Welcome to July Insights. Inside this edition: Emerging Issues Survey, CiPA at JSOT, and more!

July Insights

EIC Prioritization Survey — Deadline Extended

HESI stakeholders have the opportunity to provide input on the next emerging issue through the annual EIC Prioritization Survey! The deadline has been extended to 8 August 2016. HESI stakeholders are being asked to rank these proposals during the summer. You are invited to submit your ranking online. This year’s topics include: 1) “The Microbiome in Human Health” presented by Dr. Donna Mendrick (FDA National Center for Toxicological Research), and 2) “Harnessing Expanding Exposure Monitoring Paradigms – A Data Interpretation Toolbox and Quality Criteria for Citizen Scientists” presented by Dr. Erica Jones (ExxonMobil Biomedical Sciences). Proposals and presentations are available for your review online. The EIC will meet in the fall of 2016 to discuss which, if any, proposals will be selected for further action.

HESI Collaborates With NIHS Japan to Present CiPA at JSOT

Dr. Yuko Sekino (NIHS Japan) presented two posters at the recent Japan Society of Toxicology (JSOT) Meeting in Nagoya, Japan. The posters detailed the CiPA compound selection process and the in silico model. Dr. Sekino also co-chaired a symposium entitled “Cardiovascular Toxicity: From Non-Clinical to Clinical, and Feedback From Clinical,” where there were active CiPA discussions. Overall, it was a successful meeting with a lot of interest in HESI and CiPA.

(Left) Ayako Takei (HESI) and Yuko Sekino (NIHS Japan) with the CiPA Posters. (Right) Yuko Sekino explaining the CiPA poster during JSOT.

HESI PSSC Review Webinar Available Online
The HESI Genetic Toxicology Technical Committee (GTTC) recently held their HESI Program Strategy and Stewardship Committee (PSSC) review. PSSC reviews of each HESI technical committee are held every 3 years to ensure the programs are meeting their goals and objectives and their science aligns with HESI’s mission. Dr. Maik Schuler (Pfizer, GTTC Co-Chair) presented an overview of the GTTC’s accomplishments over the past 3 years plus next steps, which resulted in a re-chartering of the committee by the PSSC. The webinar is available online. Previous PSSC review webinars are available on the HESI website.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Session on Refined Applications of Toxicogenomics in Safety Assessment**

The HESI Application of Genomics to Mechanism-Based Risk Assessment Committee will organize this session at the 42nd Annual Summer Meeting of the Toxicology Forum. The meeting takes place 24–28 July 2016, in Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information, [click here](#).

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**Upcoming HESI PATC Workshop: Join Us in Rome, Italy!**

We are pleased to announce the upcoming HESI Protein Allergenicity Technical Committee (PATC) workshop on “Non-IgE Mediated Immune Reactions to Foods: Research Needs and Scientific Approaches to Assessing Safety,” which will be held on 12–13 October 2016. The workshop will be organized as a satellite meeting of the 4th Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Meeting (FAAM 2016) in Rome, Italy. The interactive format of this scientific program is intended to elicit participant feedback on current data gaps, research needs, and the potential for integration of new data into the food safety assessment process. As a result, we expect that a series of specific recommendations will be generated at the conclusion of this workshop. We anticipate about 60 multi-stakeholders and multi-disciplinary participants, including PATC members, invited speakers, and European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI)/FAAM participants.

Meeting information and a preliminary agenda are available [here](#). To register, please [click here](#). The registration deadline is 5 August 2016.

This HESI PATC workshop is open to the public and registration is free. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

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**ITC Clinical and Translational Webinar Series**

The HESI Immunotoxicology Technical Committee (ITC) will be hosting their Clinical and Translational Immunotoxicology Webinar Series on "The Use of the Delayed-Type Hypersensitivity Model in Early Clinical Development" on 28 July 2016 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (EST). To register, please [click here](#). For more information, contact Dr. Stan Parish ([sparish@hesiglobal.org](mailto:sparish@hesiglobal.org)).

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**Recent Publications**


HESI’s strategic planning over the past year has been a challenging and rewarding process. But the plan is only a launching point — not an end in itself. Over the next 9–12 months, we will undertake the hard work of initiating activities that will advance HESI’s scientific impact and foresight, organizational efficiency, and value to our stakeholders. We encourage you to keep an eye out for announcements in Insights and via HESI outreach for opportunities to help us meet our goals. I look forward to working with all of you to realize the future of HESI.