

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

DATE: 16 September 2020

TIME: 08:00-08:50 a.m. USA EDT

HOG Member	Present	Council Member	Present
Greg Miller (chair)	x	Gary Myers (chair, AACC)	x
Eunice Lee (Vice-Chair)	x	Gye Chol Kwon (KSLM)	
Joseph Passarelli	x	Akira Seki (JCCLS)	
Steve Master		Sverre Sandberg (IFCC)	x
Ian Young		Tony Killeen (CAP)	
Masato Maekawa			
Philippe Gillery (IFCC SD)	x		
Anja Kessler	x		
Melissa Snyder		Observer	
Yeo-Min Yun	x	Loretta Doan (AACC)	
Andy Hoofnagle		Katsuyuki Nakajima (JCCLS)	
Amrom Obstfeld			
Ross Molanaro	x		
YeJin Oh	x		
Huimin Wang			
Susan Copple			

Minutes:

Council activity:

1. Gary informed that the members have been informed that dues were suspended for 2020 and reminders for 2021 dues will be sent in November.

HOG activity:

1. The workshop on challenges to harmonization is now rescheduled to December 6-7, 2021 in Paris, France as part of the JCTLM Members and Stakeholders meeting. An updated web announcement is on the ICHCLR, IFCC and JCTLM websites. The meeting will either be hybrid on-site/virtual or all virtual depending on the pandemic circumstances. The final program is under development by the organizing committee.

2. ICHCLR and EQALM signed a memorandum of understanding in 2019 to develop a program to aggregate EQA data from different countries as feedback on harmonization status. A manuscript on the pilot study has been accepted by CCLM and is now on-line. Greg communicated with Christoph Buchta, president of EQALM, to propose forming a joint task force to expand the work to more EQA providers in more countries. The EQALM executive met recently and a response is expected in the near future.
3. The following measurands were reviewed: methotrexate, tacrolimus, HIV-1 genotype, and HBV DNA Quantification. The recommendations for the first 3 will be posted to the web site. HBV DNA Quantification will be edited before posting.
4. New measurand assignments were accepted for BCR/ABL (YeJin), vitamin D (Susan), hepatitis A (Melissa), hepatitis B core IgG and IgM (Eunice), barbiturates (phenobarbital) (Yeo-Min), serolimus (Joe), benzodiazepine (Ross), urine creatinine and calcium (Anja), urine glucose (Greg), CBC parameter, platelets (Amrom), vitamin B12 (Steve). Greg will follow up with Andy and Gary regarding Apolipoprotein A1 and B, and Lipoprotein(a).
5. Greg will poll for the next ICHCLR web meeting.