First Committee Meeting Progress Report

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- Supervisory committee is formed, and we are currently having our first supervisory committee meeting.
 - Supervisor: Dr. Jacques Carette
 - Dr. Spencer Smith
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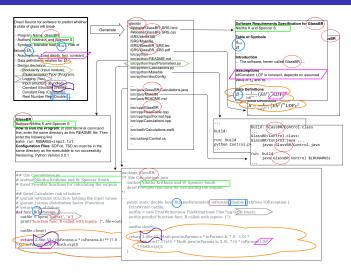
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The Drasil website is also generated by Drasil!

Taking a closer look at one of the examples: GlassBR



Knowledge flow from "knowledge-base"/source to artifacts, by Dr. Spencer Smith

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