



SCIENTIFIC DIVISION

39th MEETING

Amsterdam, NL (2007 6 7-9)

MINUTES

Members:	Abbr.	Term and Time of Office
Mauro PANTEGHINI (IT) (Chair)	MP	1 st 2006 01 - 2008 12
Ian YOUNG (UK) (Vice-Chair)	IY	1 st 2006 01 - 2008 12
Howard MORRIS (AU) (Secretary)	HM	2 nd 2006 01 - 2008 12
Philippe GILLERY (FR)	PG	1 st 2006 01 - 2008 12
Lothar SIEKMANN (DE)	LS	1 st 2006 01 - 2008 12
Ulf-Hakan STENMAN (FI)	UHS	2 nd 2006 01 - 2008 12
George BROTEA (US) (Corporate Representative)	GB	1 st 2007 01 - 2009 12
David BUNK (NIST Representative)	DB	Consultant
Heinz SCHIMMEL (IRMM Representative)	HS	Consultant
Jean-Claude FOREST (JCTLM Representative)	JCF	Consultant
Mathias MÜLLER (EB Liaison)	MMM	

Executive Summary - Scientific Division 39th Meeting, Amsterdam, The Netherlands June 7-9, 2007.

Present: Mauro Panteghini (Chair), Ian Young (Vice-Chair), Howard Morris (Secretary), Philippe Gillery, Lothar Siekmann, Ulf-Hakan Stenman, George Brotea (Corporate Representative), Jean-Claude Forest (JCTLM Consultant), while Heinz Schimmel (IRMM Consultant), attended only on June 8. Ms Paola Bramati (IFCC Office) was in attendance.

6.2 CLSI: The list of joint CLSI/IFCC Projects and their IFCC consultants has been reviewed.

6.22.1 JCTLM: JCTLM WG1 is processing Cycle IV of nominations for reference materials and methods and WG2 has submitted recommendations of laboratory services from Cycle I to the JCTLM EC. These are meanwhile published on the BIPM-JCTLM website. For Cycle 2 nominations will be processed by JCTLM review teams.

6.22.2 JCGM: The final version of VIM 3rd edition will be available in the near future but the proposal for a new GUM document has been rejected.

6.31 INSTITUTE FOR REFERENCE MATERIALS AND MEASUREMENTS (IRMM)

Projects are progressing to prepare Certified Reference Materials in collaboration with a number of SD Committees and Working Groups including 2nd Batch CRM470, AST reference material, HbA2 and cystatin C.

8.2 MAIN ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEES

8.2.6 C-NPU: A proposal for transferring the C-NPU database to the IFCC server is being prepared.

8.2.11 C-MD: A nominations for a network of IFCC Expert Laboratories in Molecular Diagnostics are under consideration.

8.2.13 C-PP: Characterization of the 2nd Preparation of CRM470 in collaboration with IRMM is progressing well to meet a June 2008 release date.

8.2.19 C-SMCD: A table summarizing the analytical performance of commercial troponin assays has been published on the IFCC web site.

8.2.21 C-RSE: Certification of the IRMM/IFCC AST reference material is underway and scheduled to be completed by Dec 2007.

8.2.22 C-POCT: The collection of data on potential interferents in POCT has a high priority.

8.2.23 C-TLM: Results from the EQAS for reference laboratories are under review and the next trial will commence in September 2007.

8.2.24 C-RIDL: The organization of a multicentre determination of reference intervals for AST, ALT and GGT is underway.

8.3 MAIN ACTIVITIES OF WORKING GROUPS

8.3.3 WG-SEB: Priorities are currently being reviewed.

8.3.8 WG-A: Work on the production and characterisation of the new SP3-08 apo B reference material continues.

8.3.16 WG-SHCG: A manuscript describing an external QA study to assess the impact of the use of the new HCG reference materials on assay performance is being prepared.

8.3.19 WG-HbA1c: Agreement between the IFCC, IDF, EASD and ADA on the Reference System and unitage has been reached.

8.3.33 WG-STFT: Two position papers on the definition of the measurand and a candidate conventional reference method for Free T4 have been published.

8.3.35 WG-HbA2: A Standard Operating Procedure for the Reference Method has been submitted for review.

8.3.36 WG-CDT: A position paper on the CDT analyte definition and a candidate reference method has been published.

8.3.37 WG-SCC: Matrix material has been produced and lyophilized.

8.3.38 WG-GFRA: The standardization of creatinine measurement utilising serum-based NIST reference material is underway.

8.3.39 WG-SAU: A collaboration with NKDEP has commenced.

8.3.40 WG-PAPPA: A project proposal has been requested.

8.3.41 WG-GH: Collaboration between the WG and clinicians has been established and a project proposal is being prepared.

8.3.42 WG-SIA: A joint WG with ADA, EADS and IFCC has been established to improve standardization of insulin assays.

8.19 MEETINGS

8.19.40 The 40th SD meeting will take place in Milan, IT on September 28- 29, 2007