

## Harvard Center for Risk Analysis



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Dear Tom:

The Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) is planning an international symposium in Brussels in the month of June 2,000 to advance the theme of "risk and governance". Our objectives for the symposium are (1) to articulate the state of the field of risk analysis, including a review of what is happening worldwide and where the field should be going, and (2) to build and catalyze the international community of scientists, practitioners, and decision makers who are dedicated to risk-based decision making and the related processes of risk assessment, management, and communication. The symposium is also seen as a determined step toward a first World Congress on Risk Analysis early in the 21st century.

In order for the symposium to be successful, SRA needs to raise \$250,000 to commission pre-symposium papers, support the participation of invited speakers from selected countries, and pay for the publication and dissemination of proceedings. It is our intention that this symposium will build on the momentum that has already been started by organizations such as OECD, the European Commission, the Japanese Science and Technology Corporation, the U.S. National Research Council, and the U.S. Commission on Risk Assessment and Management.

There will be two tangible products from the symposium. One will be a scientific report, based on the symposium proceedings, that addresses main points of consensus and controversy in the application of technical contributions to governance of risk management problems. The second product will be a process report that documents key contacts and allied organizations in different fields and regions of the world. It is this process report that will begin to define the international character of the field and set the stage for organization of a first World Congress on Risk Analysis.

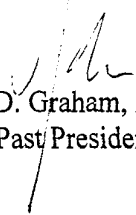
The fields of application to be addressed at the symposium will be broad: food and product safety, chemical risk management, global climate change, natural hazards management, medical technology assessment, insurance, energy development, and injury prevention. We are open to suggestions of specific issues that you would like to see addressed at this rather unique gathering of international leaders in the field of risk analysis. We are also open to suggestions of possible participants who you believe would make a significant contribution.

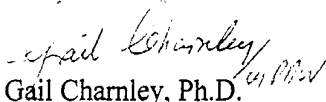
In order to assure the success of the symposium, we are requesting that Philip Morris

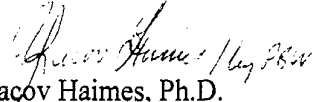
USA provide a contribution of \$50,000 to the symposium fund. This funding will be managed by the symposium planning committee of SRA, of which each us are members. If you have any questions about the objectives of this enterprise, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

One of us will be calling you in the weeks ahead to determine whether you can support the symposium idea.

Sincerely,

  
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