

International Consortium for Harmonization of Clinical Laboratory Results
Harmonization Oversight Group / Council Meeting

DATE: 30 July 2018

TIME: 12:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. USA CDT

HOG Member	Present	Council Member	Present
Greg Miller (chair)	x	Gary Myers (chair, AACCC)	x
Eunice Lee (Vice-Chair)	x	Junghan Song (KSLM)	
Joseph Passarelli	x	Akira Seki (JCCLS)	x
Steve Master		Howard Morris (IFCC)	x
Amy Saenger		Tony Killeen (CAP)	x
Ian Young	x		
Masato Maekawa	x		
Philippe Gillery (IFCC SD)			
Anja Kessler		Observer	
Melissa Snyder		Loretta Doan (AACCC)	x
Yeo-Min Yun	x	Masato Maekawa (JCCLS)	
Andy Hoofnagle		Katsuyuki Nakajima (JCCLS)	x
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Minutes:

Council activities:

1. Gary reviewed the financial report. The ICHCLR has a substantial balance that the Council reconfirmed would be used to support harmonization projects and for conferences. The funds will also be used to support travel for Greg as HOG Chair to attend the IFCC Scientific Division (SD) Meeting as a Consultant to the SD. The ICHCLR will develop an application and review process for funding requests. Greg will investigate and report on the IFCC process for funding projects.
2. Gary reviewed the current members of ICHCLR in different categories. He will follow up with those who have not responded to invitation to rejoin the ICHCLR as a Stakeholder member in 2018. All Stakeholder members' names will remain on the web site until the end of 2018.
3. Gary lead a discussion of succession planning for the HOG. Several new HOG members have been added in 2017 and 2018. HOG members who have served

since the beginning of the ICHCLR will have terms ending in 2019. Gary will prepare a list of HOG members and terms for review. Additional new HOG members will be added in 2019 to continue to build staggered terms into the membership.

HOG activities:

4. AACC requested a list of high priority measurands for harmonization to be used to inform the CDC related to the recently approved funding that AACC was instrumental in having allocated by the US congress to advance harmonization of laboratory medicine measurands. The high priority measurands from our web site were reviewed and the following 8 will be sent to AACC to fulfil the request: B-type Natriuretic Peptide (BNP), Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA), Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (HCG), CA 125, CA 15-3, CA 19-9, Carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA), D-dimer. Greg will inform AACC of the recommendation.
5. Approaches to continue to identify high priority measurands used in guidelines were discussed. Three approaches will be pursued. (1) Nader Rifai offered to pass our request to the Tietz Textbook chapter authors to identify key guidelines in their areas of expertise. (2) IFCC National Societies will be contacted to recommend measurands based on their local guidelines. Greg will prepare a draft text for the requests to be reviewed by ICHCLR leadership to include both current guidelines and those in development. (3) Gary will review the Guideline International Network for applicable guidelines to review. In addition, international medical society web sites can be reviewed by HOG members.
6. Approaches to identify organizations with active harmonization work to link to from our web site were discussed. The following organizations will be contacted: JRC (Howard); NIST (Gary); LGC (Ian); NIBSC (Greg); LNE (Greg). Contacts in China, Korea (KRIS) and Japan are needed.
7. Approaches to identify organizations that offer EQA/PT with commutable samples were discussed. The following organizations will be contacted: CAP (Tony); RCPA (Greg to contact Tony Badrick); DEQAS UK (Greg to contact Finlay MacKenzie); DEQAS vitamin D (Greg to contact Graham Carter).
8. Greg will update the web site measurands that do not have an explanation for priority or status based on EQA data.
9. Greg will contact the web provider to enhance the sorting and printing of the measurand table.

Next conference call meetings: September 17, and October 25 at 8-9 AM USA Eastern Daylight time zone.