⬦ ECB/QVR Steering Committee

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

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2004

Time: 10:00 a.m.–Noon

Location: Fernwood Bldg., Rm 3D-18

Advocate: Pete Morton

Chair: Thor Fjellstedt

Next Meeting: January 12, Wed., 10:00 a.m.–Noon, Fernwood Building, Room 3D-18

Action items

1. (QVR Development Team) Add to list of QVR priorities an item to give users more options when they access CRISP through QVR.

2. (Cathy Buckley) Create QVR report allowing pages 1, 2 and 3 of a scanned grant application to be downloaded or printed.

CRISP searches

Don Tiedemann noted that a CRISP search in QVR differs from a search in the public CRISP itself. QVR only searches the keywords, whereas the public CRISP searches by abstract, project title and keywords. For instance, entering the word "stroke" in CRISP through QVR returned 100 items whereas the same word returned 1,000 records in the public CRISP. Don asked if the group would like to see more options when they use CRISP through QVR, such as abstract text and project titles. One member stated that she would find it useful. Thor said that giving users more options when they use CRISP through QVR would be an item to add to the QVR list of priorities. The development team could then look at the level of difficulty in implementing this option and see where it fits in.

Action: (QVR Development Team) Add to list of QVR priorities an item to give users more options when they access CRISP through QVR

Retrieving sections of scanned applications

Thor stated that Cathy Buckley is exploring a tool that allows her to pull up sections of scanned applications, specifically pages 1, 2 and 3 of a grant application. Cathy noted that she was using a tool for merging PDF files that allows her to pick out sections by page. A group member noted that it would definitely be helpful to get the abstract (Page 2). Tom Tatham suggested that maybe the abstracts could be put in the database so that eRA could take advantage of that and include abstracts in their summary statements. Cathy said that they could suggest it to eRA, who probably would have the personnel to implement it. Thor stated that it was worth exploring. In the short-term, Cathy noted that she could provide a report in QVR that would allow pages 1, 2 and 3 of an application to be downloaded or printed. Tom suggested that an option of downloading the pages

in a zip file so that they can be easily accessed separately be included in the design for this enhancement.

Action: (Cathy Buckley) Create QVR report allowing pages 1, 2 and 3 of a scanned grant application to be downloaded or printed.

Status of eRA's DataMart

Steve Hughes

Steve Hughes, teleconferencing from Alabama, stated that most of the parts for the eRA DataMart have been installed as of this week, but he did not know if the information could be viewed yet by people outside of eRA. eRA's DataMart is designed to be a repository of information that will provide analytical documents in response to queries. It will include all IMPAC II data since 1994 on grants and applications, protocols, studies and profiles of Grant Management Officers, Project Officers, etc. Thor asked for an estimate as to when the DataMart pilot would be available. Steve replied that he hoped it would be available in weeks, if not days. Thor noted that the QVR team was interested in accessing data on Just-In-Time (JIT) and Financial Status Reports (FSR) in the DataMart. Steve stated that he presumed that these two would ultimately be available but he noted that the current information in DataMart is a limited dataset. He stated that DataMart would be made available to people as soon as it was out of the production environment.

NIH Roadmap

Thor noted that the Roadmap awards made for the first fiscal year represented an amazing effort by the Center for Scientific Review as well as the review committees at the Institutes in carrying out all the reviews. He said that some data problems in the very beginning had forced the QVR team to structure the search retrieval on Roadmap (RM) to return any application that had Roadmap RFA (Request for Application) and Roadmap secondary. There were a lot of applications out there that did not have an RFA association but had a Roadmap secondary assignment. At that time, the QVR team felt it was better to cast a wider net than a smaller one.

- One data problem is that a large number of applications that came in response to RFAs that were going to the 10/2004 Council review were listed as FY 2005 records. Those that were awarded showed a 2004 record but those that were not were still listed as 2005 records. Therefore, a search could elicit RMs awarded but not total RM applications submitted. Thor stated that that problem was resolved after he sent the data to Jim Tucker for correction.

- Another problem is that a large number of applications that came in response to RFAs did not have a secondary assignment. In another case, 15 applications that have a Roadmap secondary assignment were not in response to Roadmap.

- In addition, a change in Program Class Codes format for Roadmap applications was specified a few months ago; however, some data items have the old Roadmap format and some have the new.

- Moreover, a number of applications viewed as non-responsive were given a code of withdrawn. The QVR team is working with the Center for Scientific Review to get these corrected.

In light of these problems, the QVR team is now considering whether to revert to the original plan of only returning Roadmap RFA applications on a Roadmap initiated search and dropping the RM secondary assignment. Thor noted that the Roadmap folks are trying to capture accurate data on Roadmap applications. In the coming years, there will be an extensive evaluation of the Roadmap initiative to determine its effectiveness—that is, whether it is stimulating new investigations and creating overarching research projects. Towards that end, it is important to provide an accurate database for evaluation.

QVR Enhancements

New items in production:

- Under Project Status, an include/exclude button has been added.

- The include/exclude button has also been added under the Advanced Project Status Codes.

- Under the Review Program Section, under the 'Applications received since' date, a 'Type 5 not yet received' check box has been added.

- The option to search the name of the alternate Grant Specialist or Grant Management Officer has been added.

- Department categories (e.g. pharmacology and pathology), which will replace department names in the PI/Institute section of QVR, have also been added.

Discussion: Thor stated that the QVR team had held off on changing the label of NRFC to NRFC/NS (Not Scored) (to indicate that NRFC incorrectly includes all "not scored" applications). Pete Morton and Thor had met with Israel Lederhendler to discuss a number of issues and Israel had requested that they hold off on changes. Thor stated that he does clarify in QVR classes that NRFC includes "not scored" applications.

Table Talk

Subprojects committee—Thor stated that he is working with people on the subproject committee on how to use QVR to pull data on subprojects. Suzanne White, Chief Grants Management Officer at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), chairs that committee.

Training functionality—Thor stated that the QVR team has created some functionality to manage training portfolios. He stated that he is presenting an overview at a training meeting in January on how QVR can be used for managing training portfolios.

Creating QVR informational literature—The QVR team is creating informational literature on the pluses of QVR for people who may be unaware of its uses. This literature may stimulate

discussion on features that need to be added to QVR, which is something the QVR Development Team would like to see.

Next meeting—Thor stated that the next meeting will be held January 12, the second Wednesday of the month. ECB/QVR meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of the month but Thor stated that he would like to hold it a week later because otherwise the meeting would come too soon after the holidays and may be sparsely attended.

ECB/QVR and Related Training Classes

▪ 733B **Intermediate QVR Training**, December 1, 1:30 - 4:30 PM, Fernwood Classroom

Additional QVR classes will be scheduled soon and announced on the listserv.

Attendance

Brown, Mark (NIMH/Altum)	Januszewski, Joe (CIT)	Rich, Linda (NCCAM)
Buckley, Cathy (CIT)	Jones, Terry (NIAID)	Ta, Loan (NIA)
Calderone, Gerald (AHRQ)	Mason, Tom (CIT)	Subramanya, Manju (PCOB/OD)
Condon, Bonita (NIAID)	McHale, Carolyn (CIT)	
Delcore, Sandi (NICHD)	Peng, Lisa (NIDCR)	Tatham, Thomas (CSR)
Fischetti, Greg (NCI)	Pham, Helen (NIDCR)	Tiedemann, Don (CIT)
Fjellstedt, Thor (CIT)	Poma, Shelly (NIMH)	Wong, JoAnne (NIMH)
Hodgkins, Earl (CIT)		