

## **Minutes from IVAM leadership meeting – April 22, 2021**

**Present:** Kelly Coleman, Megan Culbreth, Amanda Dhaneshwar, Samantha Faber, Stephen Ferguson, Sean Gehen, Helena Hogberg, Kathryn Page, Daniel Russo, Mercedes Salvador-Silva, Kristie Sullivan,

**Absent:** Pamela Spencer

### **1. Welcome and Introduction of New Officers**

Tour de table, welcome to the incoming officers. The group thanked the outgoing officers Kelly, Stephen, and Dan for their great work. We hope to see them all back in other IVAM positions in the future.

### **2. Recap of IVAM Leadership Meeting (2-24-21)**

Not much to recap as that meeting mainly prepared for the SOT2021. No webinars have taken place since, upcoming webinars will be discussed in agenda point 5. Plaques to outgoing officers will be sent out. Kelly will add “in recognition of .....” with the names of the officers to the plaque text.

### **3. 2021 SOT Meeting/IVAM Business Meeting Recap**

The meeting went well. The feedback was very positive to the introduction of breakout groups prior to the actual meeting to give people room to discuss and socialize.

We deliberated about including science presentations and discussion at future meetings. We further reviewed if this otherwise could be implemented in an online workshop, to have an open mic with invited experts to discuss current challenges, potentially with other SS. However, it was recognized that it still needs to be structured and prepared ahead of time. One topic could be the EPA 2035 goal of limited animal use, what will that look like, what are the challenges, gaps and opportunities to achieve this? One single slide to be presented and then a discussion among different stakeholders can take place.

Kristie pointed out the value in assessing IVAMs strengths, what makes our memberships different than any other workshop? To define this could enhance and steer the discussions.

Kristie also suggested to use the slido app to increase engagement of the participants both at virtually and in-person meetings. IVAM will aim to develop an engagement approach to increase a scientific dialog at our next annual meeting. Kristie and Helena volunteered to be involved in this and it will be further discussed at the next meeting.

### **4. 2022 SOT Meeting**

- Session proposals

Kathryn updated on the process. Pre-proposals to be peer review by IVAM for feedback are due this Friday (4/23/21) and can be sent to any of the officer. Deadline for SOT submission is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Kathryn will prepare a google-drive and share with the leadership where the pre-proposals can be uploaded. The peer review is open for all of us but at least two reviewer per pre-proposal. To harmonize, it was suggested that Kathryn, Sean,

and Helena look at them all. Normally IVAM does not receive many pre-proposals, however, SOT is expecting increasing number of proposals for 2022 (does not necessary includes pre-proposals but mainly final submitted). We will have the usual setup with teams for the endorsement of submitted proposals.

There were some comments that it could be favorable to divide the proposals into groups or in prioritization topics. We can then connect people with similar sessions to potentially merge them as they likely will be flagged by the SOT otherwise.

- SOT awards

Kelly and Sean received an offer from Elsevier to sponsor IVAM postdoc awards with \$900 that IVAM gladly accepted. Kelly also showed a table with awards given out by all SOT SS. IVAM were in the middle with handing out awards with poster (new for 2021), student and postdoc awards. Should IVAM give out more awards, e.g., best abstract and paper awards? To be further discussed.

- AOB

## **5. Webinars**

- Sensitization webinar together with CTSS, May 19<sup>th</sup>

All is set with the 3 speakers, total 75 min.

- Inhalation Toxicity webinar

Another speaker is still needed, preferable focus on IVIVE. Kathryn suggested Shaun McCullough from EPA. She will follow up.

- Future webinars

Not discussed

## **6. Treasury Report (Helena)**

Nothing new to report, total net asset as of end of February is still \$18,190. But additional income is expected to arrive in the upcoming months.

## **7. IVAM Website (Sam)**

Sam had to leave but updated in the chat that website is up to date and meeting minutes will be added when received and approved.

## **8. LinkedIn**

Kelly added some events to the linkedin and will keep the responsibility during his time as past president.

## **9. AOB**

## **10. Next IVAM meeting?**

It was suggested to set up a running meeting at the same time each month. Helena will send out a doodle to select a favorable time for most people.