



Technical Representatives and Policy Council Quarterly Meeting

December 15, 2015; *Meeting Minutes*

Welcome and Introductions

The Interagency Risk Assessment Consortium (IRAC) held its 2015 quarterly meeting of the Technical Committee and Policy Council December 15, 2015. 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.

“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.

Work Group Update

Food Access, Nutrition, and Risk of Foodborne Illness: Janell Kause and Isabel Walls gave a report on the work group. Preliminary conversations have begun about developing a workshop on this topic; IRAC member interest and feedback were sought.

Characterization and Evaluation of Dietary Exposure Assessment Approaches and Needs. Judith Spungen discussed a proposal for a new workgroup. The proposal was accepted with some suggested modifications including a need to include others in the discussions on exploring approaches for determining safe levels of chemical contaminants in food. Selected IRAC members expressed interest in participating in the workgroup. A general call for participation will be sent with the revised workgroup proposal.

Other Business

Foodrisk.org: The IRAC discussed with JIFSAN leads for Foodrisk.org, Clare Narrod and Kyle McKillop, member feedback on the content and direction for this resource.

Quarterly Meeting Presentations: Mary Bartholomew briefly described a proposal for soliciting proposals for presentations for the quarterly meetings.

Cumulative Risk Assessment Webinar – Jane Van Doren and Mike Broder will work together to organize a first webinar for the IRAC.

Presentation

Anthony Flood, Senior Director Food, Safety and Defense and Liz Sanders, Associate Director Nutrition and Food Safety with the International Food Information Council Foundation gave a presentation on the *2015 Food & Health Survey: Consumer Attitudes toward Food Safety, Nutrition & Health*.

Table 1. Attendance (participated onsite or by phone).

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Abbott	Linda	USDA ORACBA
Bartholomew	Mary	FDA CVM
Broder	Mike	EPA
Catlin	Michelle	USDA FSIS
Dennis	Sherri	FDA CFSAN
Gravani	Robert	USDA OCS
Hall	Wendy	USDA APHIS
Hanfelt	Margery	DOD DHA VS
Kause	Janell	USDA FSIS
Miller	David	EPA
Pappaioanou	Marguerite	CDC
Payne	Tamika	USDA FSIS
Powell	Mark	USDA ORACBA
Reddy	Shanker	USDA AMS
Spungen	Judith	FDA CVM
Van Doren	Jane	FDA CFSAN
Walls	Isabel	USDA NIFA
Weil	Roxana	FDA CTP
Yaeger	Phil	FDA CTP