**SOHRC: Craniofacial Research Group meeting Monday 26th June, 2.00pm**

**Dental Directorate Meeting Room (DDMR), Edinburgh Dental Institute, 4th Floor, Lauriston Building**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Peter Mossey, Ashraf Ayoub, Weihua Meng, Mairead Bermingham, Xiangyang Ju, Felicity Mehendale, Deirdre Kelliher

1. Apologies: Aileen Bell, Grant McIntyre, Craig Russell, Kurt Busuttil Naudi, Andrew McIntosh, Colin Palmer, Toby Gillgrass
2. Minutes of the previous meeting confirmed as correct.

2b) Matters arising

Students will be invited to future meetings. PM and AA will let DK know which students to invite. – **Action PM and AA**

1. The "CRANIO" European Reference Network (ERN) and possibilities for future research

PM reported on the new European initiative for rare diseases which now includes cleft lip and palate. PM and Toby Gilgrass attended the first meeting. The ERNs are clinical in nature and support patient treatment across Europe. A call for E-Health proposals has been issued with a closing date of 15th August. Funding is limited – up to Euro 125K. SOHRC could contribute to a proposal lead by the E-Health Group but could receive little or no funding at this stage. PM has expressed interest with the Group as involvement in the ERN could lead to future funding opportunities. He will identify liaison contacts for SOHRC. – **Action PM**

Meetings should be set up with each of the Universities research offices to discuss opportunities. – **Action All**

1. NIH grant application resubmission

Feedback was positive but the NIH panel required reassurance on recruitment and clinical outcome. The research has the support of Generation Scotland and MB’s work shows that response is likely to be positive. In addition, a budget of £10K for incentives has now been included in the Glasgow budget. A teleconference meeting will take place on 5th July.

1. Brazil Zika visit

AA is now co-supervising Leonardo Freitas. Leonardo is sending data to AA and YJ is checking the quality. LF will visit Glasgow for 3 weeks in September. AA will keep MB informed about progress copying her in to correspondence with LF – **Action AA**

It is unlikely that the link with Recife will be pursued but further links with Argentina and Ecuador are possible.

1. Cleft Care Scotland Update

PM reported on correspondence with Toby Gillgrass (emails attached). Cleft children will be included in the Childsmile Programme in future. Jillian Cairns (Queen Margaret University) is looking at tongue movement and could be invited to join SOHRC. – **Action PM/AA**

1. PhD students

AA highlighted the difficulties one of his students had encountered with data access. He has a new student in the bioengineering field who will also work with Glasgow bioengineers (Salmeron Sanchez, Matt Dalby, Liz Tanner).

1. Presentation for SOHRC conference

A maximum of 20 minutes including questions is available for each SOHRC Research Group to present an update of activities. AA and PM will prepare summary and circulate to the group for comment before the conference in September - **Action AA and PM.**

MB could contribute her poster prepared for the MRC Festival – **Action MB**

1. SOHRC website

DK reported that Margie Taylor, Chief Dental Officer would like to see an updated website by the end of the summer. The group should make this priority and send material to DK – **Action All**

1. Date and Venue for next meeting

The meeting will take place in October in Dundee. DK to set up a Doodle poll and invite the group members to attend – **Action DK**