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Health Technology Task Group Meeting minutes

November 25, 2013 at the Cave Valaisanne et Chalet Suisse, Geneva, Switzerland

Attending: Cari Borrás, Yadin David, Tobey Clark, Khondar Siddique-e Rabbani, Rosana Rivas, Herb Voigt, Cheung Kin Yin, Mario Castaneda, HTTG members

Invited: Herbert Voigt, IUPESM President, Cheung Kin Yin, IUPESM President-Elect, (couple other guys – names?), Tom Judd, Kaiser Permanente

Excused: Barry Alan, Colin Orton, Kwan Hoong Ng, Saide Calil, Marlen Perez, HTTG members

Meeting was called to order at 8pm By Carri Borrás who welcomed everyone and introduced the agenda.

Agenda was accepted and introduction of attendees followed.

The importance of HTTG function within IUPESM was discussed by H. Voigt.

Review of work plans and summary of activities provided by C. Borrás.

Pans to increase level of communications within the HTTG as well as with other global collaborators through e-Meetings, physical meetings, shared archives (Dropbox) and updated IUPESM/HTTG website were discussed by Y.David.

Planned activities for 2014 and projects' prioritization were reviewed by H. Voigt. Significant amount of time was devoted to describing the status of the **Heavy Metal Detection and Toxicity Workshop**, its administration, contract status, and cooperation challenges with the sponsors in Peru. Never the less, Herb assigned this project the highest priority and strong potential for critical contribution to people of Peru quality of life and to other nations in the region. Rossana promised to continue to intervene and to push for approval of the project by the Peruvian health structure.

Herb continued his update with description of the pending regional ICSU – First International Scientific Unions Representatives for Latin America and the Caribbean meeting that is scheduled to be held in January 2014 in Cuba. Topics included will have impact on population life quality while the meeting will provide opportunities to develop interdisciplinary scientific collaboration.

It was recommended that Herb and Cari will participate in this event.

HTTG budget and financial issues were discussed by C. Borrás and Y. David. Since planned HTTG projects are converging on multiple years it is difficult to sustain involvement without projection of budget that stretches beyond single year. Both, Herb and Cheung expressed understanding of the challenge and will work with HTTG leadership as it moves forward.

Proposal to hold HTTG workshop at the next WC in 2015 in Canada was discussed by Cari. There was overall support for HTTG to submit such a proposal and Cari and Yadin will lead that. The two sessions that HTTG offered as part of the 2nd Global Forum on Medical Devices, a workshop on **Disaster Preparedness for Hospital Department Managers** and a session on the **Roles of Clinical Engineer, Biomedical Engineer and Medical Physicist in the Management of Healthcare Technology** can be followed up with more advanced program.

Finally, Cari opened the floor to other suggestions and brought the meeting to a closure with a group photo at 10pm.

Sincerely submitted

Yadin David