



April Insights

HESI 2017 Annual Meeting



The 2017 HESI Annual Meeting will be held **13–15 June** in Dublin, Ireland. Don't miss the science session on day one featuring new HESI Scientific Committee projects and a panel with committee leaders and staff! *Reminder:* Make your hotel room reservations no later than **1 May 2017**! Visit the [meeting website](#) to learn more and download the hotel booking form.

Congratulations RASS Best Papers and HESI RISK21!

The Society of Toxicology (SOT) Risk Assessment Specialty Session (RASS) recently named the “2016 Top Papers Demonstrating an Application of Risk Assessment.” Among the top 7 papers is a HESI RISK21 paper by Doe et al. (Use of the RISK21 Roadmap and Matrix: Human Health Risk Assessment of the Use of a Pyrethroid in Bed Netting. *Critical Reviews in Toxicology*. 46:54–73). Read the open-access paper [here](#).



Call for Editor-in-Chief

HESI is seeking a new Editor-in-Chief to lead our Peer Review process for a 3-year term beginning 30 June 2017. See the full position description and qualifications [here](#). This is an honorary, unpaid position and candidates must have a PhD and academic affiliation. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae to Ms. Cyndi Nobles (cnobles@hesiglobal.org) no later than **28 April 2017**.

HESI CT-TRACS Session at ISCT 2017: Working Toward Improving Safety Evaluation of Cellular Therapies



The last chance to register for ISCT 2017 is near! Sign up today to attend the HESI CT-TRACS session on "Identifying and Optimizing Emerging Technologies to Evaluate Cell Therapy Safety, Mode of Action and Efficacy," which will be held at ISCT 2017 on **6 May 2017** from 15:00 to 16:30. For descriptions of the program session and speakers panel, please visit the [CT-TRACS event page](#). For more information on the HESI CT-TRACS program and this particular event, please contact HESI Scientific Program Manager Lucilia Mouriès (lmouriès@hesiglobal.org). CT-TRACS (Cell Therapy – TRAcking, Circulation, & Safety) is the HESI Emerging Issues Subcommittee on cell therapies safety launched in December 2015.

HESI at SETAC Europe



HESI will be well-represented at the upcoming 27th Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry ([SETAC](#)) Europe meeting in Brussels, Belgium, on **7–11 May 2017**. The following HESI programs will be highlighted at the meeting.

Tuesday, May 9

- **Platform 213:** The Effluent Toxicity Assessment Toolbox—International Perspective on Tools and Concepts and Opportunities for Animal Alternatives. *Presentation by Teresa Norberg-King, US EPA (Animal Alternatives)*
- **Platform 268:** Ecological Threshold for Toxicological Concern (eco-TTC)—Assessing the Potential of a New Tool for Environmental Hazard Assessment. *Presentation by Michelle Embry, HESI (Animal Alternatives)*
- **Poster TU020:** Mode of Action (MOA) Assignment Classifications for Ecotoxicology: Overlap and Consistency of Available Schemes. *Presentation by Aude Kienzler, European Commission Joint Research Centre (Animal Alternatives)*
- **Poster TU149:** Application of Trophic Magnification Factors (TMFs) Under the Water Framework Directive: Some Practical Advice on Selecting and Determining a TMF. *Presentation by Olivier Perceval, The French Agency for Biodiversity (Bioaccumulation)*
- **Poster TU154:** *In Vitro* to *In Vivo* Extrapolation of Hepatic Metabolism in Fish: Update on Development of OECD Test Guidelines and Guidance Document. *Presentation by Michelle Embry, HESI (Bioaccumulation)*

Wednesday, May 10

- **Poster WE055:** Optimization and Accessibility of an Ecotoxicological Threshold of Concern (ecoTTC) Database. *Presentation by Michelle Embry, HESI (Animal Alternatives)*

In addition, the following projects with HESI staff as co-authors will be presented.

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- **Platform 269:** eodatahub—Big Data Techniques to Create Trusted, Actionable Ecotox Data. *Presentation by Amy Beasley, Dow Chemical*
- **Poster TUPC24:** A Tiered Testing Strategy for Rapid Estimation of Bioaccumulation by a Combined Modelling—*In Vitro* Testing Approach: Identification of Candidate Test Chemicals. *Presentation by Jon Arnot, ARC*
- **Poster TU230:** The Bioaccumulation Assessment Tool: An Organizational Framework for Bioaccumulation Assessment. *Presentation by Jon Arnot, ARC*

Thursday, May 11

- **Platform 547:** Report on the RIFM/ECETOC Workshop: Developing a Strategy to Improve the Environmental Risk Assessment of Difficult to Test Multi-Component Substances. *Presentation by Joop de Knecht (RIVM)*

FROM THE CHAIR

This issue of *HESI Insights* headlines the forthcoming HESI Annual Meeting to be held in Dublin on 13–15 June. It is several years since we last held the Annual Meeting in Europe, so this is a timely return. I was delighted when so many colleagues approached me at SOT last month to tell me they were planning to attend, lured by the dual attractions of a great scientific program and the prospect of visiting Dublin (many for the first time). I hope you too find that combination irresistible. We have been working hard to develop a program that addresses key scientific challenges and is aligned with HESI's strategic thinking. We also plan opportunities for discussion (formal and informal) with the HESI Technical Committee Leaders about current and future HESI projects, ensuring engagement of everyone present. See you in Dublin—you will be sure of a warm welcome. Céad Míle Fáilte.



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