

## **Minutes of a ToxML advisory board meeting** **on 26th April 2012**

A teleconference was held from 14.00-15.00 approx. BST on 26th April 2012.

Present were:

Ash Ali  
Daniel Benz  
Dave Bower  
Kevin Cross  
Bertrand Dagallier  
Nina Jeliaskova  
Philip Judson (Chairman)

### **1 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 26th November 2012**

#### **Correction**

In item 4, "IUCLID/REACH-IT", it was stated that Bertrand Dagallier thought the European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI) might be overseeing the IUCLID/REACH data submission format. That suggestion had not been made by Bertrand. During the current meeting, on 26th April, he explained that the IUCLID system <http://iuclid.eu/> is managed by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in Helsinki. He said that the main contacts he knows of in ECHA in connection with discussions about templates for reporting chemical test summaries, IUCLID content and evolution etc., are:

François Le Goff ([Francois.LEGOFF@echa.europa.eu](mailto:Francois.LEGOFF@echa.europa.eu)) and  
Pierre Deceuninck ([Pierre.DECEUNINCK@echa.europa.eu](mailto:Pierre.DECEUNINCK@echa.europa.eu)).

The minutes were approved subject to the above correction.

### **2 Description of Requirements for the TSO Management Organisation**

It is a requirement of the constitution that a Management Organisation be appointed within the first twelve months of operation of TSO. Philip circulated by email on 26th April a description of requirements intended to accompany an invitation to tender for the TSO Management Organisation. He asked members of the board to return comments on the document to him within the following two weeks.

Action: All.

### **3 Collaboration with the SEND Project**

Philip had spoken with Dr. Shree Nath at PointCross and he is very willing to collaborate, to ensure compatibility between the ToxML and SEND. Philip had invited Dr Nath to join the current meeting but unfortunately he had a prior commitment. Philip had also asked if, in principle, Shree would be willing to serve as a member of the Advisory Board and he had replied that he would be. See also item 8.

#### **4 Collaboration with ECHA**

Philip had not received any further responses from contacts at ECHA. Bertrand commented that staff at ECHA are very busy because of tight deadlines to update the IUCLID templates in line with their own needs. He suggested we should continue to keep ECHA fully informed about progress.

Action: Philip/Ash to follow up with existing contacts at ECHA and with the contacts mentioned by Bertrand under item 1 above.

#### **5 Collaboration with OECD**

Bertrand had mentioned in last November's meeting the possibility of providing summary information to the OECD about the ToxML project, possibly at a QSAR toolbox meeting. The board supported this idea and Bertrand will determine what he feels is the appropriate meeting for a presentation.

Action: Bertrand

#### **6 Establishing Collaboration with Data Producers and Software Suppliers**

The Board was in agreement that we should approach individuals and organisations to encourage take-up of ToxML and, in particular, contributions to it. Philip asked board members to send him details of people they thought we could contact.

Action: All

#### **7 Other Publicity/Promotion**

Mukesh Patel had presented a poster on behalf of TSO at the recent SOT meeting, and it has been put onto the TSO website.

Ash will be giving a presentation about ToxML at QSAR 2012 in Tallinn in June.

Action: Ash

Dan will be attending an EMS meeting in September. The deadline for submitting abstracts was 15th May. Dan said he would see if he could present a poster and he and Kevin said they would liaise on drawing one up.

Action: Dan/Kevin

Philip expects to have an opportunity to mention ToxML at a conference in China in the Autumn.

Action: Philip

#### **8 Appointment of Dr Shree Nath to the Advisory Board**

Philip noted that, while the constitution does not provide for the Board to co-opt members, it specifies that Lhasa Limited should appoint the first members of the board. Since the organisation has not yet reached its first AGM, he believed that this clause still applied. He recommended that Shree Nath be appointed to the board and said that he had asked Lhasa Limited, who supported the proposal. Members of the Board present agree unanimously that it would be to the benefit of TSO to have Shree as a member of the Board and he was declared duly elected.

Action: Philip to inform Shree.

## **9 Other Potential Board Members**

Philip commented that the constitution allows for more members of the Board than there currently are, and asked members to bring forward recommendations for further appointments if they have any.

Action: All

## **10 TSO Logo**

Ash asked the meeting to record thanks to Igor Tetko and his colleagues for the work they did on designing a logo for TSO. In order to have a logo in advance of the presentation about TSO at SOT in March, members of the ToxML team at Lhasa and Leadscope had gone ahead with choosing the logo now in use for the TSO website. The alternatives that were originally presented would be circulated to all Advisory Board members, with the chosen one clearly marked, and Philip asked members to indicate whether they agreed with the choice that had been made.

Action: All

## **11 Date of Next Meeting and Communication Arrangements**

It was agreed that meetings should be held roughly every three months. Dave Bower will set up a web poll to find a date for the next meeting in July.

Action: Dave Bower