

International Melioidosis Network (IMN)

Agenda

Title of meeting	IMS (International Melioidosis Society) Committee Meeting
Date	15 th October 2019
Time	14:00 – 17:00 GMT
Venue	Business Meeting room, Sheraton Hotel, Hanoi, Vietnam
IMS Committee Attending	Direk Limmathurotsakul (Chair) Bart Currie David Dance Trinh Thanh Trung Ivo Steinmetz Susanna Dunachie Vanaporn Wuthiekanaun Sheila Nathan Dionne Rolim Chiranjay Mukhopadhyay Natkunan Ketheesan Rasana Wongratanacheewin (Surasak's Representative) Mindy Elrod (Jay's representative)
Apologies	Surasak Wongratanacheewin Jay Gee Joost Wiersinga Eric Bertherat Gan Yunn Hwen Paul Keim Soon Hin How (for melioidosis RCN) Tan Gek Yen Gladys (for melioidosis RCN)
Invitees	Mark Mayo (Candidate for the WMC2022) Jamal I-Ching Sam (How's representative) Ya-Lei Chen Pei-Tan Hsueh Brittany Maguire (from IDDO) Phasith Phatchana

Time	Item
14.00	Welcome, introductions, and review objectives of IMS
14.15	WMC2022
14.45	WMC2019 Feedback
15.15	Melioidosis Research Community
15.30	Raising Awareness
15.45	Committee rotation
16.30	Data Sharing Platform
16.45	Wrap-up and Closing

Minutes

Topic: Objectives of the IMS Committee

There were no changes to the objectives and operational procedures of the IMS committee

- 1) To make decision on host for WMC2022.
- 2) To hear feedback from WMC2019 preparation.
- 3) To discuss about supports for melioidosis research community.
- 4) To discuss possible channels to raise awareness from our society.
- 5) To discuss about the committee rotation
- 6) To discuss about the data sharing platform

Topic: Decision on Host for WMC2022

- 1) After asking around, we got only one applicant from Mark Mayo and Jessica Webb (Darwin team).
- 2) The committee made a decision for the host of WMC2022, which will be in Darwin, Australia. The event will have supports from different organizations including universities, local government etc. The cost will be just a little bit more than the WMC2019 in Vietnam. The organizer aims to have financial supports from the government to support students.
- 3) Seeing real laboratory and clinical works, visiting and observing real melioidosis patients, and visiting environmental study sites (and meerkats and crocodiles) were proposed as potentially good options for pre-congress workshops. Workshop activities and timing could be arranged based on a number of participants who are interested.

Topic: Hearing Feedback from WMC2019 Preparation

- 1) The organizer of WMC2019 received financial supports for the students who joined the event from inside and outside of Vietnam, most of the financial supports came from Florida University. Most of the students would be here just for the first 2 days of the meeting.
- 2) During one month before the event, the organizer were so busy with communication with participants. The next organizer could prepare for this earlier.
- 3) The organizer could not find sponsors as many as they wanted. The timeframe available from each potential sponsor was short. The next organizer would need to plan with appropriate timeframe.
- 4) The organizer designed the workshop to be flexible and simple, depending on the characteristics of the participants (who they are, where they are from, etc.). It was successful.

Topic: Supporting Melioidosis Research Community

- 1) www.melioidosis.info is the main point of contact for the community. This is to keep relevant information available for all stakeholders.
- 2) International Melioidosis Society (IMS) will be renamed to International Melioidosis Network (IMN). This is to represent open networking more than a close society.

Topic: Discussing Possible Channels to Raise Awareness.

- 1) We agreed to support all channels to raise awareness about melioidosis to community.
- 2) Any open-access documents about melioidosis should be made available and curated on www.melioidosis.info

Topic: IMS Committee Rotation

- 1) Trung got a promotion as the head of the institute. He will be very busy with his work, and could not take the role of chair of IMN.
- 2) Direk take the role of the chair of IMN forward, and the agenda of rotating the chair of IMN will be discussed again in the next F2F meeting.
- 3) David and Dr Katheesan will move to Honorary Committee Member.
- 4) The committee agree to have 2-4 new committee members. The process to search for committee members will be similar to the election last time. However, if the numbers of nominees were less than or equal to 4, the committee will be consulted for the procedure.

Topic: Data Sharing Platform Proposal

- 1) Direk informed everyone about the proposal. In short, the platform will aim to share individual data in a secured offline platform. MORU will generate the data platform, curate the data and MORU pledged not to conduct any research using this shared individual data during the first two years. People who shared the data will form a new committee to make decisions on who and which proposal will have an access and conduct meta-analysis from the shared individual data.
- 2) The proposal understands that all institutions may need permission to share the individual patient data, and the team will receive feedbacks and develop the detailed protocol further.
- 3) Direk received agreement to announce the proposal on the last day of WMC
- 4) Brittany informed committee about IDDO (www.iddo.org) and how IDDO could work together with IMN and RCN for this data sharing platform.

Note: Thanks to every Committee member who contributed their time and effort for the IMS Committee. Special thanks to Direk Limmathurotsakul who convened the face-to-face meeting and to Trung for his excellent operational support.

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