

Harmonization Oversight Group (HOG) Conference Call

DATE: May 27, 2014

LOCATION: Conference Call

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 AM EDT

HOG Members:

Dr. Greg Miller (Chair)
Mr. Joseph Passarelli, MS
Dr. Ian Young
Dr. Linda Thienpont
Dr. Eunice Lee

ICHCLR Council

Dr. Anthony Killeen
Dr. Gary Myers
Dr. Naotaka Hamasaki

AACC Staff:

Ms. Ashlie Doran (Scientific and Practice Affairs Coordinator)

Minutes:

1. Welcome

Dr. Miller thanked everyone for joining the call.

2. Identify a measurand to form an initial HIG from the list generated at the meeting and 1 April call

Growth hormone is the analyte of choice to move forward with the initial creation of a HIG. Dr. Miller will contact Chrisa Cobbaert and Heinz Schimmel to request information on prior work and status, and to request names of experts to consider for HIG members.

3. Review of web updates

Dr. Myers reviewed the changes to the Harmonization website. There are more current resources listed, including the AACC harmonization position statement and the minutes from the February meeting, for example. He described changes to the measurand table and stated that more additions and changes will be made in the future. He requested input on organizations involved in harmonization/standardization to contact to help keep the table as up-to-date and valuable as possible. If anyone has any comments or suggested changes for the website, Dr. Myers welcomed feedback. A follow up email on the subject will be distributed.

4. Review advocacy efforts in USA; discuss how to influence advocacy in other countries

The release and promotion of the AACC Harmonization position statement is one of the first advocacy efforts. Dr. Myers and Dr. Stine have also made hill visits with Congress representatives to help educate legislators on the use, need, and importance of harmonization and encourage the addition of language of such in the appropriations bill. In addition, AACC members have written several hundred letters to their state and local representatives on the importance of harmonization and the need to

include it in appropriations language. It is projected that influencing the addition of language on the importance of harmonization into the appropriations bill will enable a future request for funding. Soon, Drs. Myers and Stine should learn if the language was included. Dr. Myers said he would be happy to share all composed documents in the initiative as support for individuals in other countries' advocacy efforts on the matter.

5. Report schedule for updates to inform SPG members

It was generally agreed that providing the Strategic Partner Groups with update reports on a quarterly basis was a reasonable objective. Dr. Miller will draft an initial report and circulate it to all via email for review.

6. Goals for Chicago meeting (July 28; 12:00 – 14:30)

- Japanese project
 - o Dr. Hamasaki will share a list of individuals he think may be beneficial to add to the conversation
- Status on initial HIG on growth hormone
 - o Possibly invite HIG, if organized by then, to discuss initial and technical strategies
- Status reports
- Continue to evolve measurand list and information on standardization/harmonization activities in other organizations

7. Next Steps

- A Doodle poll for the next several conference calls will be created and distributed
 - o Monthly calls were agreed upon to ramp up activity and progress
- Dr. Miller will circulate more information on the status of prior work on harmonization/standardization of growth hormone, once researched
- Dr. Miller will draft and share an initial SPG report for review
- Dr. Myers will circulate a call for contact information of organizations conducting harmonization/standardization efforts for inclusion on the harmonization measurand table

8. End of call

Dr. Miller thanked everyone for their participation.