



SCIENTIFIC DIVISION

40th MEETING

Milan, IT (2007 9 28-29)

MINUTES *(third draft)*

Members:	Abbr.	Term and Time of Office
Mauro PANTEGHINI (IT) (Chair)	MP	1 st 2006 01 - 2008 12
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Jean-Claude FOREST (JCTLM Representative)	JCF	Consultant
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Executive Summary - Scientific Division 40th Meeting, Milan, Italy September 28-29, 2007.

Present: Mauro Panteghini (Chair), Ian Young (Vice-Chair), Howard Morris (Secretary), Philippe Gillery, Lothar Siekmann, George Brotea (Corporate Representative), David Bunk (NIST Representative), Jean-Claude Forest (JCTLM Consultant) and Mathias Müller (EB Liason) with Ms Paola Bramati (IFCC Office) were in attendance.

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

6.22.1 JCTLM: JCTLM WG1 will meet in October 2007 to decide on Cycle IV nominations for reference materials and methods and WG2 will meet to decide on Cycle II nominations for reference networks.

6.22.2 JCGM: The final version of VIM 3rd edition is awaiting publication.

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, HbA0, HbA1c, HbA2, myoglobin and cystatin C.

8.2 MAIN ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEES

8.2.6 C-NPU: A manuscript on the reporting of the clinical analysis of urinary calculi is under revision.

8.2.11 C-MD: A draft Position Paper on the use of reference materials in molecular diagnostics will be prepared in collaboration with IRMM.

8.2.13 C-PP: The protocol for transferring values from CRM470 to commercial protein assay calibrators is in the final stages of preparation.

8.2.19 C-SMCD: The scientific letter reporting cross-reactivity of B-type Natriuretic Peptide assays has been revised according to suggestions from SD EC members and submitted to Clinical Chemistry for publication.

8.2.21 C-RSE: The certification of the AST Reference Material, in cooperation with IRMM, is on track to be finalized by December 2007.

8.2.22 C-POCT: Priority areas are preparation of guidelines on the preanalytical process for POCT and collection of data on potential interferents in POCT.

8.2.23 C-TLM: A website has been established to provide information on the IFCC-RELA-EQAS and a procedure manual can be downloaded as well as registration and entry of results.

8.2.24 C-RIDL: Collaboration with CLSI on review of document C28-A2 continues and the preparation of a SOP for multicentre reference interval studies has been completed.

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: The IFCC, IDF, EASD and ADA consensus statement has been published.

8.3.33 WG-STFT: A network of reference laboratories for a candidate higher order FT4 assay is being assembled.

8.3.35 WG-HbA2: Considerable progress has been made on the assessment of the candidate secondary reference material.

8.3.36 WG-CDT: A manuscript has been published describing recommendations for the assay and definition of the analyte.

8.3.37 WG-SCC: Considerable progress has been made towards preparation of a secondary reference material.

8.3.38 WG-GFRA: All companies are working to recalibrate their routine creatinine assays against the reference system.

8.3.39 WG-SAU: A review of the terms of reference is underway.

8.3.40 WG-PAPPA: A new chair has been appointed.

8.3.41 WG-GH: GH is to be included in the proposal to WHO for joint action with NIBSC.

8.8 PROJECT PROPOSALS:

8.19 MEETINGS

8.19.41 - The 41st SD meeting will take place in Antalya, 11th and 12th April 2008.