

Hispanic Comité of Toxicology-IUTOX
Ibero-American Network of Toxicology and Chemical Safety

SUMMARY of Meeting of the RITSQ in Montreal. Canada

Meeting of the Ibero-American Network of Toxicología and Chemical Safety RITSQ celebrated the 16 of July as part of the XI International Congress of Toxicology. Montreal Canada. (ICTXI 2007 Montreal).

The World-wide Congress of Toxicology has been conducted from the 15 to the 19 of July in the Palace of Congresses of Montreal, Canada. A total of 1,200 attendees, representing 84 countries participated in the event. The Opening Deichmann Lecture "Asn Receiving Ah Odyssey to the Shores of Toxicology" presented by Dr. A.B. Main Okey of Canada, other four lectures, 35 symposia with four speakers, and three sessions of posters with a total of 1,200 communications in poster form appeared. Despite of the total of the summaries of communications that appear in the CD-ROM of ICTXI 2007, an approximated number of 30% of them were not presented.

The I Meeting of the Ibero-American Network of Toxicology and Chemical Safety was conducted in room 513d of the Palace of Congresses from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, beginning with an introduction of the Dr. Barros and I, where the steps followed from the 2004 agreement from Tampere were briefly described. The aim of that agreement was to initiate the collaboration for diffusion of toxicology and chemical security. Additionally, we mentioned at the meeting in September 2005 in Recife (VIII Brazilian Congress of Toxicology), where we decided to initiate the network and in August 2006 in Santiago de Chile (Congress the International of Toxicology and Chemical Safety, XII Congress of ALATOX) where we celebrated the First Promotional Meeting of the RITSQ followed by the beginning of the page Web of CETOX, in November of 2006 where the objectives and lines of performance of the mentioned RITSQ (<http://www.cetox.org>) were set up.

After the introduction, the representatives from different countries made a presentation of their activities. In some cases, they represented its respective societies, some of them had participated previously (*):

- 1) Dr. Nelly Mañay* in its quality of President of the Uruguayan Society of Toxicology and Ecotoxicology, and as member of the ALATOX executive presented its last activities.
- 2) Dr. Liliana Saldívar* of Mexico, Ex-president of the Mexican Society of Toxicology, presented the activities of the organization, other members from that organization and present at the event were: Olga Valenzuela, Norma Perez, Betzabet Quintanilla, Maria Teresa Gamboa-Rodriguez, Roberto Gamboa, Adolfo Sierra and Luz Maria del Razo.
- 3) Maritza Rojas of Venezuela member of ALATOX spoke of the global activities.
- 4) Dr. Gabriela Delgado* represented and informed into the activities of the Colombian Society of Toxicology.
- 5) Dr. Gerald D. Castro informed into the activities of the Argentine Toxicological Association in his capacity of Secretary of the same one.
- 6) Dr. Barbarian González by the Cuban Society of Toxicology, other members present were: Angel Casaco, Daniela Bacardi, Alicia Lagarto and Maria Elena Arteaga).
- 7) Dr. Maria Fernanda Caviars of Chile, communicated the initiative that exists in Chile to create one Chilean society of Toxicology.
- 8) Dr. Eugene Vilanova stressed the interest in the total opening of the RITSQ where he indicated the interest in which no one was vetoed.

9) Dr. Laura Börgel* President of ALATOX that had excused herself from participating, later showed her total support to the activities of the RITSQ and Corporation RITACHILE to work in this area.

10) The activities were summarized with Dr. Barros as Director of IUTOX and Dr. De la Peña, President of the Spanish Committee of Toxicology - IUTOX and of the Spanish Association of Toxicology, being present the Drs. Eugenio Vilanova, Miguel Borrás, Joaquín de Lapuente, later Drs. It incarnates Quesada, Javier Esteban and Luisa María Sierra agreed to the decided, because his activities in the Congress agreed during the meeting.

Finally, all of the assistants could present/display and to show its activities.

It was stressed that all the toxicologists interested in the RITSQ can be integrated if they wish by means of filling the form *ad hoc*, in the Web (<http://www.cetox.org>).

The objectives of the RITSQ are summarized in the page Web (<http://cetox.org>).

It was determined that the inclusion and support will be kept as individual by means of the form *ad hoc* on the abovementioned page and it was encouraged that the attendant organizations promote and distribute the information regarding RITSQ.

The proposal was accepted that the RITSQ maintain its diffusion in the page of the Spanish Committee of Toxicology (<http://wlww.cetox.org>).

After the reunion we had an interview with Drs. Kenneth Ramos, future president of the Society of Toxicology of the US and Dr. José Manautou, and both agreed to facilitate us a listing of the Hispanic members of it cited SOT and they suggested us to invite the members of SOT to participate in the RITSQ

Another aspect to emphasize of the I Meeting of the RITSQ, is that of 1200 assistants, 54 belonged to different Ibero-American countries - Argentina, Colombia, Chile, Cuba, Brazil, Spain, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela, of them 28, more than the 50%, attended the meeting of the RITSQ. Additionally, some of the Portuguese members that participated in the Congress were not present at the I meeting of the RITSQ. The assemblies carried out prior to the Congress, turn out to be unsuccessful and we believe that because of it the Portuguese members did not attend this I Meeting of the RITSQ.

In the third session of posters on July 19, we presented the poster entitled "Iberoamerican Network on Toxicology and Chemicals Safety" (E. de la Peña of & S. Barros) supported by Drs. Edmond Creppy of France and Eleonora Codorean of Romania.

I would like to include in this summary, the information on the election in the General Assembly of IUTOX of the Dr. Silvia Barros as one of the Directors of IUTOX and that the Dr. Maritza Rojas was also chosen as a member of the Committee of Selection; congratulations to both of them in its respective responsibilities in IUTOX what will impact in the success of the RITSQ as well as of the IUTOX.

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