

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2011

9 am- 12 am

## 4<sup>th</sup> Zinc-UK Meeting

At the International Institute of Nutritional Sciences and Applied Food Safety Studies in UCLAN. Preston. Lancashire.UK

Darwin Building 028

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<b>Facilitator:</b>	Imre Lengyel and Nicola Lowe	<b>Type of meeting:</b>	Next day discussion meeting
		<b>Note taker:</b>	Marisol, Nicola, Imre
<b>Attendees:</b>	Dr Kathy Taylor (CU), Prof Wolfgang Maret (KCL), Dr Imre Lengyel (Chair)(UCL), Dr. Parvez Paracha (Pakistan), Dr Nicola Lowe (UCLAN), Dr. Stephanie Dillon (UCLAN), Prof John Beattie (Aberdeen), Prof In-Sook Kwun (Korea) and Marisol Warthon Medina (UCLAN)		

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### Minutes

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**Agenda item:** Website update **Presenter:** Imre

**Discussion:** Raising the profile of Zinc-UK

Zinc-UK website- needs developing or at least maintenance. A discussion of how this could be done took place. In order to develop it into an interactive site, substantial financial investment is required. However, it could be significantly upgraded with minimal cost but substantial effort.

Wolfgang suggested the production of a "Newsletter" (such as in the International Society of Biomedals) maybe after every meeting.

Send reports on Zinc –UK to Societies' Newsletters such as Biochemical society, Biochemist society, Nutrition Soc Gazette

All members could contribute articles for the newsletter, about 3 times a year.

Put a counter on the page to see how well the site is used.

There is a need of someone who can act as an editor

Look leading journals for free advertisement, approach to Societies, advert in the new Scientist?

Can we All advertise Zinc-UK in our own website, personal page?

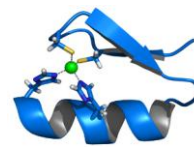
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Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Co-Ordinate website development and update site regularly <b>PLEASE SNED NEW INFORMATION TO JOHN</b>	John Beattie	From 15/07/11
✓ check Nutrition Society (NS) website micronutrient group, the NS gazette is free then an article can be written for the group, Biochem Society	Nicola Lowe, Kathy Taylor	08/08/11
✓ Think of Societies we belong and advert Zinc-UK group	All	ASAP
✓ Send collection of websites where we are going to link to Imre and John ( <a href="mailto:i.lengyel@ucl.ac.uk">i.lengyel@ucl.ac.uk</a> ; <a href="mailto:j.beattie@abdn.ac.uk">j.beattie@abdn.ac.uk</a> )	All	continuous

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**Agenda item:** Aim of the Zinc-UK **Presenter:** Wolfgang, Imre, Nicola

**Discussion:** To modify content concept in website. List disciplines or subgroups in the website



Front page of the website needs to be more upfront and reflect the broad interests of the group.

What is the primary objective?

Scientific statement

What is different about this group? People are drawn from all areas of expertise.....

What is the strength of the Zinc-UK? "Diversity", Multidisciplinary.

Breadth of group, potential to indicate interest groups

Subgroups:

- a) The cell biology of zinc
- b) Zinc nutrition
- c) Chemistry of zinc
- d) Zinc and plant biology
- e) Zinc and the animal Kingdom
- f) Zinc and other metals interaction
- g) Zinc drug development
- h) Plasma biology
- i) Zinc and medicine
- j) Zinc sensing

**Conclusions:** Subject could be linked to members, with a short summary of research/publications.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Develop the list of subgroups ( <a href="mailto:send_ideas_to_Imre_i.lengyel@ucl.ac.uk">send ideas to Imre i.lengyel@ucl.ac.uk</a> )	Imre	ASAP
✓ Doodle poll for everyone to indicate their interest in the groups	Imre	07/08/11
✓ Develop info for front page of website	Wolfgang	ASAP

**Agenda item:** Vision statement **Presenter:** All

**Discussion:** What do we want our future to be?

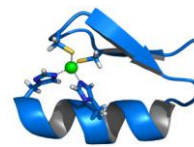
Where are we going? We want to keep current group together and bring additional people into the group

**Conclusions:** Think of a strong and clear vision statement

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Contact potential new members like plant and animal researchers	All	ASAP
✓ Develop a Vision statement (send suggestions to Imre <a href="mailto:i.lengyel@ucl.ac.uk">i.lengyel@ucl.ac.uk</a> )	Imre	ASAP

**Agenda item:** Strategy for grant applications **Presenter:** Imre

**Discussion:**



Need to revisit Network Grant- When are potential next deadlines for ESRC/BBSRC or any other sources like EU?

Go back to the referee's review and show what has been progressed, Identify research needs through multidisciplinary discussion

**Conclusions:** Embed opportunities to discuss research needs/collaborative grant applications in future meetings

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ find out deadlines for ESRC/BBSRC send info to Imre (i.lengyel@ucl.ac.uk)	Nicola, All	ASAP

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**Agenda item: Any other Business** **Presenter:** All

**Discussion:**

Photos of meetings should be taken to be displayed in newsletter? Website? News of what was the previous meeting (see newsletter above)

Next meeting agenda: Public Relations activity

Raise awareness of the micronutrient genome project (MGP), Nutrition genomics area

Training to less privileged countries

**Conclusions:**

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Identify "official" photographer for group	Marisol	ASAP
✓ Invite member of MGP to a future meeting	Nicola	ASAP

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**Agenda item: Next meeting of Zinc-UK association** **Presenter:** Imre

**Discussion**

Theme for next meeting: Zinc and its interactions with other metals/nutrients

Theme for future meeting: Zinc and medicine

**Conclusions:** November in London, UCL is happy to host the 5<sup>th</sup> Zinc-UK meeting

Format: Some senior speakers but encourage younger colleagues/students to present and posters. All who stay overnight are invited next day to a brainstorming session.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Set up doodle poll with dates in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of November and decide on date	Imre	07/08/11