



Copenhagen Centre for Regulatory Science (CORS)

Medical Product Innovation - Research & Education

CORS SAB/ Steering Committee meeting
December 5, 2019
15.00 – 17.00

University of Copenhagen, Universitetsparken 2, Mødesal A, 10.3.357

Minutes

Present:

- SC: Robin Evers, Flemming Madsen, Sven Frøkjær
- SAB: Jens Heisterberg, Eskild Colding-Jørgensen, Nina Christiansen, Ole Jannik Bjerrum, Per Helboe, Per Spindler, Helen Yu (replacing Timo Minssen), Sukhwinder S. Jossan, Theis Lange, Christine Hallgreen
- Chair: Marieke De Bruin
- From remote: Selene Bornati

Apologies: Karsten Vrangbæk, Nikolai Brun, Steffen Thirstrup, Birthe Holm, Gitte Dyhr, Susanne Kaae, Gunnar H. Gíslason, Lisa Storm Villadsen

SC only: 15.00-16.00

1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was accepted.

2. Finances

- a. Financial report for the Annual conference

The financial report of the Annual Conference was approved. The costs of the Conference were somewhat lower than expected. There are still three invoices outstanding for payment and not all travel costs for the speakers are final. Still it is expected to make a small profit, which will be used as a buffer for organising future events.

- b. Update on use of start-up funding

The use of start-up funding was approved. As there is approximately half of the budget left, the contract will be amended so as to use the remainder beyond the initial end date (December 2020). So far, most of the budget has been used for start-up salary costs, dissemination, networking activities and basic equipment for the centre.

3. Future funding initiatives

SC members discussed possible funding opportunities. The mix of public and private funding makes the centre unique. EU public funding initiatives such as H2020 and IMI are important. The Department of Pharmacy continues to invest in CORS by funding the positions of two staff members as well as administrative support.

SC/SAB joint meeting: 16.00-17.00

4. Welcome and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

5. Evaluation of Annual Conference

- 93 people in total registered to the conference (13 no shows and 7 shows at the door), n=87 participants in total.
- The majority came from Denmark, 7 countries represented in total
- 17 conference participants provided their feedback through the survey; the response rate was lower than last year.

- High overall satisfaction with the conference
 - Relevance of scientific content scored best, followed practical organization and information
- MOST valuable aspects were:
 - Regulators perspectives
 - Quality of the discussions
 - Relevance of the topics
- Things that could be improved next year:
 - Uneven quality of presentations (although quality was also mentioned under MOST valuable)

Additional reflections by SAB/SC members: the conference was well organised, it was of high quality and addressed relevant topic areas. The conference is unique in its dynamic nature and diversity of speakers

6. External communication: Website and progress report

- Average of 400 visits per month on cors.ku.dk, steep increase after LinkedIn announcement about conference. The conference page is the most popular page after the main page.
- Most visitors are located in Denmark, very good global visibility (90 countries in total).
- Newsitems with people's names attract more attention than other pages.
- The progress report has never been clicked on (since launch of new website on April 15, 2019).
- SAB agreed that there is no need to create a new static progress report for 2018-2019, as the website functions as a continuous and cumulative progress report, summarizing CORS' activities.

7. Annual cycle: Next year's activities (2020)

- Q1: PhD days (Young researchers in RegSci)
- Q2: PhD defence Asbjørn Nøhr-Nielsen
- Q3/Q4: Annual Conference and PhD defence Mathias Møllebæk

8. AOB

- a. Jens Heisterberg recently presented at the Cell Therapy Summit in Shanghai (<https://zicts.yigoonet.com>). CORS' Master Student Klaidas Bliuvas, currently at Fudan University, also attended, because of the relevance for his thesis.
- b. For 2020, SAB meetings will be scheduled at fixed dates: every 3rd Thursday of the 3rd month, in the morning. The joint SAB-SC meeting will be held in December. Exceptions to the Friday are possible in case of conflicting conferences, such as DIA Europe in March. Placeholders will be sent out. Dates are March 20 (Friday), June 18 (Thursday), September 17 (Thursday), December 17 (Thursday).