ITCR Training and Outreach Working Group

Thursday, October 13, 2016 Meeting Notes

Toll-free: 855-259-6342; \*\*Conference Code: 40152#; \*\* Security PIN: 256871#

**Google Doc for the Meeting:**

<https://goo.gl/vVQrhg>

**Attendees: Please sign in!!**

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**Agenda/Minutes**

1. Updates on training activities from the group
   * [New 4.6 release](http://wiki.slicer.org/slicerWiki/index.php/Documentation/Nightly/Announcements) of 3D Slicer, includes work done as part of collaboration between BWH-Stony Brook U24 teams funded by an ITCR supplement on digital pathology analysis
     + For the reference, list of grants that funded this development: <http://wiki.slicer.org/slicerWiki/index.php/Documentation/4.x/Acknowledgments>
2. Follow-up on ITCR sessions at conference venues. [Google Doc](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10R-ylNRLxey4nVnLgX_VCrvdFVXhUL6lNRDjxgHvgb4/edit#gid=0) for Meetings
   * [CI4CC Fall 2016](http://www.ci4cc.org/events/fall2016) (Juli)
     + Juli attended: overall presentation of ITCR, portfolio, what work is funded
     + Michael Reich (?) attended and presented on GenePattern notebooks, which was well-received
   * [AMIA Joint Summits 2017](https://www.amia.org/jointsummits2017) (Juli, Andrey)
     + Submissions: panel proposal, at least 2 abstract submissions
   * [AACR 2017](http://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=105#.V9HHW7XHdQs) (Juli)
     + Juli discussed within NCI
     + Good progress in shaping up program that integrates work of IMAT (?) and ITCR projects
   * NIH Show and Tell Session (Juli)
     + Very broad venue, opportunity to present ITCR informatics tools
     + Submitted and we already know was not accepted
     + Very competitive, no specific feedback about what could be improved
     + Consider coordinating the next submission with the technical WG in collaborative integration of the tools from different domains?
   * Status of Cancer Research journal supplement (Juli)
     + The idea is on the agenda to be discussed tomorrow at the journal retreat!
     + The question about what the timeline would be is very important, no answer at this point
     + There is a set aside budget to make sure the accepted papers will be open access available!
3. Grant opportunity of potential interest (Juli): New Informatics Tools and Methods to Enhance U.S. Cancer Surveillance Research (UG3/UH3) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-349.html>;
   * Funding to support work on cancer registries infrastructure, data capture and analysis
   * Makes sense to have a focused presentation from a program representative with the domain knowledge
   * It probably makes sense to follow up with that presentation at the PI meeting
4. Revision Applications for Validation of Biomarker Assays Developed Through NIH-Supported Research Grants (R01): <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-003.html> (Divi)
   * Clinical validation of previously developed tools (primary validation, not rigorous)
   * 150K/year
   * Tools must have been developed under R01 mechanism of funding
   * Can be tools other than biomarker assays: like technologies, methods or computational tools.  Here word ‘assays’ was used broadly to cover assays/technologies/methods/tools
   * Makes sense to discuss at the monthly PI meeting
5. Section 508 compliance (Andrey)
   * Example from Mervi about how to provide descriptions for a video without audio
     + Video: <https://youtu.be/_F3M5gUlZlE>
     + Description: <https://wiki.nci.nih.gov/display/CTIIP/DataScope+Video>
   * No changes for the videos that have voice over - those will need to be improved by adding subtitles
6. Update on the outreach platforms surveys (Andrey):
   * Project survey:
     + <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11EAsr9MVG1pyWjTV_IGd-6FEsu7Nq0ZuKO5W6UY9Bzg/edit#responses>
   * User survey:
     + <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NI4N8X3JJ5uwpI9KGDE8UdYBRSWVZkRFE6enKZ0JbQ4/edit#responses>
7. Discussion items
   * Acknowledgment of the grants in technology development
   * Metrics of adoption/usage for a technology
     + Ask the participants to prepare in advance - start a google doc for preparing these background for individual projects
     + Start with this group, broaden to the whole ITCR
     + Related development: request for feedback on usage of data
     + Mary will start the google doc with the initial outline