

Agenda Items

1. Apologies
2. Review last meeting notes (including action points)
3. RG report back on QA in ConcePTION project
4. APM report back on legal paper
5. DS conference organising
6. DataSHIELD community governance / organisation
7. Other Sustainability Issues
8. Next meeting date
9. Any other business

In Attendance

Present: Andrei S. Morgan (ASM), Angela Pinot de Moira (APM), Artur Rocha, Becca Wilson, Elaine Smith, Juan Ramón González, Kim Cajachagua Torres, Paul Burton, Simon Parker, Stuart Wheeler, Yannick Marcon.

Apologies: Rosa Gini

Review of Last Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and agreed.

Previous Actions

1. ToR – was posted on the website (ES).
2. Website governance image on website needs to marry ASM's new diagram – needs description to accompany the image before being posted (see below), and this requires further work/discussion.
3. ASM created a short description explaining updated governance diagram (for DS futures paper) and circulated to DAB.
4. ASM created a new Framapad to update Governance Policy:
<https://semestriel.framapad.org/p/datashield-governance-policy-new>
(this currently has a brief description of the governance diagram)
5. Conference:
 - BW has organised a meeting in October of those willing to help from Committee on 18th October
 - JRG awaiting advice on conference fee from Newcastle University and will liaise with Rodney to organise the payment (ES/BW)
 - BW/ES have started to contact speakers directly
 - Website has been updated with further information: abstract submission; registration (ES)
6. Website – DAB Minutes from July were uploaded (ES).
7. APM reported that the legal project application was successful. This will explore how DataSHIELD meets GDPR compliance. Congratulations were passed to the whole team from the DAB! This will be a great help to many consortia wishing to use DataSHIELD.
8. DataSHIELD Meetings for software grant application to include SP (EPRSC open to UK only)

9. SP is awaiting a response on GDPR from his legal contacts

DataSHIELD Conference

BW gave an update on the status of the Conference planning.

- All information is now live on the website
- Of the existing 40 people already registered, they were from diverse communities to the normal attendees
- There has been advertising across consortia (within EUCAN-Connect and Athlete)
- BW advised that as she is not currently up to date with the latest DataSHIELD developments, any suggestions for talks from DAB would be welcome. BW is contacting specific people directly with invitations to talk
 - Harald Binder – Keynote will cover the different ways in MIRACUM they are using to generate synthetic data from health data and the German health care record
 - YM was asked to give a demo on new profiles and outline future plans, which he was happy to do
 - JRG will present a talk on new functionality, ‘resources and ds.omics’ showcasing a fundamental advance in DataSHIELD.
 - Sido Haakma of Groningen University to be contacted by ES and SW
 - ASM to present DAB, summarising progress and gaining community recognition, formalising PB’s handover to democratic model.
 - Day 1: Why is something like DataSHIELD needed? First invited talk of the day will focus on ELSI (Ethical Legal Social Implications) of GDPR and DataSHIELD. APM will contact the Law Professor at Copenhagen University to invite her to speak.
 - Alex Westerberg of the DataSHIELD team in Newcastle - 6.2 Release talk and include next developments
 - Hugh Garner also in Newcastle team could give a talk on ICURe grant and gather useful connections and feedback
 - Future development and direction of DataSHIELD. What needs to be developed? GDPR is changing in the UK. National Research Councils are redefining strategies re technology, research and epidemiology. Deep/Machine learning – what’s the next thing?
 - Other possible talks were suggested:
 - Han Cao of Mannheim University on Machine Learning
 - Tim Cadman – hierarchic modelling analyses in DataSHIELD, not just ‘tech’ but useful abstracts in science as well as use-cases
 - Tom Bishop’s analysis
 - INESC TEC - AR will ask his colleague Rui about progress on statistical code, and will also speak to colleagues about presentations on CORAL and ROCK
 - User feedback on the practicalities of using DataSHIELD – may be better to have this as Q&A session

Entertainment

Pre-Conference mixer the night before – <https://remotely.green/> This gives the opportunity to chat on themed topics work/non-work related.

Quiz – who would like to organise?

Scavenger Hunt - KCT and SP

Zoom links

Eventbrite is site used for collating registrations and includes links to Zoom. ASM suggested that sending separate emails may be better. One Zoom link for the entire day or individual links to sections? This is to be decided. Zoom licence doesn't allow live streaming.

Abstracts

KCT, SP and APM have agreed to help BW filter abstracts in a separate meeting (on 18th October at 2pm).

DataSHIELD community governance / organisation

Having created the Governance document on framapad, ASM sought help from the DAB to progress this as this is a high priority. Discussion that this was a major piece of work and we did not have the time / energy to get this done prior to the conference. Agreed that ASM would present at the conference to seek input from delegates – with further discussion in a potential Hackathon in February? All agreed that a Steering Committee (and not the DAB) is required as per the governance diagram that was agreed previously.

Other Sustainability Issues

Papers on DataSHIELD have currently stalled due to everyone's workload, but have not been forgotten. Funding applications have been a priority recently; this is an ongoing issue, as new development requires funding. We need improved collaboration across the community for grant applications.

Grant opportunities

BW advised that she would be submitting a grant to the EPSRC on Software for Research Communities on 14th October. BW also has a (funded) proposal for a student. Another grant proposal will be submitted on Trusted Research Environments in November via Liverpool University; SP offered to make introductions to the NHS Director of the TRE Programme. Letters of Support – several members of the DAB are happy to help.

Any Other Business

RECAP Preterm's funding period is now at an end (September 2021).

Actions

1. SP will report back from his legal team
2. ES to continue to circulate advert for the conference
3. Contacting potential conference speakers:
4. SW/ES to contact Sido Haakma
5. APM to contact Copenhagen Legal Professor to speak at Conference and contact ES
6. ES to set up meeting for Abstract decisions and entertainment planning (18th October at 2pm BST)

Next Meeting

Monday 1st November 2021 13:00 GMT (14.00 CET), (Zoom link sent in calendar invite)