

## Agenda Molecular Toxicology Speciality Section Meeting 06/10/2008

1. Welcome
2. Election of secretary
3. Proposed replacement chair
4. Proposals to increase group size
5. Review of the proposals put forward for Eurotox 2009/ 2010
6. Future proposals for activities
7. AOB

### Minutes Molecular Toxicology Speciality Section Meeting 06/10/2008

#### Attending

David Bell, Stuart Creton, Jean-Lou Dorne, Mumtaz Iscan, Hilmi Orhan, Natalie Thatcher

DRB welcomed the members of the committee to the meeting, and began by introducing the Molecular Toxicology section, its remit and activities.

Stuart Creton was elected as secretary. Hilmi indicated his interest in playing an active role in the group in future years.

Jean-Lou Dorne was elected as Chairman elect, for proposal to the Eurotox executive committee.

DRB set out the desirability of increasing the critical mass of the group, with particular interest in obtaining wider geographical coverage, and obtaining representatives from industry, as with representation from government and academia, this was currently lacking. Scientific areas that could merit further coverage included molecular epidemiology, and ecotoxicology. It was agreed that suggestions for future members would be fed back to the Chair.

DRB set out some of the recent activities of the group, with one session this year, three at next year's conference, and two proposals for 2010. He also set out that the normal expectation would be to use the Eurotox meeting to flesh out proposals for submission to Eurotox two years in the future, and that the Chair of the MolToxSpecSection normally attends the scientific organising committee of Eurotox conferences, which requires an input of 1-3 days per year. However, since Eurotox 2010 is being organised in a joint meeting with IUTOX, there are different arrangements, and proposals for 2010 have already been submitted.

Future proposals for activities can include one-day conferences, or add-on meetings for other conferences. However, the funding for these meetings needs careful consideration, as they must be financially viable. Suggestions for future meetings were discussed, including:  
Harmonisation of human and ecological risk assessment- use of mechanistic toxicology  
Epidemiology; future directions (including Jeremy Nicholson's metabolomics) and where it is being applied to risk assessment, e.g. caffeine

The US NRC have a vision of an animal free risk assessment process, with a recent paper in science, and this was thought worthy of a discussion/ debate

There was no other business. DRB agreed to provide a mailing list, and list of email addresses.

Post-meeting addendum

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