

2009 INTERNATIONAL BENZENE SYMPOSIUM PLANNING

Issue: Risk Management

Department: RASA

Program: Benzene Risk Management

Task Force/Staff: Benzene TF/Bruce
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Segment(s): Multi-segment

Y2008 Budget Amount: \$25K

Prior Cost: New

Future Cost (20098–2013)*: \$25K

Project Description:

This project provides funds for preliminary planning meetings for the next international benzene symposium in late 2009 – 5 years after the successful Munich Benzene Symposium hosted by Helmut Greim in October 2004.

Late 2009 timing should allow for showcase of industry-sponsored benzene research, including:

- Pooled Analysis of Canada, UK & Australia petroleum worker cohorts;
- Shanghai Health Studies – Case Control, Disease Progression & Molecular Epidemiology Studies;
- Field testing of PIG-A peripheral blood marker for early benzene effects

Benefit to Industry:

An international benzene symposium provides an ideal venue to present new research findings from industry-sponsored research (e.g., Shanghai Health Studies, Pooled Analysis of Petroleum Worker Cohorts) to a mixed audience including representatives from US and international governmental & non-governmental regulatory authorities.

***Future Costs Over Next 5 Years (2009-2013; in 2007 dollars):**

At the present time, we anticipate an additional \$25K contribution in 2009 toward publication of the meeting presentations. Such a \$25K grant was provided to Robert Snyder (Rutgers) toward publication of the 2004 Symposium. Total contribution is not expected to exceed \$50K total, same as provided by API toward the 2004 symposium.

Anticipated Research Needs Based on Regulatory and Legislative Issues Beyond 2013:

We do not foresee additional activity at this time.

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