



# Insights

Your Monthly Update of News and Notes from HESI



## December 2012

As we close out our first year of HESI Insights (and another year of HESI success!), we thought we'd share some of the year's most memorable events:

**January** – HESI rings in the New Year with a new Executive Director, Syril D. Pettit, MEM, who meets with ECHA officials in Helsinki in the first of many outreach initiatives.

**February** – HESI Sponsorship expands to new highs with the addition of Vertex Pharmaceuticals, BioReliance, Integrated Laboratory Systems, Exiqon, and VisualSonics.

**March** – HESI science at the 2012 Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting includes a seminar on “Finding Causes of Hematological Cancers” and scientific sessions on pre-clinical to clinical translation, cardiovascular safety, microRNAs and more!

**April** – All HESI scientific committees achieve the goal of establishing co-leadership from the public and private sectors, thus strengthening HESI's tripartite engagement. HESI welcomes its first member from Singapore: Maccine.

**May** – HESI signs a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Institute of Food and Drug Control in China to pursue the development of translational safety biomarkers. HESI signs on to Twitter! Follow us @ HESI\_Global.

**June** – HESI holds its first Annual Meeting in Europe with well-attended scientific and strategic sessions in Prague, Czech Republic.

**July** – The HESI Executive Director provides a seminar on CV Safety to PMDA in Japan, visits with dozens of scientists from HESI sponsor companies around the country, and holds strategic talks with Japan's NIH and RIKEN research institutes.

**August** – HESI participates in the 244th American Chemical Society National Meeting in Philadelphia and meets with the leadership of several technical divisions to explore opportunities for collaboration with the world's largest scientific society. HESI welcomes Quintiles as a new Sponsor.

**September** – Recognition of HESI's expertise in ecotoxicology grows with the highly cited publication of a protocol on the fish liver S9 fraction developed in collaboration with the HESI Bioaccumulation Project Committee, the European Commission, and CEFIC.

**October** – HESI science is featured in a plenary talk at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual China Society of Toxicology Meeting. HESI broadens its scientific portfolio with formation of a new Emerging Issues Subcommittee on Translational Safety Biomarker Assessment of Neurotoxicity.

**November** – HESI partners with ILSI colleagues in South America to host Food Safety meetings in Brazil and Argentina. HESI welcomes Chevron as a new Sponsor.

**December** – HESI convenes the first CITE (Combining Interdisciplinary and Translational Expertise) Workshop and creates new visibility and partnerships for HESI that will bring great opportunities in the new year!

**From the Executive Director:** Wishing everyone a healthy and peaceful New Year!

*Syril D. Pettit*



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