



April 2012

HESI Annual Meeting in Prague - Registration Filling Fast
Act now to register yourself and colleagues for our 12-14 June 2012 debut Annual Meeting in Europe. We have an exciting array of speakers and networking opportunities in store. Don't forget that conference hotel room availability is no longer guaranteed after May 7! Also, please note that although we have not changed the hotel venue itself, the hotel has changed its management and name from the Crowne Plaza Prague Castle to the Lindner Hotel Prague Castle. Registration and meeting materials are available here: <http://www.hesiglobal.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3589>.

Upcoming HESI Workshops: Register now for these innovative scientific programs!

- **Genetic Toxicology: Opportunities to Integrate New Approaches –organized and sponsored by the HESI IVGT Project Committee.** April 24-25, 2012, in Silver Spring, MD, USA. Online registration and program information available at <https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/Registration/RegistrationForm.jsp?ActivityID=7518&ItemID=28341>.
- **Updating Immunotoxicity Assessments: Approaches and Best Practices for Assessment of Immunotoxicity for Environmental Chemicals – organized and sponsored by the HESI Immunotoxicology Technical Committee.** May 15-16, 2012, in Alexandria, VA, USA. For more information, contact Dr. Raegan O'Lone (rolone@hesiglobal.org) or visit <http://www.hesiglobal.org/i4a/pages/Index.cfm?pageID=3588>.

Public Private Partnership in Practice – and in HESI Bylaws
Over the last year, a task force of the HESI Board (with leadership from Prof. Alan Boobis of Imperial College London and Dr. Jay Goodman of Michigan State University) has overhauled HESI's bylaws to ensure that our current practice of equally engaging public

scientists as members and leaders of HESI scientific committees is fully codified in the bylaws. The bylaw changes were approved by the HESI Board in January 2012 and now require that all HESI scientific committees are co-led by public and private sector scientists. As of April 2012, all of HESI's scientific programs are in full compliance with this practice. **We are pleased that our ongoing commitment to balance is now a formal component of HESI's legal structure.** For more information, contact spettit@hesiglobal.org.

New in Print

Congratulations to the HESI Adverse/Adaptive Project Committee for its outstanding publication now in print in *Toxicological Sciences*. This paper makes an important contribution to characterizing relevant pathways of toxicological concern and promoting their use in risk assessment. Keller DA, Juberg DR, Catlin N, Farland WH, Hess FG, Wolf DC, Doerrner NG. (2012). Identification and characterization of adverse effects in 21st century toxicology. *Toxicol Sci* 126, 291-297.

Welcome to New HESI Sponsor Company

HESI welcomes a new sponsor, Maccine, to the organization. Maccine is our first sponsor based in Singapore. We welcome the company's involvement on the HESI Imaging Committee and the opportunity to reach out to a new region in Asia.

From the Executive Director: Congratulations to all of HESI's scientific committees that represented the organization so well at the 2012 Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The symposia, posters, and platform presentations provided opportunities for hundreds of scientists to engage with HESI's high quality scientific research and garnered a lot of positive feedback. Also in March, I attended a World Health Organization (WHO) meeting where HESI's work in the field of risk assessment methodology was repeatedly cited before a forum of regulators and researchers from almost every continent (HESI is a recognized NGO in official relations with the WHO). I was repeatedly asked by attendees how such a small organization as HESI makes such a large impact in so many scientific areas! Keep up the great science.

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