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President's Message – November 2008

Dear SRA-NE Members:

We had a fantastic start to the year with our November 19 seminar on nanomaterials, nanotoxicology, and risk assessment. We had a packed house, and the speakers did a great job.

I'm pleased to be able to announce the speakers and topics for the seminar series for the remainder of the year, as well as the date and time for the next seminar. On **January 29, 2009 at 4 pm**, we will have a panel discussion about the forthcoming National Research Council report on improving risk analysis methods at the US EPA. The panel will consist of three representatives from the National Research Council committee (Joshua Cohen of Tufts-New England Medical Center, Gary Ginsberg of the Connecticut Department of Public Health, and myself) and two discussants (Dale Hattis of Clark University, Nick Ashford of MIT). More details about the location and agenda will be available next month.

In late winter, we are planning a poster session to highlight the current research of new researchers in the area. This will provide an opportunity for us to learn about multiple topics and to introduce students and post-doctoral researchers to each other, to SRA-NE, and to prospective employers and other professionals. We will provide more information about this poster session in the next couple of months.

In the spring, Gary Yohe of Wesleyan University and Mort Webster of MIT will be our featured speakers in a seminar on the topic of global climate change and the insights provided by economic analysis, uncertainty analysis, and other tools of the trade.

A few reminders:

- On **January 27, 2009**, SRA-NE is co-sponsoring a one-day short course with the North Atlantic Chapter of Society of Environmental Toxicology & Chemistry (SETAC) on nanotechnology. See www.nacsetac.org for more detailed information and to register.

- There will be a half-day educational workshop on the first day of the SRA Annual Meeting in Boston (December 7), titled "Introduction to Environmental and Health Aspects of Nanotechnology". To register, sign up for Workshop WK12-PM at http://www.sra.org/events_2008_meeting.php

I'll look forward to seeing many of you at the SRA Annual Meeting in Boston. On **Tuesday, December 9**, after the sessions, we will be having a brief SRA-NE meeting at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel (room to be announced at the conference). Please stop by if you have ideas about the future of SRA-NE, or if you want to learn more about upcoming activities. Happy Thanksgiving.

Jon Levy