

2009 ICCA-LRI Workshop

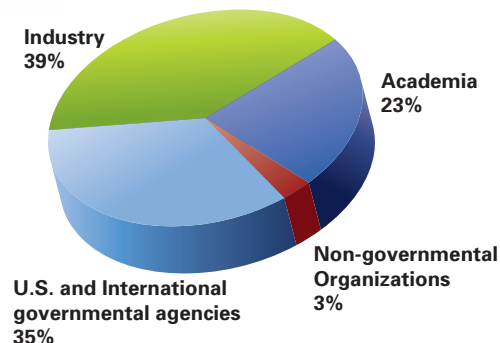
Connecting Innovations in Biological, Exposure and Risk Sciences: Better Information for Better Decisions

The fifth international workshop of the International Council of Chemical Association's Long-Range Research Initiative (ICCA-LRI) was held June 16-17, 2009 in Charleston, South Carolina, USA. Three key discussion topics were:

- How data from the new toxicity testing technologies can be meaningfully interpreted
- How information about human exposures to chemicals must be improved
- How results from the new technologies can be effectively communicated to diverse audiences

Nearly 100 participants (See Pie Chart) from 15 different countries attended a mix of plenary presentations and breakout sessions. Attendees agreed that the new technologies are rapidly modernizing chemical testing and that the data will likely be considered in regulatory decision-making, including future initiatives for REACH in the EU and TSCA in the USA.

Workshop Participants



Participant Survey Results

88% – Rated workshop as excellent or very good

98% – Liked the mix of workshop topics

100% – Valued networking opportunities with those outside own area of expertise

100% – Broadened knowledge base in ways that would be useful professionally

96% – Appreciated opportunities to learn about other fields

96% – Would attend a future workshop

Post-workshop survey completed by 56% of attendees

Workshop findings included:

- The new technologies can improve time and cost efficiencies for chemical testing, but they do not directly lead to better quality information.
- More information about human exposures to chemicals and the relevant susceptibility factors is needed to extend data from the new test systems to estimates of human health risks.
- Effective communication will be essential to establish trust among scientists, decision-makers and the general public and to foster acceptance of results from the new technologies.

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