President’s Message – February 2009

Dear SRA-NE Members:

We had a flurry of very interesting meetings in recent weeks, and we were glad to see a lot of attendees at our January 29 seminar on “Science and Decisions”. For those of you who were not able to make the seminar, we did videotape the presentations and discussion, and it will be uploaded to a website shortly. A link to the video will be added to the SRA-NE website once it is available.

Our next event will be the new researcher poster contest on March 5, 2009 at 3 pm in the Kresge Cafeteria at Harvard School of Public Health. We have a couple of important announcements and modifications about this event:

- To make the session as wide-reaching as possible, we would like to invite non-academic institutions and those who are not students or post-doctoral researchers to provide posters. These posters will not be contenders for the “top poster” award, but can provide the opportunity to share your work with SRA-NE members. These posters can be based on specific projects or can provide general promotional materials about your company or institution. If you plan to bring a poster, abstract submission is not required, but please send an e-mail by February 20, 2009 to srane_postersession@gmail.com with the name of your institution, individual presenting the poster, and title of the poster (if any). We are renting portable poster stands, and we need to know how many to rent.
- If you plan to attend the poster session/informational session, as a presenter or otherwise, RSVP to jilevy@hsph.harvard.edu by February 26, 2009, so we can get your name to the security guard and order refreshments.

Two upcoming events of interest, other than the poster content:
- Our annual joint meeting with the Licensed Site Professionals Association is currently scheduled for April 9, 2009 at 6 pm at the Westin Hotel in Waltham. Unfortunately, this is the first night of Passover, but it appears to be the only date that works logistically. More detail about the event will be provided in the next newsletter, and if the date can be changed, we will send an e-mail immediately.
- The International Dose-Response Society is holding its annual meeting at UMass-Amherst on April 27-28, 2009. This is not an SRA-NE event, but may be of interest to many SRA-NE members. More information is available at http://www.dose-response.org/.

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