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**Subject:** RE: BHRC-OC & -TC... copy of "regrets" note sent to Baruch

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I support remaining with the original structure.

I fully support the ERP and SRP meeting and working together to share learnings, developing a shared understanding, and to leverage knowledge and information as appropriate. I think we need the separate, independent ethics review capability provided by the original structure. It was conceived to allow for equal weight/voice for the ERP and SRP with the background that this approach would be most favorably viewed by external communities of interest.

This will require identification of a replacement for Baruch so we have 3 ethicists on the panel.

I also think that the Oversight Committee is the appropriate forum for discussion and a final decision, but don't think it has to wait until mid-Dec. for a vote. I vote keeping them separate.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bruce Jarnot [mailto:jarnotb@api.org]  
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**To:** benzconsort-tc@listserve.api.org; benzconsort-oc@listserve.api.org  
**Subject:** FYI: BHRC-OC & -TC... copy of "regrets" note sent to Baruch  
**Importance:** Low

Benzene Health Research Consortium (BHRC) Technical and Oversight Committees -

FYI, attached is a copy of my note to Baruch Brody in response to his resignation, sent earlier this morning...

Regards - Bruce.

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**From:** Bruce Jarnot  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 20, 2003 9:15 AM  
**To:** 'Baruch Brody'  
**Cc:** Lorraine Twerdok; Paula Podhasky; Matt Todd; Jerry Rice (E-mail)  
**Subject:** RE: Resignation from the Shanghai Ethics Review Panel

Dear Baruch -

It is indeed regretful that you must resign from the Ethics Review Panel, as your leadership and contributions to the Shanghai Health Study will be truly missed...

I am, however, grateful that you lead and actively participated in the most active phase of ethics review at the front-end of this study. Now that the work load on both ethics and scientific review panels has moderated, I would like to recommend that these external panels be integrated under the leadership of Jerry Rice. Both groups worked extremely well together in this fashion at the August Asilomar meeting, and "topic lead" can be deferred to

members having that specific expertise - as currently done with issues regarding biostatistics, molecular markers, industrial hygiene and other specialties within the science review panel.

With best wishes for your well being, and with best regards - Bruce.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Baruch Brody [<mailto:bbrody@bcm.tmc.edu>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 19, 2003 10:14 PM  
**To:** Bruce Jarnot  
**Subject:** Re: Shanghai Health Study - Annual Meeting... 17-20 August 2004

i regret to have to inform you that i must resign from this project. i have been very ill and have developed esrd and that precludes extensive out of town work. good luck on the remainder of the project  
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At 04:00 PM 11/18/2003 -0500, you wrote:

Shanghai Health Study (SHS) Investigators & Scientific/Ethics Review Panels (SRP & ERP) -

**Please mark your calendars -- 17-20 August, 2004 -- SHS Annual Conference**

Responding to an overwhelmingly favorable response from attendees this past August, the Benzene Health Research Consortium (BHRC) has again reserved the Asilomar Conference Center in Monterey, California for our 2004 annual conference.

This email "early alert" confirms only meeting dates and location... an itinerary and meeting agenda are not yet available, and formal invitation letters will be sent in due course.

Best Regards - Bruce.

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