



Technical Representatives and Policy Council Quarterly Meeting

December 16, 2014

FDA/CFSAN Wiley Building, Silver Spring, MD

Welcome and Introductions

The Interagency Risk Assessment Consortium (IRAC) held its 2014 fall quarterly meeting of the Technical Committee and Policy Council December 16, 2014. The meeting was hosted by FDA/CFSAN in College Park, MD. Technical and policy representatives and guests from various agencies (Table 1) participated on site or by phone.

IRAC Status Review

Sherri Dennis provided an overview of IRAC status. Sandra Hoffmann volunteered to serve as the next Secretary. Michelle Catlin was thanked for co-Chairing the Technical Report to the Policy Council and Yuan Chen for Chairing the Technical Committee and serving as Executive Secretary for many years.

Based on responses to a survey on future directions for IRAC, there was a discussion of how IRAC could be more useful to agencies and how it might make its activities more visible to those not involved directly with IRAC. There was a discussion of which IRAC activities were most useful to representatives and agencies and where changes might make it more useful. Most representatives find agency updates to be very useful and the networking opportunities provided by IRAC meetings to be highly beneficial to them and their agencies. There was a discussion about whether work groups are meeting people's needs and whether there was a need to consider alternative formats and outputs.

"5 minute" Agency Updates

Representatives in attendance gave a brief overview of food safety risk analysis projects and issues in their agencies that may be of interest to other agencies.

Presentation

Karin Hoelzer gave a presentation on the CIFSAN "*Salmonella* in Tree Nuts Risk Assessment".

Work Group Update

Janell Kause gave a report on the Food Access, Nutrition and Risk of Foodborne Illness work group. Janell has been chairing the work group and has been on extended detail that put activities on hold. She will be contacting participants in the Work Group to see if there is still interest in the topic and to see if there is anyone who has the interest and time to take on its leadership.

Alex Domesle reported that the Evaluation of Dietary Approaches and Needs Work Group is regrouping.

Jane Van Doren reported Risk Communication: Improving Internal Processes and Outcomes Work Group. Debora Burgin has not been able to work on the workshop on Cumulative and Aggregative Risk Assessment. EPA is coming out with guidance on Cumulative Risk Assessment. The idea is to look at pesticides using multi-criteria decision analysis. There was a discussion of alternative approaches to structuring a workshop on Cumulative Risk Assessment.

Planning Activities for 2015

Results of the IRAC member survey showed enthusiasm for the full range of activities IRAC engages in; however, there is a recognition that each representative's time available to engage in these activities is limited by agency needs, priorities, and resources.

- Many people spoke of the value of face-to-face iterations at the quarterly IRAC meetings
- Work groups: Discussion focused how to ensure that workgroups established by IRAC are a priority for both workgroup members and their agencies. Planning of work group activities would optimally synchronize with annual work planning within agencies and be a part of representatives' performance plans. IRAC members will bring ideas to the next meeting.

There was also a discussion on how to raise the visibility of IRAC and its activities to senior management in our agencies. Representatives were asked to get more feedback from their Agencies on what their Agencies would like to get out of IRAC. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

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Last Name	First Name	Agency	Attended
Abbott	Linda	USDA ORACBA	x
Akhter	Shamima	EPA OW	x
Alves	Derron	DOD VSA	x
Bartholomew	Mary	FDA CVM	x
Briguglio	Stephanie	FDA CFSAN	x
Broder	Mike	EPA	x
Burgin	Deborah	ATDR	x
Catlin	Michelle	USDA FSIS	x
Chen	Yuhuan	FDA CFSAN	x
Claycamp	Gregg	FDA CVM	x
Dearfield	Kerry	USDA FSIS	x
Dennis	Sherri	FDA CFSAN	x
Domesle	Alexander	USDA FSIS	x
Hall	Wendy	USDA APHIS	x
Hanfelt	Margery	DOD USARMY OTSG	x
Hoelzer	Karin	FDA CFSAN	x
Hoffmann	Sandra	USDA ERS	x
Hrdy	David	EPA OPP	x
Kause	Janell	USDA FSIS	x
Martin	Lawrence	EPA	x
Miller	David	EPA	x
Powell	Mark	USDA ORACBA	x
Silberberg		ASTDR	x
Sinkowski	Diane (Didi)	USDA APHIS	x
Spungen	Judy	FDA CVM	x
Van Doren	Jane	FDA CFSAN	x
Walls	Isabel	USDA NIFA	x
Wang-Cahill	Fan	USDA APHIS	x
Yaeger	Phil	FDA CTP	x