



Insights

Your Monthly Update of News and Notes from HESI



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Genetic Toxicology at the Crossroads. The HESI Genetic Toxicology Technical Committee recently held a successful workshop on “Genetic Toxicology at the Crossroads: From Qualitative Hazard Evaluation to Quantitative Risk Assessment” in Lancaster, United Kingdom, on 10–11 July 2014. The workshop brought together 75 experts in the fields of genetic and general toxicology, risk assessment, and computational biology representing industry, academia, and government to address and make recommendations on a path forward on this paradigm-shifting topic. Materials from the workshop are available on the [workshop website](#), where the presentations will also be posted soon. The workshop presentations and conclusions will also be published together in a special issue of *Mutagenesis* in the future. Contact Dr. Jennifer Young Tanir (jtanir@hesiglobal.org) for additional information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HESI at EUROTOX (7–10 September 2014; Edinburgh, UK). Click [here](#) to see the comprehensive list of scientific posters, symposia, and workshops that feature HESI science. Also, don't forget to attend the HESI CITE Seminar to be held Monday, 8 September 2014. This year's speaker is Professor Timothy Gant (Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards, Public Health England), who will speak on “Advancing Scientific Innovation Towards Improved Public Health.”

REGISTER TODAY: Immunomodulators and Cancer Risk Assessment Workshop (20–21 October 2014; US FDA White Oak Campus, Silver Spring, Maryland). Registration for this workshop, co-organized by the Immunotoxicology Technical Committee and the US Food and Drug Administration, is now open and is complimentary. To register, click [here](#). For more information, visit the [workshop website](#) or contact Dr. Connie Chen (cchen@hesiglobal.org).

Sustainable Chemical Alternatives Session at SETAC. The HESI Sustainable Chemical Alternatives Technical Committee will hold a session on “Recent Advances in Sustainable Chemicals Alternatives Assessment” on 11 November 2014 during the SETAC North America 35th Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada. The early bird registration deadline for the meeting is August 15. Visit the [meeting website](#) for more information or contact Dr. Jennifer Young Tanir (jtanir@hesiglobal.org).

Save the Date – CIPA Update Workshop! HESI, CSRC, FDA, and SPS are co-sponsoring the “Workshop on Rechanneling the Current Cardiac Paradigm: Arrhythmia Risk Assessment During Drug Development Without the Thorough QT Study” on 11 December 2014 in Silver Spring, Maryland. Contact Ms. Jennifer Pierson (jpierson@hesiglobal.org) to learn more or visit the [meeting website](#).



HESI Staffing News. Welcome Stan

Parish! Stan received his B.S. in Biochemistry from the University of Virginia in 2004, followed by his Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular

Pathology – Immunology from UCLA in 2010. As a Scientific Program Manager at HESI, Stan manages the Immunotoxicology and Cardiac Safety Technical Committees. Prior to joining HESI, Stan worked as a Project Leader at Champions Oncology, where he led preclinical projects in oncology drug development on behalf of pharmaceutical sponsors.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is hard to believe we are already into the last weeks of summer here in Washington, DC. The close of summer signals the start of the new academic year for many, new fiscal years for some, and for HESI, the identification and launch of new Emerging Issues science committees. For those who attended the June HESI Annual Meeting, you heard the four high-quality project areas under consideration. I look forward to receiving the recommendations of the Emerging Issues Committee, based on your feedback as members, for new programs that can launch before year-end. Please [vote](#) by August 18th! Thank you for keeping HESI vibrant with new science.