

WORKSHOPS

SSPT2017 – In Vitro Toxicity Testing – Sunday, 8 October

In vitro toxicity assays have been utilized for many years to assess tobacco products, particularly as a part of product stewardship testing programs. Additionally, this data has been requested and subsequently submitted to regulatory agencies as part of increasing reporting obligations.

This workshop will provide three general overviews of *in vitro* testing for tobacco products, in terms of historical use and development among tobacco industries, current technical considerations, and regulatory challenges.

During the workshop invited speakers from within and outside CORESTA will discuss:

- *In vitro* testing for conventional tobacco products - the history;
- International regulations and guidance related to the use of *in vitro* toxicology data;
- Technical challenges related to the use of *in vitro* toxicology assays for tobacco product evaluation.

SSPT2017 – Cigars – Tuesday, 10 October

The regulation of tobacco products continues to be a growing focus around the world. For example, in 2016, the FDA finalised a rule in the USA that extended its regulatory authority to all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, cigars, and hookah and pipe tobacco, as part of its goal to improve public health. As different types of tobacco products are included in the scopes of regulatory frameworks, it becomes increasingly important to understand the similarities and differences of these products compared with other regulated products as they relate to agricultural practices, regulatory environment, and testing.

The Cigar Workshop will consist of three presentations. The presenters come from diverse backgrounds and will focus on three topics:

- Agricultural practices - Growing and harvesting of cigar tobaccos all over the world, including challenges, opportunities, and comparisons with conventional cigarette tobaccos;
- Regulatory landscape - Cigars compared with other product categories with a focus from seed to finished product;
- Testing - Challenges and opportunities for collaboration.

Following the presentations, there will be a panel discussion, with audience participation, designed to explore and learn more about cigars and the opportunities to advance the science and understanding of these unique tobacco products and the impact on the current, and future, tobacco regulations.