Minutes from IVAM leadership meeting – February 24, 2021

Present: Kelly Coleman, Megan Culbreth, Amanda Dhaneshwar, Samantha Faber, Sean Gehen, Helena Hogberg, Kathryn Page, Daniel Russo
Absent: Stephen Ferguson, Pamela Spencer

1. Recap of IVAM Leadership Meeting (1-19-21)

Helena went over the minutes from last meeting. It was clarified that the reception and the business meeting is the same and will take place March 17th 8-10am. Sean updated that winners were selected for the Post Doc and student awards, they have been notified and Kelly has ordered plaques that will be sent out together with the cheques. Poster award winner has not been selected yet as the deadline to submit just passed. There are only few poster award submissions, but this seems to be for all specialty sections this year. The mentor activity previous discussed will not take place during SOT as there are too many other activities during SOT. We will discuss further when and how this will take place. Selected new IVAM leadership will be announced soon.

2. 2021 SOT Meeting Activities (Kelly/Sean)

Reception/Business meeting, 8-10am, March 17th

We will have breakout group before and after the actual meeting, which is 8:30-9:30. The SOT staff will likely be helping with technical support. Helena and Kathryn had volunteered to be there for the breakout groups.

Sean or Kelly will discuss who will present the slides. Sean went over May 2020 slides and will start to populate with new information with Kelly.

3. Webinars

- Inhalation Toxicity one identified speaker Adam Speen from EPA, air-liquid interface cellular models. We are looking for one more speaker, preferable IVIVE, TTC or similar. Nicole Kleinstreuer team might have someone but might not be focused on inhalation so better look further. Holger from IVAS could give a talk but would not be IVIVE but their models and be similar to the EPA talk. Everybody will investigate speakers to try to cover the IVIVE. Planned for April depends on when we get a second speaker. Kathryn will be the backup speaker.

- Sensitization webinar for May, (two speakers currently identified), Emily Golden from Johns Hopkins and Vinicius Alves from University of North Carolina on the use of QSAR models

- Possible webinar for the summer on Mini-Brains

4. Treasury Report (Helena)

No new report since last meeting. Total net asset as of end of October $18,190.

5. IVAM Website (Sam)
Website was updated with awards and other smaller updates and deletions. Bo is looking into adding a tab for membership subscription. However, there are some restrictions with e.g., amount of space allowed. Currently, in progress.

Kelly is working on a LinkedIn company page for IVAM. Kelly will incorporate the logo as the picture and update with information. It was discussed that this could be a good way to attract new members. Kelly will be responsible for the LinkedIn page in the upcoming year.

6. Newsletter (Dan/Megan/Kelly)

Dan showed the updated version of the newsletter close to finalized. It will be sent around for a readthrough by the team. The team were excited by the look of the newsletter. A few adding was discussed, e.g., the pie graph of membership, additional information about the Business meeting/ reception, the upcoming mentor event. We plan to send it out Friday one-week prior SOT, March 5th. Kelly will contact speakers for the webinars to communicate dates in the newsletter.

7. AOB

Poster session, Amanda have prepared a poster for IVAM. She will investigate details when and if someone from our section need to be by the poster at a specific time. March 1st is deadline to upload the poster. Kelly will order plaques for award winners (2), poster winner (1) and outgoing officers (Kelly, Dan, Stephen).

8. Next meeting in mid-April

The new officers will be invited as well.