

RSESS Great Debate Is Going to the Capitol Hill

The traditional Regulatory Safety and Evaluation Specialty Section (RSESS) Meeting and Reception, featuring “The Great Debate,” is moving to Capitol Hill. SOT 2011 Annual Meeting attendees and Congressional staffers will fill the Kennedy Caucus Room (Suite 325) of the Senate Russell Office Building for a lively debate on the proposition that, “Hazard Information Provides an Adequate Basis for Restricting Chemical Use.” Space is limited and attendance will be on a first-come-first-served basis. The debate will start at 5:00 PM, on Monday, March 7, 2011 and run until 6:30 PM. (See instructions below for transportation.) SOT 2010 Congressional Science Leadership Award recipient, Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA), has graciously agreed to be the honorary host.

The debate will be moderated by RSESS Past President **James C. Lamb, IV**, of Exponent. He has organized a classic debate between two outstanding speakers, **George Gray**, George Washington University, and **Lorenz Rhomberg**, Gradient Corporation, who are widely acknowledged as excellent and entertaining speakers, who are extremely well informed on the subject. Through a top-secret flip-of-the-coin, Dr. Gray will speak in favor of the proposition, and Dr. Rhomberg will speak in opposition. They have both promised to faithfully, even aggressively, defend their assigned perspective to the end. Each debater will be allowed to present his viewpoint and then be rebutted at least once. A vote will be taken at the end on the audience’s position as well. Drs. Gray and Rhomberg

Hop A Bus To the Hill

Because of logistics involved in getting to and from the Hill, the SOT Communications Committee has arranged bus transportation to the Senate Russell Office Building. Space is limited and buses will begin loading at 4:00 PM sharp from the L Street entrance of the convention center. Following a short walk to the Russell Building, all attendees participating will go through security to the Caucus Room. You must bring a valid photo I.D.