**Minutes of the SOHRC: Craniofacial Research Group meeting Tuesday 27th October 2.30-4.30pm at the University of Dundee**

Apologies: Aileen Bell, Kurt Naudi, Grant McIntyre, Blair Smith, Toby Gillgrass, Angus Walls, Mairead Bermingham.

Present: Ashraf Ayoub, Peter Mossey, Mark Hector, Weihua Meng, Xiangyang Ju, Deirdre Kelliher

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

These were noted as correct.

1. PhD student presentations

The student presentations demonstrate important synergies between craniofacial research at Glasgow and Dundee. These are a valuable part of the meeting and should remain on the core agenda in the future

1. Zika Brazil

Leonardo Freitas’ visit to Glasgow contributed to furthering the Zika virus research. LF has agreed to send data from CPTC scans. AA expressed thanks to XJ for his data analysis. Funding for this research has not yet been secured.

Equipment

Customs dues (£2800) may have to be paid if the equipment taken to Brazil is not returned to the UK before 18th Jan 2018. An official pledge stating that the equipment would be used for the purpose of appropriate research would be required if the equipment were to remain in Brazil.

1. Royal Society – submitted application

This collaborative application would mainly cover travel expenses and some items of small equipment/consumables.

1. NIH collaborative research grant

The application was re-submitted to the same Panel. No response has been received from NIH as yet.

1. Innovation in research – submitted application

This application on 2-dimensional imaging was submitted by XJ to the Health Foundation. It is a large data linkage project involving the University of Strathclyde.

1. New PhD applications

There is potential for one or two PhD studentships evolving out of the UAE paper. However, processes in both Glasgow and Dundee have to be followed before an offer can be made to a student and these can be lengthy. AA and PM will investigate whether a fast-track process is possible. – **Action PM and AA**

The Mustafara scheme provides funding for Egyptian PhD students to study at UK Universities but there is a cap of £20K on University fees. MH is attending a meeting in London about British/Egyptian research collaboration and will take the scheme guidelines with him for discussion and report back. – **Action MH**

1. Funding opportunities for the 4D research projects

European References Network (ERN) funding may be an option. AA and PM will discuss further – **Action PM and AA**

1. Other: Updating the SOHRC website

Summaries of projects with photographs if possible should be sent to DK for the Craniofacial section of the SOHRC website – **Action All**

1. Dates and Venues for 2018 meetings

The next meeting will be in Glasgow at the Student Away Day – Tuesday 30th Jan is the best day. DK to organise – **Action DK**