

Minutes from IVAM leadership meeting – August 27, 2021

Present: Kelly Coleman, Megan Culbreth, Sean Gehen, Helena Hogberg, Kathryn Page, Kristie Sullivan

Missing: Amanda Dhaneshwar, Samantha Faber, Mercedes Salvador-Silva

1. Recap of IVAM Leadership Meeting (7-23-21)

Minutes approved and can be posted to the webpage

2. 2022 SOT Meeting (Sean/Kathryn)

- Zebrafish an alternative?

The leadership discussed if IVAM should consider zebrafish an alternative model as this was asked by one of our student members. We appreciated that this can be seen different depending on who you ask. The team felt there need to be some communication and voting from our members to decide how IVAM will define the zebrafish. Especially as EU and US have different definitions at what stage the larvae become an animal and SOT is a global society.

We propose two options for definitions

- 1) Zebrafish should be considered an in vivo animal method at any stage of development and should therefore not be qualified for IVAM.
- 2) Zebrafish up to a specific developmental stage (use EU definition) should be considered an alternative model and therefore be qualified for IVAM.

We discussed if other non-mammalian models such as nematode, and drosophila need to be mentioned in the statement or if zebrafish could serve as an example. The suggestion was made to propose two definitions for alternative methods for IVAM 2021 and then have a poll by our members. The voting should follow the bylaws definition for mandate. Action: Kelly will draft the two definitions. Sean will respond to the student that we are discussing this question and will report back asap. We plan to have something drafted for the next meeting, it need to be in place before award deadline in Jan.

- Awards
 - Elsevier poster award

Sean with support from Kelly finalized the text for the award that need to be uploaded. The requirement from Elsevier's side for the award "poster award for Post-docs or trainees". This is a separate award, but people can apply for both Elsevier award and the Post-doc award, however, you can only receive one. There will be separate applications for the different awards, abstract and posters need to be submitted. We discussed if we could combine these, but Elsevier will have to be posted on the web page.

There was a discussion about the deadlines for submission to the awards. Currently the deadline for abstract is Jan 5th but that might be a bit early to request the poster. Suggestion was to request the abstract and letter in January as an intent to apply for the awards but the poster first in mid-February. Other SS has the date set to February 22 so IVAM will aim for the

same. Then we have time to reach out to a potential external review committee. Megan will provide a draft text based on her experience with the NeurotoxSS.

- Abstract (Clorox) - not discussed
- George DeGeorge Post Doc award – not discussed
- AOB – not discussed

3. Webinars (Kelly/Sean/Kathryn)

- SOT Awardees 2021 (Sept 21) – Everything is finalized. We will try to promote the seminar more to have a larger number of attendees, e.g., LinkedIn and Bo to send a reminder. Sean will check how many registrations we have by now.
- Inhalation Toxicity webinar – Speakers are set, with Shaun McCullough, EPA as the first speaker. He will talk about their in vitro model with discussion on the collaborative work on human studies showing some IVIV comparisons. The second speaker from Unilever will present application of in vitro data for inhalation risk assessment. Sean (with Kathryn in cc) will email Bo about potential dates in early November from Bo.
- Mentor event (Nov)- Kristie, Amanda, and Megan. Kristie updated that the cost of Remo is \$450/months for up to 150 attendees that we can use for only the month of the event. Kathryn mentioned that ECDC have funds we can apply for that would cover 50% of the costs. We discussed how to set up the registration, one suggestion was Eventbrite that is for free. We will ask Bo if SOT have other platforms that we can use for registration. We also need to get a date set.
- Irritation (skin and eye) – not discussed

4. Treasury Report

As the time was too short, we did not discuss further points. Helena just updated fast that the member fees had come in and that our net assets is now more than \$25,000. Remaining points will be discussed at the next meeting or if needed by email.

- Financial Report – not discussed in detail (see above)
- Endowment – not discussed
- Fundraising – not discussed
- Split of treasure/secretary position – not discussed

5. Annual Report Deadline Aug 1

Not discussed but was submitted prior the deadline by Kelly

6. IVAM Website - not discussed

7. LinkedIn - not discussed

8. AOB - not discussed

9. Next IVAM meeting Friday September 24

Amanda has teaching obligation that conflict with the meeting schedule during this semester.