**NeCTAR eResearch Tools**

**Cloud-based Bioinformatics Tools Project**

**Steering Committee Meeting**

**Date:** 11 June 2012

**Time:** 9:00am EST

**Venue:** Centre for Genetic Epidemiology & Biostatistics

**Members:**

* Winthrop Professor Eric Moses, Director of the Centre for Genetic Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UWA
* Dr Nik Zeps, Research Group Leader, St John of God Health Care
* Professor John Hopper, Professor & Director (Research), Centre for Molecular, Environmental, Genetic and Analytic (MEGA) Epidemiology, Melbourne School of Population Health *(By phone)*
* Professor David Goldstein, Clinical Oncological Society of Australia *(By phone)*
* Professor Lin Fritschi, Western Australian Institute for Medical Research
* Dr Nigel Ward, Deputy Director at NeCTAR, University of Melbourne, Data Management Coordinator at eResearch group, School of ITEE, The University of Queensland

**Other Attendees:**

* Paul White
* Associate Professor Glenn Moloney, Director NeCTAR

**Welcome:**

Paul White opened the meeting at 9:10am and welcomed all.

**NeCTAR Introduction:**

Dr Nigel Ward and Associate Professor Glenn Moloney provided an overview of the goals and objectives of the NeCTAR program.

***Action Item:*** Paul White to investigate starting a BLOG for the project

***Action item:*** Paul White to establish quantitative measures by which the project’s success can be measured, e.g. number of researchers taking up the software, number of datasets being managed using the software.

**Project Overview:**

Paul White provided an overview of the Cloud-based Bioinformatics tools project.

David Goldstein indicated that appropriate clinical trials projects be chosen quickly as pilot projects to ensure that the developed software meets COSA’s requirements.

Lin Fritschi raised questions regarding whether sufficient work is being done to ensure that epidemiological study requirements are being met.

***Action Item:*** Nik Zeps to discuss trial candidates with David Goldstein

***Action Item:*** Paul White and Nik Zeps to meet with chosen trial representatives in Sydney on July 4th and 5th

***Action Item:***Paul White to prepare a one page overview of The Ark for circulation to the projects’ collaborators.

***Action Item:*** Paul White to determine impact of AAF cost model on the project

***Action Item:*** Paul White to meet with Lin Fritschi to determine if there is sufficient epidemiological study representation in the set of pilot projects

**Next Meeting:**

The next Steering Committee meeting will be scheduled prior to the submission of the Q1 NeCTAR Report which is due on 14 September, 2012

**Conclusion:**

Paul White thanked the steering Committee and the formal part of the meeting was closed at 10:30am EST

**Demonstration:**

Paul White and Chris Ellis (software developer) conducted a short demonstration of some aspects of the software developed so far, including the AAF integration