

Steering Committee (SC) Call Minutes  
NanoRelease Food Additive  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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Agenda

(1) Last call minutes

- No members on the call had any objections to the November minutes.  
*Action Item:* Any comments should be sent by Monday December 10<sup>th</sup>. The minutes will then be considered approved and posted online.

(2) Project Timeline

- TG outlines/drafts for the workshop should have been sent to the secretariat. Please send any additional edits or chapters today.
- It was noted that the State of the Science Team for the project will be meeting in January.
- A member asked about participation for the upcoming Workshop. It was noted that some public interest/ civil society groups are unable to participate. There will be representation from all TGs and additional expertise and stakeholders. 70-80 participants have confirmed their attendance and there are additional confirmed webinar participants.
- The secretariat proposed a readout webinar in January to give a summary of the workshop and status of the white papers. Invitees could include those unable to participate in the workshop and would help with outreach for the project. No objections were made on the call.

(3) Group Updates

- TG1
  - A TG1 co-chair noted that the group is very focused on case studies, which have each been assigned to specific members from the template of relevant materials. Information for seven of the case studies has been collected so far and members are working on a brief presentation for the workshop.
- TG2
  - A TG2 co-chair noted that the group is currently collecting information for presentation next week, will have co-chairs meeting on Friday for finalizing, and have reviewed each other's chapters.

- TG3
  - A TG3 co-chair noted that this group has drafts for their six chapters totaling 90 pages of text. This is extensive and length will need to be discussed. The group is currently converting the chapters to presentation slides for the meeting.
  - It was mentioned in the last call minutes there was a note about techniques for quantifying materials in the gut overlapping with TG1. Members may discuss this at the workshop.
- TG4
  - A TG4 co-chair noted that some authors have had to drop out, but there has been good support from other members and the secretariat. Co-chairs have a call tomorrow to put together a workshop presentation.
- TG5
  - A TG5 member noted that the group has a fairly well formed idea of what they want to do and will make a brief presentation at the workshop. Members are working on editing the original charge.
- SOST
  - This group has had two calls so far with good discussions of the intended coverage for the high level elements to be covered in the SOS report and for how the SOS session at the workshop should proceed.
  - A draft outline has been started and the group is still seeking a chair. The workshop will be a starting point for real drafting.
  - It was noted that the group has discussed how to make this a proactive instead of reactive report being careful not to set a negative tone.
  - The group is looking forward to getting reaction and input next week to see what the rest of the project would like to see in the report.

#### (4) Proposed publication journal

- On the specific publishing call for the project there was recommendation to bring awareness to the food safety community and to identify paths forward in food safety and product development. The secretariat has collected a list of possible journals with input from members (available for view on sharepoint) and is currently in negotiations with Comprehensive Reviews in Food Science and Trends in Food Science and Technology discussing requirements for publishing a review.
  - One issue is accessibility of the articles for reuse of content after publication. Some of the papers may be fairly long, so need to be able to publish something shorter, and then later a longer monograph. To do this we need to somehow retain or purchase copyright.
- A member noted that it is important that these papers are open access so that the articles are freely available. No members on the call objecting to this.
- Members discussed the intended audience for the papers and what kind of journal would be best for publishing.
  - A member noted that the papers are for people who are involved or who are looking to get involved in research in this area because the ultimate goal is to develop methods.

- It was pointed out that the two journals mentioned are about food science and nutrition and a broader journal like the New York Academy of Science was suggested.
  - A member indicated preference for sticking with a food journal.
  - A member who is affiliated with Trends in Food Science and Technology noted that one of the things they look at is use of citation index and this journal is at the top of food related journals. This journal has no word limit for reviews.
  - Some members expressed concern that the broader nanotoxicology community may not look at these food journals and so would miss these relevant articles. A plan should be put in place for making the nano community aware of the findings.
  - The Proceedings of National Academy of Science would reach a broad range of people.
  - The power of search engines, like google scholar, makes it easy for those looking to find relevant articles regardless of where they are published.
  - It was pointed out that a nano article related to food in a food journal would still reach the nano community, but a nano article related to food in a nano journal would have a harder time reaching the food safety community.
  - A member noted the importance of publishing in a high impact journal for the report to have more weight. There may be problems with retaining copyright in high impact journals.
- A member asked if there was still the option to publish the papers in separate journals so that different audiences are reached. On the publishing call, members decided to pursue publishing the papers in a series in a single journal because the TGs are closely related and have coordinated topics.
  - It was noted that page limits for the papers may not be a bad thing to avoid ending up with a text book. A lengthy article may deter people from reading it and if they want more information they can look up the references.
  - This is an important issue that has the potential to affect enthusiasm, productivity, and participation of TG members. In the interest of time, the SC had to table this discussion for now.

#### (5) Dec 11-12 Workshop

- Invitees & Attendees
  - There were 300 invitees and 75 confirmed participants. Webinar availability is virtually unlimited, so members should inform the secretariat of any additional participants.
- Updated Draft Agenda, Breakout Group Topics & Charges
  - Breakout Group charges have been approved by workshop planning committee. The committee has a final call this afternoon.
- General logistics
  - Final versions of all documents along with the TG drafts/outlines will be emailed out tomorrow and will be available on USB drives at the workshop.
  - Members should let the secretariat know if any directions from the hotel or local to the Workshop are needed. The closest metro station is Gallery Place/Chinatown.