

Minutes of a ToxML Standards Organisation (TSO) Annual General Meeting on Thursday 13th November 2014

A web/teleconference meeting was held from 14.00 to 14.20 GMT on the 13th November 2014.

Present were:

Ash Ali*	Secretary (Lhasa)
Kirk Arvidson	FDA
Dave Bower	Leadscope
Bertrand Dagallier	OECD
Philip Judson	Chairman
Joerg Wichard	Bayer

*Staff representing the management organisation (Lhasa Limited) abstained from voting.

1. Minutes of the Previous AGM

The minutes of the general meeting held on 4th December 2013 were approved. There were no matters arising.

2. Progress Report

The Chair provided the following summary of progress on the project:

- Progress on expanding interest in and use of ToxML by the scientific community was disappointing during the first part of the year but during the last few months the situation has been changing. Members of the Pharmaceutical Users Exchange (PhUSE) Non-clinical Working Group who are investigating options for communicating data not formally covered by SEND are interested in ToxML and they are currently looking at the use of ToxML for a test sample. There exists an opportunity of publishing a poster on this work at the next PhUSE meeting in early Spring 2015.
- As the eTox project moves towards a follow-up exploitation project, using ToxML for data communication within the consortium is favoured by both Molecular Networks GmbH and Lhasa Limited – the two organisations primarily responsible for dealing with data handling.
- ToxML continues to be of interest, alongside SEND, to researchers in some areas in the FDA.

The coming year will be a critical one for the ToxML project. The signs are now very favourable and there is an opportunity to make the big jump in adoption and use of ToxML that is needed to secure its future.

3. Election of Members of the Advisory Board

In accordance with the constitution, Board members serve for two years and then stand down but can be re-elected. It was necessary for the following three board members to resign; Dan Benz, Igor Tetko and Nina Jeliaskova. Both Dan and Igor indicated they would prefer not to stand again. Philip expressed thanks to both of them for the support they have given to the ToxML project. Nina had indicated that she was willing to stand again but not pressing to do so.

Following a short discussion, those present unanimously voted for Nina to be re-elected to the Board.

The Chair asked the attendees if they could nominate suitable people to fill the places of Dan and Igor. Philip and Ash suggested William Houser, whom they are collaborating with on the PhUSE project.

Bertrand suggested that we approach ECHA as we have had some interaction with them last year. He suggested P Deceuninck and F Legoff.

Joerg suggested we could approach people from Molecular Networks and eTox. He also said he could approach someone working on SEND within Bayer and would let us know the outcome.

Other people mentioned were Chihae Yang (Molecular Networks) and Naomi Kruhlak (FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research).

4. Any Other Business

The Chair said that contributions in kind from members to help with adding material to the website would be greatly appreciated as the person resources currently available for this activity were low.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The secretary is to organise the date and time for next AGM in November 2015.