

## **SEA President, Ann Hayward Walker, invited to speak at the Plenary Session of the Annual Meeting of the Society for Risk Analysis**

Ann Hayward Walker and Debbie Scholz of SEA Consulting attended the Society for Risk Analysis's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual meeting and pre-conference workshop in Charleston, SC. Ms. Walker was an invited speaker at the Society's Plenary Session on "Reducing Risks of Oil Spills from the Exxon Valdez to Deepwater Horizon". Other session speakers included: Admiral Thad Allen, former National Incident Commander of the BP oil spill and Senior Analyst at Rand and P. Lynn Scarlett, Visiting Scholar and Co-Director, Center for the Management of Ecological Wealth, Resources for the Future, and former Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer of the US Department of the Interior (2005-2009).

Risk Analysis, including risk perception, risk assessment, risk management, and risk communication, represents an interdisciplinary field that is the foundation of decision making across a myriad of disciplines. The annual meeting of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) brings together nearly 1,000 international scientists and practitioners from a wide range of disciplines who share an interest in risk analysis. Representing academia, government, industry, NGOs, private firms, and themselves, SRA members recognize the value of diverse perspectives and a shared commitment to high quality risk analysis methodology and practice.

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