



# ECB/QVR Steering Committee

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

Date: Wed., March 26, 2002  
Time: 10:00 a.m.–noon  
Location: Rockledge 2, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Center  
Advocate: Thor Fjellstedt

**Next Meeting: TBD**

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## Action Items

1. (All) If there is information that you want in a report, but such a report is currently unavailable in QVR, send the report requirements to Cathy Buckley and Don Tiedemann.
  2. (Thor) Send an email to the distribution list asking for consensus on changing the meeting to the fourth Tuesday, 1–3 p.m., or continue meeting the fourth Wednesday, 10 a.m.–noon.
  3. (All) Send any questions or issues regarding frozen data to Don Tiedemann and Cathy Buckley.
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## Attachments

- The Query/View/Reporting System Update and New Features presentation (Thor Fjellstedt): [http://era.nih.gov/Docs/QVR\\_Update\\_03-26-03-a.pdf](http://era.nih.gov/Docs/QVR_Update_03-26-03-a.pdf)

## Training

Paul Jordan taught courses in Early Concurrency in the last two weeks, which were well attended.

Thor said that his plans are to teach a training class once a month and to target analysts, and Grants Management and Program staff.

## New Features

Thor reviewed features that have been added to QVR since the beginning of 2003, as well as priorities and enhancement plans (see attachment for details). The planned areas for enhancement in FY 2003 are:

- Intramural projects data
- R&D contracts data
- Access IC-specific data
- Access scientific publication data

During the discussion, the issue of new reports being added to the QVR for specific data was raised. Thor said that new reports can be added and to send report requirements so they can be evaluated.

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## Discussion Topics

*PivotTable Reports*—Penny Colbert mentioned that she has developed an Excel PivotTable report—based on one from Tim Twomey—that might be of use to many in the group. She will send it to Thor for review.

*Public vs. Private Projects*—Often, staff wants abstracts on all public projects, including unfunded projects. However, unfunded projects are considered private by the system. It was discussed whether or not there could be a report in QVR that would list unfunded projects along with public projects.

*PI History*—A PI's experience on review committees is now available.

*Downloading Data*—George Chacko said that he often downloads data into Excel, Access or FileMaker Pro so that he can enter more data and manipulate the report. This is useful to him when working off-site with no Internet link to the system.

George also mentioned Thomson ISI ResearchSoft's product, EndNote, which searches online bibliographic databases, organizes their references and images, and creates bibliographies and figure lists. It specifically does the following:

- Searches bibliographic databases on the Internet
- Organizes references and images in a database
- Constructs research paper with built-in manuscript templates
- Constructs bibliography and figure lists as you write

George uses EndNotes to construct the publication history of grant applicants.

*NIH Portal*—Thor will present the NIH Portal at the next meeting. He noted that it has many features that could be of use, such as setting up communities and a report check-out facility.

*Contract Data*—Thor and the analysts are researching the possibility of pulling contract data into QVR. Stay tuned.

*Thor's Retirement*—Thor retires on April 3 from the NIH, but will continue on this project as a contractor with CIT.

*Help Documents*—Thor asked that everyone send him input for the Help facility as well as standard queries that might be of benefit to a wide audience for incorporation into QVR.

*Future Meetings*—Thor asked the group to consider meeting on the fourth Tuesday, from 1–3 p.m., in either Rockledge or Fernwood. The Tuesday date is more compatible because it does not conflict with several other meetings.

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*Minority Supplements*—These supplements have the same program number in year 1, but in year 2, the supplement rolls into the parent and is not parsed out. Often people want to track the supplements after year 1 as well as determine what type of supplement was awarded.

*ECB Permissions Migration*—OLTP permissions are not always migrating to the IRDB, specifically for the ECB.

*Frozen Data*—Frozen data is now accessible using QVR.

**Action:** (All) Send any questions or issues regarding frozen data to Don Tiedemann and Cathy Buckley.

## **Attendance**

Barnes, Martha (NIEHS)  
Buckley, Cathy (CIT)  
Chacko, George (CSR)  
Colbert, Penny (NICHD)  
Connors, Anne (NIAMS)

Fischetti, Greg (NCI)  
Fjellstedt, Thor (OER)  
Advocate  
Ikeda, Rick (NIGMS)  
Parker, Marie (NIAID)

Ramasamy, Sakthi  
(NINDS)  
Seppala, Sandy  
(LTS/COB), Recorder  
Tiedemann, Don (CIT)