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Subject: BHRC-TC... FYI: Fudan Questions EA Workshop

BHRC Technical Committee -

Relayed as FYI from Gary Krieger, re: SHS Exposure Assessment...

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

From: Youxin LIANG [mailto:yxliang@shmu.edu.cn]

Sent: Friday, June 17, 2005 11:01 PM

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Subject: Re: Worksjhop Questions Re: updating

Dear Tom, all dear colleagues:

Thank you very much for taking time in considering of our proposed
"Workshop on EA".

For the proposed Workshop on EA, we have proposed that Tom taking a lead
and incorporating with other researchers' joint-efforts from both US and
China sides.

Following are some of my additional thoughts that triggered by Tom and
Rob's mails, and the telephone conversation with Tom and Yimei last night.
Rationale and purpose. The workshop is aimed at bringing people with both
the 'renewed' strategy and methodology of EA based on our case situation
which is recognized as: 1) small crude Bn exposure rate (7-8% of the
totalled ~4000 subjects investigated); 2) insufficient and inconsistent
historical exposure database that might frustrate a reliable quantitative
EA; 3) diverse and widespread industries involved that have been
tremendously changing in working conditions, production processes, and
materials used with the economic reform approaches performed and the
economy growth. Of these, might have gone beyond our original thoughts and
designed philosophy of EA (Tom might not fully agree with my judgement !?);
and explain why we need such a workshop.

Proposed topics. As for the main topics of the exposure assessment process,
that need to be covered in the workshop, should be further discussed with
Tom, Rob, Xibiao, Yimei and approved by Drs. Richard Irons and Hua Fu. To
my knowledge, 1) the "sector analysis" that Tom and Yimei have proposed; 2)
the construction of occupation and job/task exposure matrix even if the
quantitative data are not really available in our case; and 3) the use of
occupation and industry classification and the unification of coding
system, as well as other practical guidelines, might be of worthwhile for
the consideration.

Participant and duration. EA team workers from Fudan (e.g., Yang, Jin,
Liang, Xibiao, Fang, Huang, Ni, xiao Fu, xiao Chen, He, Zhu; xiao Wu-from
Dept OH) and the municipal IPHS (Zhu Jun and SR Zhu) would be the basic

participants of the workshop. I believe most of these people have been trained in OH and IH during their university career training, and in Tom courses previously offered, however: 1) how to approach the basic knowledge and theory into a realistic practice based on our case examples might still need a "gap bridging" and drilling process; 2) there are some newly recruited team workers, say, xiao Chen, xiao Fu, etc, to whom an initial training might even be needed; and 3) some parts of our original strategic approaches might need to be updated and modified, that should be considered as a refresh and progressive event, and in no means of offensive to anybody, agree? The proposed duration of the workshop will be 1-2 days depending on how many topics and scopes that you do agree to be necessarily covered. Personally, I would prefer to have a 2 day-course which includes the theoretical lectures and the practice.

Dates. To me, either early July (being proposed at the Conference Call), the eve of the summer vacation, may be too hasty; or early September, the beginning of the new semester, everyone will be full of energy as being relaxing from a 50-day long vacation.

The above-mentioned issues are mostly questioned by Tom. I am not sure whether my answers are really relevant.

Looking forward to you all comments.

Best regards, Youxin

At 18:48 2005-6-17, you wrote:

>Dear Prof. Liang,

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>We are willing to work on this with all of you. Can you provide a list of
>the main topics of the exposure assessment process that need to be covered
>in such a workshop? Who would attend? What range of knowledge of our
>process for exposure assessment might they already have via on the job
>learning and from our past seminars and workshops? What duration do you
>have in mind for the workshop? 1 day? 1.5 days? 2 days? More?

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>All of you are closer to the day to day routine and I am sure have good
>ideas for what we need to cover.

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>Best Regards,

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>Tom

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>----- Original Message ----- From: "YXLIANG" <yxliang@shmu.edu.cn>

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>Cc: "Fu Hua" <hfu@shmu.edu.cn>; <xbye@shmu.edu.cn>; <tw23@drexel.edu>

>Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2005 8:46 PM

>Subject: Re: updating

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>>Dear Rob:

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>>Thank you very much for sharing me your message.

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>>As you may be informed, we had a Conference Call with API (Drs. Jarrot
>>Bruce, Tsai, etc) on 2005-6-8. Prof. Fu and Xibiao are going to send you
>>the Minute of the Call sooner. We have made a proposal for a Joint-Mini
>>Workshop on Exposure Assessment, hopefully in early July this year
>>wondering if Tom and you could take a lead and incorporated with the
>>joint-efforts of researchers from both sides to make it happen and
>>constructive success.

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>>Best regards, Youxin.

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>>At 04:11 2005-6-17, you wrote:

>>>1. We will meet with Prof. Dongyuan Zhao from the Fudan University
>>>Chemistry Department tomorrow. Prof. Zhao is working with other
researchers

>>>here at the ExxonMobil site. We will tell him about the Shanghai study
and

>>>our collaboration with Fudan.

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>>>2. I do not use the email address below (arschna@erenj.com) any longer.

I

>>>either use arschna@earthlink.net or a.r.schnatter @exxonmobil.com

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>>>3. Do you think Lu Wei would be interested in knowing the facilities in
>>>which AML or MDS cases worked in our JCML database? This would
essentially

>>>be a 'disease surveillance' part of occupational health surveillance. In
>>>other words, once we identify an AML or an MDS, and they complete a
>>>questionnaire, we could forward any facility that has 'possible' benzene
>>>exposure. This could help improve the occupational health surveillance
in

>>>Shanghai.

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>>>Or, do you think Lu Wei is more interested in stronger methods to show
>>>compliance with local occupational exposure standards?

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>>>Best regards,

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>>>Rob

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>>>----- Message from Fu Hua <hfu@shmu.edu.cn> on Mon, 30 May 2005 21:52:37
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>>> cc: 'Ye XiBiao' <xbye@shmu.edu.cn>
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>>>Dear colleagues
>>>Today I discussed with Lu Wei with the use of IPHS database. He said
that
>>>our project could not directly use database because it is NCI database.
But
>>>if our project has new proposal of exposure assessment and collaborate
with
>>>them to improve the database, we can use it. There is an open door for
USA
>>>experts to discuss this issue. So I suggest that you discuss a
proposal
>>>then Rich or Rob discuss with Lu Wei when you visit Shanghai.
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>>>Regards
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