

ACTRA IUTOX MEMBER CONTRIBUTION TO NEWSLETTER
Australasian College of Toxicology and Risk Assessment



ACTRA HIGHLIGHTS 2021

ACTRA's New Online Webinar Series

ACTRA's Webinar series is now a regular feature on the first Thursday of the month. This has been a huge success. Since our last newsletter contribution, there have been five webinars presented, with interactive Q&A sessions, including two excellent presentations by Adjunct Associate Professor Roger Drew (PhD DABT, FACTRA; Monash University) on the Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC) – "History and derivation of TTC values" (5 November) and "Applications of TTC in risk assessment" (3 December). John Frangos (DABT, FACTRA; CDM Smith) followed this with very informative presentations on "Dose response assessment - Importance within standard setting and human health risk assessment (HHRA)" (4 February), "Key concepts of bioavailability" (4 March) and "Bioavailability – Case studies and worked examples" (8 April).

We encourage you to come along to the webinars which are very reasonably priced.

For more information and to register please go to the ACTRA website: <https://actra.org.au/>

ACTRA ASM 2021

Many members in our society are looking forward to the opportunity for getting together at the ACTRA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) with Continuing Education (CE) Day, scheduled for 25-27 August 2021 in Sydney, Australia. The organising committee have decided to promote this as a face-to-face meeting, but a hybrid conference allowing for a mixture of face-to-face and virtual delegates and speakers is also being considered.

An exciting ASM and CE program focusing on the advances in assessment and understanding of petroleum toxicology, neurotoxicology and their application in risk assessment has been organised. There is also the opportunity for oral and poster presentations in all areas of toxicology and risk assessment – a "Call for Abstracts" notice will be sent out soon. As usual, there will also be student travel grant(s) available.

For more information we invite you to check out the preliminary program on the ACTRA website: <https://actra.org.au/>

Highlighting Exposure Science within ACTRA

As both toxicology and exposure science are essential components of risk assessment, an ACTRA member with a particular interest in this area has been co-opted onto the ACTRA Management Committee to look into options for a specialty group in exposure science to be formed within ACTRA. This will help to raise the profile of exposure science within ACTRA via its conferences, newsletters and communications, as well as generally throughout Australasia. The ACTRA member is also investigating potential interactions with the International Society of Exposure Science (ISES) in the future. If you are interested in exposure science, being involved in this initiative, or would like to know more about the activities of ISES, please email Len (leonid.turczynowicz@adelaide.edu.au).

Membership/Registration

We continue to welcome new members to ACTRA, with the membership currently at a total of 142, including 27 registered members (14 RACTRA and 13 FACTRA). The new ACTRA Re-registration Handbook has been adopted, and current registrants/fellows will be contacted about this process. To find out more about ACTRA's registration process, we invite you to visit our website at <https://actra.org.au/registration/>.

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