



Your Monthly Update of News and Notes from HESI

## November 2012

***Science Translational Medicine Article Says Data Pooling and Analysis Approach Is “Exemplified by ILSI/HESI.”*** The November 2012 article, entitled ‘Improving Risk Assessment,’ describes HESI’s proarrhythmia project (part of the HESI Cardiac Safety Committee) as a leading example of the value of pooling information and expertise to effectively assess nonclinical to clinical data concordance. Dambach and Uppal (2012). Improving Risk Assessment. *Science Translational Medicine*, 14:159:22.

***HESI Science Highlighted at the SETAC North America Annual Meeting.*** Three talks and one poster featured the HESI Animal Alternatives in Environmental Risk Assessment Project Committee. Presentations focused on identifying adverse outcome pathways (AOPs) relevant for fish early life stage development and alternative methodologies for effluent assessment. The HESI Bioaccumulation Committee projects were also discussed at the SETAC Bioaccumulation Advisory Group Meeting. HESI staff member Dr. Michelle Embry is co-chair of the Global SETAC Animal Alternatives in Environmental Science Advisory Group, and a member of the SETAC North America Science Committee and Global Partner Council, all of which held meetings during SETAC.

***Committee Renewals.*** Congratulations to the HESI Relevance and Follow-Up of Positive Results in In Vitro Genetic Toxicity (IVGT) Testing Project Committee and the HESI Cardiac Safety Technical Committee on successful renewals after November reviews by the HESI Board Program Strategy and Stewardship Committee. Both Committees were re-chartered based on their scientific impact, productivity, and focus. To learn more about the IVGT Project Committee, contact Dr. Jennifer Young ([jyoung@hesiglobal.org](mailto:jyoung@hesiglobal.org)) and to learn more about the Cardiac Safety Committee, contact Ms. Jennifer Pierson ([jpierson@hesiglobal.org](mailto:jpierson@hesiglobal.org)).

***Staff Transition.*** We wish Dr. James Kim, HESI Senior Scientific Program Manager, a fond farewell as he moves on to pursue new professional opportunities as a Toxicologist at the Office of Management and Budget. He’s been a great contributor to the HESI team and we wish him luck in his new endeavors.

***HESI Board of Trustees to Convene in January 2013*** as part of the ILSI Annual Meeting in Miami, FL. This meeting will provide an opportunity for the HESI Board to discuss organizational status and strategy and interact with other ILSI branches from around the globe. Among the key issues to be addressed by the HESI Board are implementing HESI’s Strategic Plan, enhancing the role of HESI’s Official Representatives, and expanding the impact of HESI’s scientific outreach and engagement. HESI’s organizational Annual Meeting will be held from June 11-13, 2013 in Alexandria, VA. Details to follow.

***Welcome to HESI’s Newest Member: Chevron.*** We are pleased to announce that Chevron will join the HESI organization for 2013. We look forward to their contributions to HESI’s scientific programs.

***HESI Workshop on Developing Guidance for Alternatives Assessment.*** On 7-8 February 2013, the HESI Emerging Issues Subcommittee on Frameworks for Alternative Chemical Assessment and Selection of Safer, Sustainable Alternatives will hold a workshop at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in Research Triangle Park, NC. The purpose of the workshop is to develop guidance on alternatives assessment. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Jennifer Young ([jyoung@hesiglobal.org](mailto:jyoung@hesiglobal.org)).

***From the Executive Director:*** At a time of the year where we stop to give thanks, I’d like to personally acknowledge the efforts of the HESI staff, Board, EIC, and Committee leaders and participants. The organizational and program budgets fail to reflect the tremendous efforts and expertise that all of you bring to the table. As the recent citation in *Science Translational Medicine* emphasized, HESI creates these partnerships in a uniquely powerful way. Thanks for making it possible!

*Spiel D. Pettit*

***Your Chance to Propose a HESI Project!*** HESI conducts an annual survey of the scientific community to identify emerging issues in need of a focused, multi-sector collaborative effort. Ideas can come from any source and do not require committed funding. [Click here](#) for more information about the HESI Emerging Issues Process. To submit a project proposal, complete and submit the [online survey](#) by **Friday, 04 January 2013**, to ensure full consideration. For more information, contact Ms. Nancy G. Doerrler ([ndoerrler@hesiglobal.org](mailto:ndoerrler@hesiglobal.org)).



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