

Scientific Inference and Public Policy

Chair: *Richard Clapp, Boston University School of Public Health, USA*

Aim and short description: The aim of this symposium is to consider the epidemiologic evidence that is required to support environmental and occupational cancer prevention policies. The role of scientists in governmental and non-governmental organizations will be described, with particular emphasis on the REACH program in the EU and the recommendations of the President's Cancer Panel in the US. Panelists will discuss past approaches and future research needs to support protective public health policies.

Presentations:

1. Introduction and summary of REACH and President's Cancer Panel
Speaker: Richard Clapp
Time allocated: 15 minutes
2. Doll and Peto Revisited: current knowledge about occupational and environmental causes of cancer
Speaker: Manolis Kogevinas
Time allocated: 15 minutes
3. The President's Cancer Panel report and future research needs
Speaker: Francine Laden
Time allocated: 15 minutes
4. The role of non-governmental organizations in promoting occupational and environmental carcinogen regulation
Speaker: Lisette van Vliet
Time allocated: 15 minutes
5. Role of the ISEE in Evaluating Scientific Evidence and Making Policy Recommendations
Speaker: Dean Baker
Time allocated: 15 minutes
6. Discussion
Time allocated: 15 minutes