President’s Message

It has been a while since our last meeting. As you may remember, we had two seminars in March. Our March 3rd meeting featured presentations by scientists from Applied Biomathematics. Scott Ferson, Troy Tucker and Lev Ginzburg talked about their project in human health and ecological risk assessment that pushes the envelope of risk assessment with its innovative quantitative approaches. Their work on the Housatonic River site was especially relevant to our group. On March 8th, we had a joint meeting with LSPA on Indoor Air Pollution. Speakers included Steve Zemba (Cambridge Environmental Inc.), Peter W. Woodman (Risk Management Incorporated) and Stephen Wallis (AIRXpert Inc.). We had a major snowstorm on that day and I would like to thank enthusiastic individuals who made the meeting.

Because of the two seminars in March, we canceled our April meeting. Our May meeting has not happened because of a speaker cancellation. I was unable to find a replacement. Currently, we plan to have two seminars in June.

Our annual poster session is scheduled for June 8th. Please send abstracts to me by June 6th. For the first time, we will be running a Best Student Poster Competition. The winner will get a $300 check and complimentary SRA-NE membership. I would appreciate it if you could inform your colleagues about this competition.

I am pleased to announce that JoAnne Shatkin of Cadmus and Tom Angus of Mass DEP have agreed to be Co-Presidents next year. I think the system of two Co-Presidents will work better for our society – I had clear problems in trying to match the seminar schedule and my work schedule this year. If you are interested in running for a Co-President-Elect position, please let me know as soon as possible.

The workshop on Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Michigan that Scott Ferson and I organized on behalf of SRA-NE was a major success. We had more than 50 students representing more than 20 states. Because of the careful budget management, we have saved funding that will provide a solid financial foundation for SRA-NE. Our preliminary calculation shows that our budget now is triple of what we had when I started my Presidency. This excess budget will be used to fund the Best Student Poster Awards for the next 5 years, support future workshops as well as to cover expenses for summarizing workshop results at several meetings.

I am looking forward to seeing you again on 8 June 2005.

Igor Linkov
President
COURSES, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (Thankyou to Barbara Pugh, Risk Assessor, AMEC, for compiling the following list)


June 6-8, 2005: 4th International Conference on Hormesis Implications for Toxicology, Medicine and Risk Assessment, University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Contact Denise Leonard at dleonard@schoolph.umass.edu

September 11-14, 2005. 42nd Congress of European Societies of Toxicology (Eurotox 2005), Krakow, Poland www.eurotox2005.org


POSITIONS (none this month)

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