

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

DATE: 16 December 2020

TIME: 08:00-09:10 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)	
Ian Young	x	Tony Killeen (CAP)	x
Masato Maekawa			
Philippe Gillery (IFCC SD)			
Anja Kessler			
Melissa Snyder		Observer	
Yeo-Min Yun	x	Loretta Doan (AACC)	
Amrom Obstfeld	x	Katsuyuki Nakajima (JCCLS)	
Ross Molanaro			
YeJin Oh	x		
Huimin Wang			
Susan Copple	x		

Minutes:

Council activity:

1. Gary informed that the Stakeholders Annual Report was distributed to Council and Stakeholder members. The report is also on the web site.
2. Sverre Sandberg will assume chairmanship of Council and Ian Young will assume chairmanship of HOG in January 2021.
3. Gary will contact Council members regarding an additional term as members of the HOG for Greg Miller and Eunice Lee whose second terms end in 2020.

HOG activity:

1. 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 report of the pilot study was published in Clin Chem Lab Med 2020 Aug

6;/j/cclm.ahead-of-print/cclm-2020-0736/cclm-2020-0736.xml. doi: 10.1515/cclm-2020-0736. ICHCLR has agreed to take the lead in further developing the initiative. Minutes from an organizational call including Gitte Henriksen, who will chair the project, and Wim Coucke representing EQALM, Greg Miller and Gary Myers representing ICHCLR were circulated before this meeting. A steering committee will be formed to develop the plans for expansion of the project to include additional EQA providers and measurands.

2. Gary reviewed information from Chris Sempos explaining the roles of IFCC, CDC and the NIH Vitamin D Standardization Program in standardization of results for vitamin D. Gary and Susan will collaborate to finish the discussion for the measurand table. Greg and Ian will inform the chairs of each program of the overlap and if better coordination of resources can be accomplished.
3. The following measurands were reviewed: Anti-HBs, platelets, Hepatitis C Ab, Transferrin, and Elastase 1 will be added to the web site measurand table. Follow up is needed for Vitamin D (Susan and Gary) and Gentamicin (Joe).
4. New and continuing measurand assignments follow.
 - Hepatitis A, IgM, IgG, total (Melissa)
 - Tobramycin (Yeo-Min)
 - Gentamycin (Joe)
 - Quinidine (Joe)
 - Benzodiazepine (Ross)
 - Urine creatinine and calcium (Anja)
 - Cytokeratin fragment 19 (CK19F); (Steve)
 - Apolipoprotein A1, B, and Lipoprotein(a); (Gary)
 - Fetal fibronectin (Susan)
 - Fibrinogen (Susan)
 - Vitamin D (Susan and Gary)
 - Gonococcus (*Neisseria gonorrhoeae*); (YeJin)
 - Methemoglobin (Tony)
 - Osmolality, blood and urine (Greg)
 - PIVKA-II (Eunice)
 - Toxoplasma IgG (Eunice)
5. Ian will poll for the next ICHCLR web meeting.