

Electronic Council Book–Query/View/Reporting System Steering Committee

Date: Wed., September 25, 2002
Time: 10:00 a.m.–noon
Location: Rockledge 2, 9th Floor Conference Room
Advocate: Thor Fjellstedt

Next Meeting: Wed., October 23, 10:00 a.m.–noon, Rockledge 2, 9th Floor Conf. Room

Action Items

1. (Thor) Discuss with Tim Twomey about having New Investigator code associated with Type 1s and Type 5s in IMPAC II. Might include Type 2s and 7s also. Discuss with Bob Moore first to see if he has any insight.
2. (Don) Make all current saved queries private. Give users the option to designate their future queries as public or private.
3. (Don) Bring a sample screen to the next meeting showing the listing of subprojects.
4. (Thor) Talk with Belinda Seto and Jim Tucker to determine CRISP issues. Ask them to come to our next meeting to discuss accessing the Thesaurus and coding.
5. (Thor) Change the title of the IRG Concerns report to one that better reflects its contents.
6. (Earl Hodgkins) Send Thor the data elements required for training grant data.
7. (Don) Create model for searching on human subjects, etc., to present at next meeting.
8. (Thor) Send the simplified search screen to the group through the listserv.

Early Concurrence Update

The Early Concurrence application was used in NIGHS and General Medical Sciences for late concurrence (Sept. Council). More than 300 applications were accessed through it. Rick Ikeda said that it was successful and he is collecting feedback from those who used it. It was noted that just one or two people in each institute will use this application—those who set up the concurrence. Other institutions are free to use it for the next Council round. They can create a grouping of applications and Council members. The Council members can log into Early Concurrence and go to a panel, review the Summary Statements and vote. The system manages the voting.

New Directions for ECB and QVR

The eRA Steering Committee recommended that the ECB/QVR be enhanced, developed and integrated into the eRA project.

Thor said that, with this integration in mind, he wants to review the list of enhancements with this group, discuss new enhancement requests, and determine a concrete list from which to work. He wants to be sure that the list of needed enhancements is accurate and requested that additions (including additional data element needs) be sent to him. Thor felt it was important to be sure that enhancements are desired/needed by users at large, not just one or two individuals or groups.

Thor noted that for more complex enhancements, the approach would be for this group to provide input and approval on proposed mockup screens.

Enhancement List

The following table lists the enhancements and decisions that were discussed at the meeting.

Enhancement	Decision/Discussion
1. Add Study Section designation on picklist to drag to Search screen.	Will bring the screen to group to review.
2. Add New Investigators designation as a Search item.	New Investigator is a data element in code. Add a checkbox for New Investigator. Action: (Thor) Discuss with Tim Twomey about having New Investigator code associated with Type 1s and Type 5s in IMPAC II. Might include Type 2s and 7s also. Discuss with Bob Moore first to see if he has any insight.
3. Change Title for “Full Study Section.”	Change the title to “Study Section (Full).” This will make it sort with other “Study Section” listings so it is easier to find.
4. Download groups of images to a zip file.	Deferred. Suggest that people order the Review CDs, which are available through the Review module.
5. Stem Cell Indicator and line.	Should we download stem-cell lines for searching? Currently, just need to search as to whether or not stem cell research is associated with an application. Put a checkbox by the Special Select list. A later enhancement might be to offer a search on lines.
6. RFA program announcement section.	Add a box for unsolicited RFAs. Clarify all checkboxes.
7. Adding null to several fields.	By adding the word “null” as appropriate, in class codes, for example, the word can be searched and it can be grouped together in a group search. For example, you could conduct a search for “null, 3, 6.”
8. Budget periods.	Now, you can look at the start and end dates. In the future, you will be able to toggle between dates for: budget, project, encumbrance (latest).
9. Saving user sessions.	Deferred. Currently, the system saves the parameters from the last session. Although it sounded good in theory, users are finding that it doesn’t work well in reality, considering the many instances they open at one time. Agreed to revisit but to leave as is for now.

