Wednesday, 23 November – Friday, 25 November 2016, Adelaide, South Australia.
- **SRA 2016 Annual Meeting “Risk and Resilience: Viva la Revolución!”** Sunday, 11 December – Thursday, 15 December 2016, San Diego, California, USA.

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