

ToxML Project Advisory Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th October 2013

Attendees: Ash Ali, Dan Benz, Dave Bower, Philip Judson and Joerg Wichard.
Apologies for absence were received from: Bertrand Dagalier, Joop de Knecht, Igor Tetko and Kevin Cross.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2013 and actions from them:
 - a) No errors were detected/reported in the minutes circulated from August 2013 and they were approved.
 - b) Teleconference meeting: Colm Carroll (IMI) and Philippe Marc (eTox) – Ash/Philip to check that the notes were circulated from this meeting.
2. Report on the Euro OpenTox meeting, 30th September 2013:

Both Ash and Philip attended this event.

A presentation and workshop was given - both were well attended. The presentation raised questions about the current usage of the ToxML specification and if export tools were available that could enable the transfer of data from database sources etc.

The workshop provided hands on opportunity for delegates to use the editor. An exercise was devised where the delegates had to write a draft schema for BCOP (Bovine Cornea Opacity and Permeability) for ToxML. The majority found this difficult and reflected the technical nature of the schema.

Ash commented that delegates at meetings invariably ask who is using ToxML. Dave Bower pointed out that, in effect, all Leadscope customers use ToxML – and in some case they use it for custom purposes, not just for the standard data deliveries from Leadscope.

3. Publicity/promotion: any new opportunities?

OpenTox USA meeting: 29-30 October 2013 Hamner Conference Center, North Carolina Biotechnology Center, RTP, USA.

It was thought that Kevin Cross was attending this meeting (as he was not present at the teleconference). Either Dave Bower or Kevin to report back on the event.

SOT 2014: This conference was again cited as a good venue to target vendors/CROs. There will be Lhasa staff attending and Philip encouraged everyone to present work (where possible) at any relevant meeting.

eTOX: Joerg Wichard said that he would be attending an eTOX meeting shortly and would suggest that ToxML could be the format of choice for model builders in the project to read data from the eTOX database into their modelling applications.

4. AOB

Annual General Meeting – scheduled for November 2013.

The topic of bringing new members to the Advisory Board as well as the resignation of existing ones was mentioned. Joerg Wichard was asked if he was willing to be nominated and agreed that he would, subject to the level of work not being too onerous.

Membership of the board will be an agenda item at the General meeting in November 2013.

5. Date of next meeting

Meeting scheduled for late January 2014.