

Inaugural meeting for UK based image analysts and interested parties

Venue: Google Hangout

Date and Time: 9:30 am 2nd March 2018

Minutes from Meeting

Although the meeting was recorded, unfortunately the audio recording failed and so unfortunately no link to the meeting is possible. This will be corrected for the next time.

Attendees

- Alex Sossick, **AS**, Cambridge
- David Mason, **DM**, Liverpool
- Dan Rolfe, STFC, **DR**, Harwell
- Graeme Ball, **GB**, Dundee
- Jeremy Pike, **JP**, Birmingham
- Leo Carlin, **LC**, Glasgow
- Leila Muresan, **LM**, Cambridge
- Peter o'Toole, **PT**, York
- Stefanie Reichelt, **SR**, Cambridge
- David Stracham, **DS**, Glasgow
- Dominic Waithe, **DW**, Oxford, meeting host
- Ziqiang Huang, **ZH**, Cambridge

Apologies

Steven Bagley

“sorry but due to the weather and power cuts I do not think I will be able to make the meeting. At the time of the meeting I will try and be there but my apologies if its a no show.”

Lucy Collinson

“Will probably join late, so wanted to let you know that I’m happy to second Dominic, I would like to stay involved with the group but step back a bit on organisation to make way for actual image analysts , and very happy to have strong links between the FIG and the RMS EM committee (including inviting a representative to attend).”

Unfortunately due to exceptional attendance, Martin Jones couldn’t access the meeting nor Lucy Collinson when she attempted with Martin to join later on. **PT**, kindly left the meeting after the introductions to make space for him, but this place was also immediately taken. **For meetings of this size we clearly need to raise the limit possible by the Google Hangout facility or switch to a different system/format.**

Introductions

DW briefly welcomed the group and outlined the agenda. Every attending member then introduced themselves to the group. The attendees mostly consisted of image analysts of varying type and also some microscopy facility managers.

DS who works with **LC** was introduced. **DS** was previously not on the email list. He is performing image analysis at Glasgow and supporting the microscopy facility there.

Ziqiang who works with **SR** in Cambridge was introduced. He is supporting the bioimage analysis being performed there and is also working on automation of microscopy.

Introduction of Focused Interest Group by Alex Sossick

AS introduced the concept and purpose of the Focused Interest Group (FIG) as well as its requirements. It was mentioned that **AS** is a member of the Light Microscopy (LM) FIG and **PT** is a member of the LM FIG and also the Flow Cytometry FIG. They strongly endorsed the initiative.

FIG definition and Requirements:

- Organisation initiative developed by the Royal Microscopy Society (RMS) within the UK to help create networks for researchers.
- Once established, the RMS will support the efforts of the FIG, by organising meetings, giving access to certain conferences, and providing funding.
- The FIGs themselves can be aligned with other affiliations and are not exclusive. As a consequence the FIG can be affiliated with organisations like Neubias.
- For formation, each group must propose a chair and write a two-three page document which outlines the purpose of the group and what it aims to achieve.

It was largely agreed that a FIG is a good idea for image analysis and that the group would work towards establishing such a group. **AS** proposed that **DW** act as the chair. The proposition was seconded by **LC** prior to the meeting. The attendees made no exception to this proposition therefore **DW** was made chair. Dominic happily accepted and will continue to act as chair for the foreseeable future, but is happy to discuss this appointment further as the group develops.

Venues for FIG document discussion and writing.

DW started the conversation by suggesting that to write the document required for the FIG application that we should meet relatively informally for 2-3 hours to discuss what goes into the application. The product of the meeting will be a comprehensive draft of the FIG application that will be refined, approved and submitted to the RMS shortly afterwards.

DW suggested a meeting in Oxford but conceded that Oxford is not central enough in the UK. **AS** suggested Birmingham, as a better location, and **JP**, who is based at Birmingham agreed to host us there. **SR** suggested, as an alternative, that we consider ELMF conference in Dublin 5-8th June. The group agreed that it was probably better to have as informal a meeting as possible in the first instance so we

proceeded with Birmingham as the venue and agreed to do this informally. To find a date, **DW** and **JP** will set up a Doodle, it was agreed that dates from April through to May would be possible. Furthermore it was suggested that before the meeting that a skeleton proposal be drafted and be made open to supporters of the initiative. **DW** will setup the initial document. The document will also enable individuals who cannot make it to Birmingham to have input.

There was some discussion as to what email list to use, and also what the name of the group should be. It was established that the group would maintain strong links with Neubias but should also be distinct, due to the fact that its scope maybe beyond that of the Neubias initiative (**DR**). It was however approved that the Neubias uk email list would be used in the interim, until a specific name for the group could be decided. This issue was proposed as a discussion point at the meeting in Birmingham.

Actions

DW will setup a skeleton FIG document and share with group using Google Documents.

JP and **DW** will setup a doodle for the first meeting to discuss FIG document.

JP will book meeting room and facilitate meeting in Birmingham.