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10. Public/private queries	<p>Currently, whenever a person saves a query, the query automatically gets saved on the public query list. However, most people don't want their every query open to the public.</p> <p>Action: (Don) Make all current saved queries private. Give users the option to designate their future queries as public or private.</p>
11. Subprojects in Search and on the hitlist.	<p>High priority. There should be a checkbox by the PI's name and the system should be able to search on their projects and subprojects. Would like to have the option to search on parent, subprojects and all combinations thereof. The group agreed that they want the subprojects listed. They do not want the parent listed with an indication of subprojects, which forces them to drill down one more layer to the subprojects.</p> <p>Action: (Don) Bring a sample screen to the next meeting showing the listing of subprojects.</p>
12. Downloading zipcodes.	<p>Fix the downloading of zipcodes so that the system doesn't read them as phone numbers.</p>
13. IRG notes for subprojects.	<p>Make this enhancement to the IRG form to be available for the next review round.</p>
14. Persons hitlist.	<p>Defer with moderate priority. Would like to be able to retrieve a hitlist of all the people associated with a project. The data is in the database.</p>
15. Search on country.	<p>High priority.</p>
16. Abstracts hitlist.	<p>Want to be able to search and report on a series of abstracts in one file, including the parent.</p>
17. Application images in QVR and ECB.	<p>ICs want more control over who sees which application for Council rounds. Currently, there are no controls for the ICs. More guidance is needed to make this policy decision.</p>
18. Access MedLine publications associated with a grant.	<p>Deferred. This would be a valuable tool but implementation would be very complex. Thor would appreciate input as to its desirability before researching feasibility.</p>
19. Option to save Current Council round.	<p>Moderate priority.</p>

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20. Search on numeric CRISP term.	<p>Moderate priority. Add a field to enter a numeric CRISP term. There would have to be a link to the CRISP-term Thesaurus. However, it was suggested that it might be better to search on the CRISP term, which would then show the numeric term in context.</p> <p>Action: (Thor) Talk with Belinda Seto and Jim Tucker to determine CRISP issues. Ask them to come to our next meeting to discuss accessing the Thesaurus and coding.</p>
21. Summary Statements without rosters.	<p>Defer this item for later consideration.The ICO provides a report of Summary Statements without rosters. You can also prepare Summary Statements without rosters in ICSTORE. Since there is a very limited number of people who need this type of Summary Statement, the group agreed that it doesn't need to be made available in QVR.</p>
22. Intramural project.	<p>Low priority. The intramural projects go into CRISP and then to IMPAC II. The group wants to be able to retrieve the abstract, number, and etc. The default should exclude intramural projects but there should be a checkbox to include them. The checkboxes should include: grants, contracts, intramural.</p>
23. CRISP terms.	<p>Defer. Is there a value in searching for several CRISP terms that could be entered in a comma delimited search format? Yes, but not high priority.</p>
24. Standard Report: IRG Concerns.	<p>This report provides more information than "concerns" making its title misleading.</p> <p>Action: (Thor) Change the title of the IRG Concerns report to one that better reflects its contents.</p>
25. Award details for itemized budgets.	<p>Carol Martin is working to get the training grant data into the IRDB so that downloadable data elements will be available.</p> <p>Action: (Earl Hodgkins) Send Thor the data elements that you require for training grant data.</p>
26. Search on human, animal subjects, clinical, etc.	<p>Would like to search on these.</p> <p>Action: (Don) Create model for searching on human subjects, etc., to present at next meeting.</p>

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27. IRG Notes page enhancements.	Code has been added as a data item.
28. Simplified Search Screen.	Rick Ikeda noted that the QVR page is getting very long and suggested a simplified search screen. Thor said that a simplified screen is now available. Action: (Thor) Send the simplified search screen to the group through the listserv.
29. Scalable font.	It is hard to enlarge the fonts because they are fixed. Would be nice to have them scalable. Also suggested that column headers stay fixed while scrolling the column text.

Summary

Next meeting agenda—Developers will present several of the enhancements we’ve discussed at the next meeting.

IC-Specific Data—Thor said that, although plans are still in place for the IC-Specific Data project, the focus is now on enhancements to the QVR, CAM and ECB.

Listserv—Send additions and deletions to the listserv to Thor so that he can update the list.

Reports—It was suggested that there be a workgroup formed to analyze reports to see what reports we have, what’s needed and etc.

Future Meetings

Oct. 23	Rockledge 2, Rooms 6201 & 6199
Nov. 27	Rockledge 2, 9 th Floor
Dec. 18	Rockledge 2, 9 th Floor

Attendance

Bond, S.L. (NINR)

Colbert, Penny (NICHD)

Connors, Anne (NIAMS)

Fay, Rob (NIDDK)

Fischetti, Greg (NCI)

Fjellstedt, Thor (OER)

Advocate

Gruber, Robin (NINR)

Ikeda, Rick (NIGMS)

James, Donna (NIDDK)

Januszewski, Joe (CIT)

Jones, Terry (NIAID)

Lee, Delores (NCRR)

Levenson, Darlene

(NICHD)

McHale, Carolyn (CIT)

Parker, Marie (NIAID)

Powell, Bob (NINDS)

Robbins, Linda (NIMH)

Seach, Jim (NCI)

Selvaraj, Samson (NIMH)

Seppala, Sandy

(LTS/OCO), Recorder

Soltys, Peter (NINDS)

Tiedemann, Don (CIT)

Wells, Dolores (NIDCR)

Williamson, Mary Ann

(NIDCR)