

National Metabolic Biochemistry Network

Notes of meeting held at Maria Healthcare Networks Ltd,
Grange Farm Cottage, Ryton on
11th April 2006

Present: Kim Bartlett (KB)
Neil Hamilton (NH)
Janet Stone (JS)
Jim Bonham (JB)
Mick Henderson (MH)
Anne Green (AG)

1. Apologies

None.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as correct.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Website General

The compliments about the Web site from the RCPCH were noted

4.1 Home page

The introduction needs to be shortened and updated.
Met Bio News needs to look better.

4.2 Meetings & Workshops & Presentations

The above needs to be listed as a new heading on the left hand menu. This will contain all forthcoming meetings and archived meetings together with their associated presentations and any other general presentations relating to MetBioNet.

4.3 Contact Us

The above function needs to be developed under the categories: Guidelines (Paul Newland); Training & Education (Mick Henderson); Website - operational (Neil Hamilton); Metabolic assay/disorder directory (Janet Stone); Meetings (Jim Bonham); General enquiries (Jim Bonham).

4.4 About Us

This section needs to be reviewed.

4.5 Stakeholder details

The text for the above ought to describe the facility to "click on centre" for further details in the interactive map.

4.6 Stakeholder resources

- There should be an option to include a new analyte in the Directory by contacting Janet Stone
- Presentations can be transferred to the newly created "Meetings

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- & Workshops & Presentations" section
- General tidy-up to ensure consistent format e.g. Dates at the end of lines etc.

4.7 Links

- ERNDIM link to be checked as the most current
- Create links to RCPATH, RCPCH, OMIM and IUBMC
- Tidy format e.g. consistency of initials etc.

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4.8 Training & Education

- List only "Lectures & tutorials" and "Case reports" on the left hand menu. The other left hand side menu listings can be deleted.

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4.9 Best practice guidelines

- Replace "Contents" with "Available Guidelines"
- Create a new section, "Guidelines in Preparation", showing the relevant contact person and their email addresses with each guideline topic.
- Create a new section, "Other Relevant Guidelines" to include things such as the encephalopathy guidelines and the sweat test guidelines in the form of relevant electronic links.

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4.10 Quality

- Important to retain as a section, may contain reports from the Annual Quality days and a database list of EQA schemes available.
- Requires discussion at June stakeholder meeting and then form proposals from Jacqui Calvin.
- Decision about whether QA schemes should be searchable requires further consideration.

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4.11 Visitor counter

- Decided not to be taken forward.

4.12 Metabolic Assay Directory

- Confirmed decision not to include DNA except link would be direct to UKGTN where a common mutation makes this an important first line test. JS to define.
- Links with Eurogentest. NH to contact Piotr to check whether Eurogentest directory is "live".
- Will include metabolites not available in the UK but commonly requested e.g. creatine with a link directly to the appropriate URL in other International Directories. JS to determine the scope of this.
- Rename the menu heading and title as Metabolic Assay/Disorder Directory and create a second interactive alphabetical box to allow access via either Disorder or Metabolite.
- JS to circulate stakeholders with disorder list and seek comments prior to June Stakeholder meeting.
- Agreed not to develop an intelligent search function for analytes.

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5. Quality page

For discussion at 21st June meeting - see above.

6. Stakeholder resources

See above under Website General.

7. Metabolic Assay Directory

See above under Website General.

8. Training & Education

- JRB to contact Rodney Pollitt to send TIC's to NH for mounting on the website as they are.
- NH will include, as a side-by-side comparison example, Chromatograms that have been cleaned up and labelled with cursor over facility.

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9. Electronic learning package

The contents were reviewed and looked impressive. NH to send the URL to AG, MH and JB to review and comment. MH to take the lead in ensuring that it becomes active by 21st June 2006.

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10. Future developments

- General search facility, agreed not to progress.
- Quality scheme search, agreed not to progress.

11. Finance

Contract for annual maintenance needs to be reviewed and continued (Note current contract until Aug 06).

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Estimates for additional developments to be provided to JB.

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- Disease Directory
- UKGTN Links
- Chromatogram Library

12. Any other business

None