

Draft Notes

**HPV Conference Steering Committee
International Subcommittee Conference Call
Thursday September 7, 2006**

Participants: Luke Trip, CEC; Dianne Dugas, LA DHH; Nora Lopez, EPA Region 2; Jeff Burke, NPPR; Karen Hoffman and Christina Thompson, EPA HQ; Jennifer Griffith and Terri Goldberg, NEWMOA

The call began with a summary of the follow-up since the last call. Luke and Nora have been making contacts and forwarding lots of e-mails to Terri. Terri revised the agenda yesterday and sent it to everyone. Robert Visser from OECD is confirmed. NEWMOA has sent confirmations to all the presenters approved on the subgroup agenda planning calls. The goal is to have the agenda in good shape with most speakers confirmed by the end of September. Terri is organizing a conference call of the whole Steering Committee toward the end of September to go over the whole agenda and conference plans.

One major change in the agenda is that the international track has been combined with presentations from other tracks that are more policy-oriented – so Track C is now a domestic and international chemicals policy track. The other two tracks are more technically oriented and having policy discussions in them didn't seem to make sense.

Another possible change is that the conference organizers are not sure of our ability to fund the long-distance travel involved with participation by representatives of India, China, South America, etc. The thought is, if feasible to find people located in the US who are knowledgeable of the situation in those areas. Luke Trip noted that the CEC can fund someone to travel from Mexico. OPPTS has programs with connections in India and China, perhaps they can fund travel for representatives if it was linked to their projects. Karen and Christina will look into this further.

Regarding Session 2C on global company initiatives, Nora been talking to Brian Long, a consultant who works closely with Johnson and Johnson (J&J) International about having J&J participate. We have not invited Mary Busbey from Pharma (and Merck) because we do not want to have 2 invitations out for the same presentation, but she could be a good back-up if the J&J contact falls through. The other two slots are all set.

Session 3C will be on state policy initiatives – NPPR is organizing this and it is on track

Session 4C, HPV Chemicals Activities in North America - Luke will get back to Terri about Mexico's participation. The other two slots are all set.

Session 6C will be stakeholder perspectives on US chemicals policy – NPPR is organizing and the session is on track – the session might have four speakers – but they will keep presentations to a total of 60 minutes.

Session 7C needs the perspective of a global company. P&G has done a lot on REACH – perhaps the speaker they send for Session 2C can also present here? How about asking Christina Franz at ACC? NPPR is organizing this session.

Session 8C needs work – idea is to have it focus on UN-related work. Call participants would like to hear what the UN is doing in newly developing countries such as India, China, Eastern Europe regarding controls on chemicals and their export to the US. We are also trying to find a good speaker that would represent an international NGO perspective. Karen and Christina will look into EPA protocol regarding inviting UN representatives. Also – Charlie Auer is interested in this topic and might have speaker suggestions.

Session 9C needs work. The CEC might have a speaker, Keith Chanon who could present on the north American perspective on PRTR. How about the various registries and inventory initiatives? Charlie Auer also has interest in chemicals and commerce and might know of potential topics and speakers of particular interest. Karen and Christina will follow-up with Charlie. The international shipping aspect was discussed – what are their concerns with transporting these chemicals – participants liked the cradle-to-grave aspect of their inclusion – Luke volunteered to identify some possible contacts and get back to Terri.

Next Steps

The following were the next steps identified by the group:

- Karen and Christina to follow-up regarding: OPPTS connections with China and India and possible representation at the conference; protocol for inviting UN representatives; ask about appropriate UN topics/representatives; and perspectives on the various registries and inventory initiatives and potential topics/speakers.
- Nora will follow-up with J&J International regarding Session 2C and report to Terri
- Luke will provide a representative from Mexico to present in Session 4C and report to Terri
- Jeff will finalize the participants in Sessions 3C, 6C and 7C and report to Terri
- Luke will determine contacts at international shipping companies and report to Terri
- Terri will revise the agenda to incorporate follow-up
- Terri will reconvene the whole Steering Committee for a call in late September to firm up and finalize the agenda