

MEETING TITLE AND LOCATION:

The Biometric Society Easter North American Region
Spring Meeting
March 24-27, 1991
Houston, Texas

MEETING SPONSORS:

Biometric Society
Institute of Mathematical Statistics
American Statistical Association

PROGRAM AVAILABLE:

Yes

ANY ETS STUDIES ON AGENDA:

Yes, "Risk assessment methodologics for passive smoking," S. Bayard, EPA, K. Brown and T. Thorsland
No other paper specifically deals with smoking issues.

COMMENTS:

This is a highly technical meeting; the areas of interest are:

1. Risk Assessment and Low Dose Extrapolation
2. Statistical Methods for General Survival Data
3. Statistical Methods in Human Genetic Studies
4. Random Effects/Measurement Error Methods for Environmental Applications

COVERAGE:

It is recommended that a PM scientist and an outside scientist cover this meeting.

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MEETING TITLE AND LOCATION:

Society of Toxicology
30th Annual Meeting
February 25-March 1, 1991
Dallas, Texas

MEETING SPONSOR:

Society of Toxicology

PROGRAM AVAILABLE:

Yes

ANY ETS STUDIES ON AGENDA:

No

COMMENTS:

Topics of interest:

1. Health Effects of Atmospheric Acid Aerosols: A Model Problem in Inhalation Toxicology and Air Pollution Risk Assessment. This session is chaired by R. B. Schlesinger of NYU who has published extensively in the area of respiratory disease. Other speakers include: J.A. Graham, EPA, N.J. Utell, and D.W. Dockery. All have published in the area of inhalation toxicology and respiratory disease.
2. Assessment of Exposure to Pulmonary Toxicants: Use of Biological Markers. Lance Wallace, from EPA will be giving a paper titled "Exhaled Breath as a Measure of Exposure to Volatile Organic Compounds."
3. A course, "Risk Communication: Problems, Perceptions and Practice" will be given with C.F. Wilkinson from Versar to be one of the instructors..

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4. A special session entitled "Chemicals and Acceptable Risk, the Public and the Press" will be held. This session will include "an opportunity for the exchange of ideas among the news sources and journalists involved in toxicology coverage."

COVERAGE:

George Patskan from R & D and Roger Walk from INBIFO will attend.

Tom Borelli may find this meeting of interest because of the science writers in attendance.

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MEETING TITLE AND LOCATION:

Health Effects of Air Pollution: Impact of Clean Air Legislation
March 25-27, 1991
Crystal City, Virginia

MEETING SPONSOR:

Society for Occupational and Environmental Health

PROGRAM AVAILABLE:

No, program will be available in two weeks

ANY ETS STUDIES ON AGENDA:

Not known at this time

COMMENTS:

The purpose of this conference is to examine how current scientific knowledge can be integrated into the implementation of clear air legislation.

Several of the conference committee members are:

1. Ruth Etzel-she has conducted studies involving cotinine measurements in children. Her most recent publication is: "A Review of the Use of Saliva Cotinine as a Marker of Tobacco-Smoke Exposure."
2. Ellen Silbergeld with the Environmental Defense Fund in Wash., D.C. One of her recent publications, "Types of Ambiguity: Scientific Uncertainty in Risk Assessment" deals with scientific issues in the performance of risk assessment of chemical carcinogens.
3. Patricia Buffler-lung cancer studies in Texas.

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COVERAGE:

It would be better not to make a decision on this until the final program has been reviewed.

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