

## Minutes

**National Library of Medicine  
Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC)  
October 25-26, 2018  
Minutes of Meeting**

The eighty-fifth meeting of the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC) (roster under ATTACHMENT A) of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) convened at 8:30AM, October 25, 2018, in the Donald A.B. Lindberg Room of the NLM, Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Adina Kalet, Chairman of the Committee, presided. In accordance with P.L. 92-463 and the determination of the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), the meeting was announced in the Federal Register. The meeting was open to the public on October 25, 2018, from 8:30-10:00AM, for the discussion of administrative matters and presentations on MedlinePlus lab test information and digitization of textual materials at the NLM digitization/scanning lab by Stacy Coppess and Jessica Hemphill, Public Services Division, NLM. In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(9)(B), Title 5, U.S.C., Pub. L. 92-463, the remainder of the meeting was closed to the public for the review and discussion of journals as potential titles to be indexed by the NLM.

For the Record<sup>1</sup>

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Marisa Conte  
Dr. Luisa DiPietro  
Dr. Filipa Godoy-Vitorino  
Dr. Kristen Greenland  
Dr. Melissa Haendel  
Dr. Adina Kalet  
Dr. Scott LeMaire  
Dr. Dingbo Lin  
Dr. Alan Louie  
Dr. Nancy Lowe  
Dr. Elijah Paintsil  
Dr. Bill Yates  
Dr. Karen Young

### **CONSULTANTS**

Ms. Diane Cooper

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Sanjeeve Balasubramaniam

### **NLM STAFF PRESENT**

Ms. Joyce Backus  
Ms. Stacy Brody  
Ms. Sarah Clarke  
Ms. Stacy Coppess  
Ms. Jennifer Diffin  
Dr. Kathel Dunn  
Ms. Jessica Hemphill  
Ms. Amelia Llorens  
Dr. Dina Paltoo  
Mr. Jerry Sheehan  
Ms. Julie Silverman  
Ms. Rebecca Stanger  
Ms. Cecelia Vetter  
Ms. Beth Weston  
Ms. Paije Wilson  
Mr. Mark Ziomek

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<sup>1</sup> It is noted that members absent themselves from the meeting when the Committee is discussing journal titles in which a conflict of interest might occur.

## **I. Call to Order**

Dr. Adina Kalet called the meeting to order at 8:30AM, Thursday, October 25, 2018, and welcomed members, consultants, and NLM staff.

## **II. Administrative Matters**

### **A. Consideration of the minutes from the June 2018 meeting:**

The minutes were approved as written.

### **B. Conflict of Interest Forms:**

Conflict of Interest forms were distributed to LSTRC members prior to the meeting, and were completed before members participated.

### **C. Dates of future meetings:**

Confirmed Meetings:

- *Winter 2019 (February 21-22, 2019)*
- *Spring 2019 (June 20-21, 2019)*
- *Fall 2019 (October 24-25, 2019)*

Proposed meeting:

- *Winter 2020 (February 20-21, 2020)*

## **III. Decoding Results: From Albumin to Zika. MedlinePlus New Lab Tests**

Ms. Stacy Coppess, Reference and Web Services, Public Services Division, NLM, described the MedlinePlus team's efforts to deliver laboratory test information in English and Spanish. Stacy's presentation provided an overview of the process of producing these articles, implementation, MedlinePlus Connect benefits, and user response and usage statistics. Ms. Jessica Hemphill, Preservation and Collection Management Section, Public Services Division, NLM, reviewed the process for digitizing print materials from the NLM Collections. She discussed examples of recently digitized items and showed how the method of image capture can be modified based on a number of factors, including inner margin width and binding flexibility.

## **IV. Report and Discussion**

Ms. Joyce Backus gave a brief overview of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE). The ICMJE is a small group of general medical journal editors and representatives of selected related organizations working together to improve the quality of medical science and its reporting. NLM is one of the organization's sixteen members. The ICMJE meets annually and at this year's meeting the group worked on updating the 2017 Recommendation for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing, and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals. The new updated recommendations will soon be publicly available.

## **V. Deputy Director's Report**

Mr. Jerry Sheehan, Deputy Director, NLM, thanked committee members for their participation at the meeting and their diligence in recommending journals to be indexed in MEDLINE. The work of LSTRC is essential for

NLM's mission to provide access to health information, helping ensure the quality of information provided and effective use of NLM's resources. Mr. Sheehan spoke about the NLM Strategic Plan that was officially approved this year. It is a ten year plan that positions NLM as a platform for biomedical discovery and data-powered health at NIH and beyond. The strategic plan focuses on three essential objectives: 1) accelerate discovery and advance health through data-driven research; 2) reach more people in more ways through enhanced dissemination and engagement; and 3) build a workforce for data-driven research and health. Mr. Sheehan described the MEDLINE 2022 initiative taken by NLM in response to the strategic plan objective to accelerate discoverability through data-driven research. MEDLINE 2022 aims to implement goals and strategies to accelerate and enhance MEDLINE indexing and curation. Mr. Sheehan discussed the Blue Ribbon Panel which is a group of external scientists charged with reviewing research and training activities of NLM's Intramural Research Programs. The Blue Ribbon Panel's report was presented to the NLM Board of Regents and will be provided to the Advisory Committee to the Director, NIH before being made public. Mr. Sheehan mentioned that FY2019 budget was approved and NLM received a 3.4% increase. Lastly, he informed the Committee that two NIH Requests for Information (RFIs) of interest to NLM and the LSTRC are currently open for public input: the first on NIH policies for management and sharing of research data; and the second on Registration and Results Reporting Standards for Prospective Basic Science Studies Involving Human Participants.

## **VI. Examination and Reviews of Titles**

Dr. Adina Kalet announced the meeting was closed for the examination and review of titles on Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 10:00AM. Titles continued to be reviewed until 5:00 PM Thursday, and began again at 8:30 AM on Friday, October 26, 2018. Examination of titles concluded at noon on Friday and the meeting was adjourned.

## **VII. Certification**

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes and attachments are accurate and complete.

Joyce E.B. Backus  
Scientific Review Administrator

Adina Kalet  
Chairman