ECB/QVR Steering Committee

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

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2004
Time: 10:00 a.m.–Noon
Location: Fernwood Bldg., Rm 3D-18 (upper level)
Chair: Thor Fjellstedt

Next Meeting: April 7, Wed., 10: a.m.–Noon, Fernwood Building, Room 3D-18

Action Items

1. (Thor Fjellstedt) Frame the question regarding incorrect Roadmap data and send it to Tom Tatham.

2. (Tom Tatham) Ask Suzanne Fisher about incorrect Roadmap files in the Roadmap list.

QVR System

Archived Reports

As discussed at the last meeting, it is now possible to save the data retrieved in a standard report as an archived file. The data is saved as a snapshot file, which is static, that is, it is not automatically updated as changes are made in the original data. These archived files can be called up at any time for research and comparison purposes. Additionally, the user has the option of sharing the files with others in their IC or keeping them private. The option for all files is to *not share* and *not archive*. The files stay on the server until the originator deletes them.

Deleting Files—There was discussion regarding archived files that are not deleted when the originator leaves the NIH. Thor said that the system administrator can delete these files.

Transferring Queries—There was a request to provide a facility for specific queries to be transferred to a colleague. This is particularly important when a person retires and wants to provide his/her replacement with queries important for the job. There are some workarounds, but the analysts said they would investigate.

Sharing File Screen—The facility requires the user to choose to share or not share the new file when the query is made and before the user sees the report. It was requested that there be a way to look at the report and then be able to go back and either share it or not share it.

Filesharing Outside IC—It was noted that there made be a need to share archived files with people outside their own IC, for example, people in Building 1. Thor asked that people email him if they need this feature.

Demo—Thor Fjellstedt presented the new screens for archived reports and showed their features. The file archive feature now is in production. Thor will send an announcement to the distribution list about the feature. He also is preparing a screenshot tutorial.

PI Page

Thor showed the prototype of a new PI page, which is in test. The new format provides the following information:

- PI's contact information
- PI's grant application history
- Review committee history (committee service, time)
- Link to the SRA
- Publication information link to PubMed)

The committee service information is of great use to those in Committee Management and those who work with FACA committees.

Thor noted that the Publications link takes the user to PubMed. The PubMed search facility does not distinguish between duplicate names. Also, often citations in journals are inaccurate or centers enter incorrect information. However, most users understand the limitations of PubMed capabilities. The group agreed that there should be a caveat as follows:

> *You are leaving QVR and going to PubMed. All publications in this list are associated with the grant number but may not include all cited publications.*

Those in Program would be very interested in the publications list. However, Thor noted that it is very difficult to link publications to specific grants. Paul Jordan has developed the Scientific Publications Information Retrieval and Evaluation System (SPIRES) application, which consists of some very complicated algorithms that link publications with grants in a few, selected ICs. Thor has asked the eRA Project to approve funds for further development of this application and possible application throughout the NIH.

All agreed that it probably will never be possible to pull up all publications that are linked to a specific grant but that 80 percent is possible.

Standard Reports

The AIDs indicator was removed. Although it was used by Review, it was determined that it was not drawn from the data used by the AIDs office so may be misleading. The analysts are investigating new criteria for providing accurate data.

Roadmap

Thor met with the staff in the Roadmap office and made a proposal for using QVR in this endeavor. The analysts are testing an enhancement to QVR that would include and exclude Roadmap data. However, the September Council round is the deadline for everything in the Roadmap. Thor suggested that the Early Concurrence feature of the ECB might be of use.

Thor will make a proposal to a larger Roadmap committee on March 16. Thor will put the Roadmap feature into production when he gets approval and funding.

Marie Parker noted that there are several files that are incorrectly coded as Roadmap.

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Discussion Items

Person Search—There are more roles than PIs in the Person table.

IPF Look-Up Feature—The group agreed that there are too many security issues surrounding the addition of Reviewers to the IRG Notes report.

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Commons Account Data—It was suggested that more non-sensitive data retrieved from the Commons be made available. More and more people are being registered in the Commons by their institutions or through the Review process. It was suggested that PI usernames and email addresses be available through QVR for when a PI forgets their password.

Also, other data would be useful, such as: institution address (HOM), home address (RES) and mailing address (MLG).

Since it would not be necessary for this information to be available for all requests, it was suggested that there be a *tab, radio button* or *more >>* option to retrieve this information.

It was agreed that there may be some privacy issues with some of these requests.

Multiple POs—It was agreed that there can be multiple POs on a grant but that the database only records one. Consequently, there are some inaccuracies in the database that need to be investigated.

AIDS Flag—It was asked whether or not an AIDS flag can be associated with a CAN. It cannot be done because the data is inconsistent across the ICs.

Separate Windows—When an abstract is selected, it is brought up in a screen that requires hitting the back button to return to the program. However, often after looking at the abstract, the user hits the close button instead of the back button and inadvertently closes QVR. It was agreed that abstracts should be brought up in a new window that can be closed, bringing the user back to QVR.

Outlook Address Book—Pulling PI and PO email addresses from the eRA System database and putting them into an Outlook address book is still on the priority list. It was agreed that the Commons has the most accurate email address.

Competing Commitment Report—Cathy Buckley will move this report to production this week.

Pop Tracking Codes—A request again was made to make enrollment and target data, used in Pop Tracking, available through QVR.

Attendance

Barnes, Martha (NIEHS)   Bashir, Karen (NIA)   Buckley, Cathy (CIT)

Cao, Nanwei (NIAAA) Ikeda, Rick (NIGMS) Rich, Linda (NCCAM)
Casavant, Don (NIGMS) Jordan, Paul (NIEHS) Seppala, Sandy (LTS/COB)
Connors, Anne (NIAMS) Law, Kim (NIDDK) Ta, Loan (NIA)
Fischetti, Greg (NCI) Moyer, Skip (AHRQ) Tatham, Thomas (CSR)
Fjellstedt, Thor (CIT) Musson, Bob (NHLBI) Tiedemann, Don (CIT)
Hagan, Michael (AHRQ) Nehls, Gerals (NIEHS) Walters, James (NINDS)
Hardman, Anne (NIA) Pinchotti, Steve
Hodgkins, Earl (CIT)   (NIMH/Altum)
Hughes, Steve (OER) Poma, Shelly (NIMH)