

Welcome to April *Insights*. Inside this edition: Welcome Sandrine Deglin, 2018 Annual Meeting, and more!



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Welcome to Sandrine Deglin

Sandrine Deglin joined HESI on 5 March 2018 as a Scientific Program Manager. Before joining HESI, she worked with the Environmental Public Health Program at the State of Alaska Division of Public Health for 4 years, and she managed the program for almost 2 years. Prior to that, Sandrine spent 7 years as a consultant in the Toxicology and Mechanistic Biology group of Exponent, Inc.

Sandrine holds a Ph.D. in Applied Chemistry and a M.S. in Environmental Sciences and Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. While studying in France, she also received a M.S. in Chemistry and a post-graduate degree in Public Health. Sandrine is keenly interested in all aspects of environmental health, including chemical fate and transport, toxicology, epidemiology, risk assessment, food safety and food security, and risk communication. She will initially be involved in the RISK21, UVCB, and PBPK projects.



2018 HESI Annual Meeting



The **2018 HESI Annual Meeting** will be held **12–13 June 2018** in Washington, DC. This year's meeting will feature exciting new science on risk assessment and big data, and we will hear from the HESI THRIVE awardees. The draft agenda is now available on the website [here](#). Visit the [meeting website](#) to learn more!

Cardiac Safety Committee Meeting



The Cardiac Safety Committee will host a face-to-face meeting on **15–16 May 2018** at the Langham Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

Registration is required for this event and will be free to all committee members. The fee-waived code for members is hesi123. Please complete your registration online [here](#) by **1 May 2018**. The room block is also now open for reservations. Click [here](#) to reserve your room. The deadline to reserve your room is **Friday, 20 April 2018**. Additional meeting details will be posted on the event page when available.

Registration Now Open for CiPA Meeting

Registration is now open for the CSRC-HESI-FDA meeting on “**The Future of the Assessment of Drug-Induced Arrhythmias and the Comprehensive In Vitro Proarrhythmia Assay (CiPA)**.” The meeting will be held at the Kellogg Conference Hotel in Washington, DC, on **21–22 May 2018**. Visit the CSRC website [here](#) to register and view the draft agenda.

Upcoming CT-TRACS Meetings

Please save the date for two upcoming meetings at which members of the CT-TRACS committee will be active participants:

- [ISCT 2018](#) (2–5 May 2018)
 - [IABS/CIRM Symposium and CT-TRACS satellite workshop](#) (5–6 June 2018)
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Save the Date: Gut Microbiome Workshop

The HESI Microbiome Subcommittee is proud to announce “**The Gut Microbiome: Markers of Human Health, Drug Efficacy and Xenobiotic Toxicity Workshop**,” which will be held in Alexandria, Virginia, on **25–26 June 2018**. The workshop will focus on:

- current science on the gut microbiome and identification of areas of interest regarding its role in human health
- our understanding of how xenobiotic toxicity affects the microbiome
- discussion of biomarkers of disease or organ damage due to alterations of microbiome structure or endogenous microbial metabolites



From the Chair

The membership of HESI may be its greatest asset for public communication. All of you who are HESI members give freely of your time and talents because you really believe in the value of HESI. We can all be ambassadors for HESI and I encourage you to take every opportunity to spread the word about HESI's contributions and achievements. Remember that the HESI website is a valuable resource of publications, presentations and webinars.

Recently I spent a day talking about drug safety assessment at a young research center established by the Brazilian Ministry of Health to support drug discovery and development in the inchoate pharmaceutical industry in Brazil. I found the audience well informed, very enthusiastic, and keen to expand their understanding of the subject. As I always do when I give such talks, especially in territories where HESI does not have a strong presence, I went prepared to illustrate progress being made in risk assessment in this domain by reference to the contributions made by HESI's collaborative efforts.

Wearing another hat as President of the British Toxicology Society, I look forward to welcoming Syril Pettit to give the opening plenary talk at our annual congress on 16 April 2018. Her talk, “The Science and Art of Implementation: Collaboration, Communication, & Caution,” will no doubt be illustrated by examples of the work of HESI.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernie Harpur'.

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