

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION TO CONDUCT RDC/TMD-BASED RESEARCH
IADR ANNUAL MEETING, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 6, 2002

1. Introductions: Sam Dworkin

Sam Dworkin welcomed all attendees, members and guests, to the meeting. Attached are the names of individuals attending the meeting, with their institutional affiliation.

2. International Planning Grant Objectives: Sam Dworkin

Sam reviewed the Specific Aims of the grant and asked for Progress Reports. Concurrent with this International Planning Grant is a separate NIDCR award to the University of Minnesota, with collaboration from the Universities of Buffalo and Washington, to look at the reliability and validity of the RDC/TMD—this grant may offer collaborative possibilities and may result in findings allowing evidence-based changes to the next version of the RDC/TMD. Sam briefly discussed the importance of broad communication of any *formal* changes to the RDC/TMD whenever they occur.

3. Status Reports for Electronic Communication and Data Management: Adrian Yap

Adrian provided a presentation on the process of adopting the RDC/TMD for research using the current CD-ROM version developed in Singapore and discussed using this “stand alone CD-ROM version on the web as well as the web-based version still under development at Singapore.. Sam will explore adding the CD-ROM version to the web-site. REMINDER: The RDC/TMD International Collaboration website address is: “**RDC/TMD-international.org**”

At present, only the RDC/TMD is available on CD-ROM; there are not sufficient personnel for non RDC/TMD items such as additional history or questionnaire items to be added to the PC or Web based version.

4. Research Planning Informal Review and status reports: Thomas List

- a) Alex White voiced an interest in continuing with CAM (Complementary and Alternative Medicine), and integrating into the research other areas such as: quality of life, health services and cross-cultural implications.
- b) Chris Peck mentioned possible work in the area of governmental assistance patients.
- c) Iven Klineberg is interested in pursuing an infectious etiology of TMD.
- d) Jim Friction plans to resubmit a Burning Mouth Syndrome to NIDCR using an RDC type approach; Ambra Michelloti may collaborate. He plans to respond to an RFA to establish a TMJ implant registry, and seeks the support of the Collaboration.
- e) Richard Ohrbach and Thomas List are working on a Functional Limitation Scale that they hope to investigate cross-culturally, and are interested in a longitudinal study of health care systems and its effects on disability.
- f) Frank Lobezzoo---validating portions of the RDC/TMD using methods/approaches used in Amsterdam
- g) Mike John expects to continue to study adolescents in collaboration with the Universities of Washington and Malmo, Sweden (Thomas List) and other colleagues in Germany.
- h) Ed Truelove is interested in pursuing clinical trials that would: lead to a better understanding of etiologies and use of RDC/TMD in general dental practice and it's relationship to treatments prescribed.
- i) Adrian Yap is interested in multiple pains and Axis II comparisons

5. Organization and Future Status of the Collaboration: Steering Committee

A number of ideas were discussed:

- a) Recommend that potential projects go through the Steering Committee, that processes be established which are standardized, such as how the actual reliability of examiners was achieved. Establish a Training and Calibration Committee.
- b) Addition of membership categories: [Institutional/Organizational, Advocacy and Patron] members were discussed and email balloting.
- c) Criteria for sharing data, publication of data, mechanism for advising Steering Committee about shared data and creation of a Publication Committee.
- d) Kevin Hardwick, NIDCR, requested notification to the International Office of any collaborations that result from this grant