SESSION 5 Questions

1. Does a decision-centric view of the value-of-information seem like a useful perspective from which to view the scientific activities described yesterday? How formal or informal might it be? What aspects of improvements in decision-making should be considered?

2. What barriers exist to realizing the value of the types of information previously presented? What would need to change in (i) the scientific activities, (ii) in risk assessment, or (iii) in decision-making, to maximize the value of information in decision-making?

3. Is it appropriate to generalize about the state of the science and its readiness for use in decision-making, or is it entirely on a case-by-case basis? If not, how should the value of information be evaluated and how such an evaluation be used?

4. What role does validation play in assessing the value of information?