

**Interagency Risk Assessment Consortium
Summer Technical Quarterly Meeting Report
June 7, 2010**

Introductions

Each attendee gave a brief overview of food safety risk analysis issues in their agencies that may be of interest to other agencies.

IRAC Work Group Updates and Discussion

Existing work groups

Nanotechnology and Risk Assessment Work Group

- Villie Flari is working on the first draft based on the outline. Once complete, the draft will be sent to IRAC members to provide comments/ suggestions for changes.

Susceptible populations Work Group

- Jane Van Doren will take over leadership for the group. An editor is needed to take the draft papers and prepare a document for publication in the journal Risk Analysis.
- All the reports are on the IRAC website (foodrisk.org)

Action item:

If you wish to volunteer to be part of this work group please contact Isabel Walls (iwalls@nifa.usda.gov)

Proposed new work groups

Listeria monocytogenes Dose- Response Work Group

- Sherri Dennis will lead the new working group. Steering committee members include Isabel Walls, Heejong Latimer, Peter Evans, Regis Pouillot, Beth Calvey and Mickey Parish. An invitation only workshop will be held in the DC area in the fall.

Risk-based inspection

- IRAC members were unavailable to spend time on this issue therefore a new workgroup will not be established at this time.

Standardize experimental design and sampling plans to improve data quality for risk assessment

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Updating the IRAC Charter

- The charter has been revised and circulated. A “signing ceremony” will be planned for fall 2010 to obtain signatures from all agencies on the charter. This will include a presentation showcasing the work of the IRAC member agencies in food safety risk analysis.

Action items:

Please identify who should be the signatory in your agency and report this to Isabel Walls (iwalls@nifa.usda.gov) by July 30th.

Please discuss the concept of a “signing ceremony” conference with your agency to obtain approval for their participation.

Funding the IRAC website at www.foodrisk.org

Funding to support the website is provided by the FDA, but more is needed. Other Federal agencies are encouraged to support the website also, and can use government credit cards to provide additional support. A visa form to help fund the website was shared. A small group will prepare a memo to help IRAC tech/ policy reps approach their agencies on this.

Presentations:

There were two presentations at the meeting. Slides from the presentations are attached.

- Water-associated pathogens: food for thought. Nick Ashbolt, EPA
- Holyrisk project. Beth Calvey, FDA

In attendance (* participated by phone):

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Beth Calvey, FDA CFSAN

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