

Digitizing Working Group

Notes from Webex call on 22 May 2020 https://mcmaster.webex.com/meet/rise

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no new members of the working group.

Participating in the call:

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Regrets:

James Thomas

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2. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS

CTION: Secretariat to share TORs with John to post on website

- a. Comments from other Working Groups:
- Review current questions, may be revisited as working groups evolve
- May also be relevant to invite additional organizations as identified needs evolve
 - i. Synthesizing
 - 1) Coordinate across different databases so that they can share and speak across to each other to reduce need to search across multiple databases
- Brian described COKA's progress in establishing standards for exchange of citation data inter-operable (and de-duplicating) across multiple databases, expressed in FIHR citation format and tailoring how it is displayed. Provide function to search across citations across different formats. Working across consortium groups to have shared digitization standards to express data variables (sometimes PICO, sometimes not; many layers along the way; agreeing on what is to be shared)

- Can use citation standard, along with any nuber of classifiers or tags (both human and machine tagged) but goal is to establish standard inter-operable classification system (classifier tag to be able to be used across different repositories)
- A pilot initiative could explore the enrichment initiatives happening across various portals, checking how many items match a minimum standard (e.g. unique identifier, citation and abstract standard) within existing portals as well as any other meta-data that offers an added advantage
- May rapid reviews are used for recommendations but may never be published in public domain. COVID-specific searching extends into general internet sites, which is much more difficult.
 - o EBM on FIHR providing standard or base for rapid reviews
- Even with excellent standards, and consolidated search, people may still do additional searches themselves (due to lack of confidence in a one-stop search portal)
- Users upload standardized file that can speak to and aggregate additional information from each additional portal in additional columns (as a minimum reduces data cleaning and aggregates all available information in one place)
 - Full citation standard extends over 100 levels down to contributor-ship. With minimum standard around identifiers, a de-duplication service can check against full catalogue.
- "Improve my RIS file" as upload standardized file and aggregator, with a standard that
 anything can be mapped to and identify where there is more information about that record
 in adjacent dataset.
 - Process can be used to improve user's file, improve standard and coordinate across portals to better inform standardized file.
- COVID-END as unique testing ground to pilot ideas
 - o Identifying organizations that are willing to test portals against FIHR standard
 - Pilot "improve my RIS file" process across portals (e.g. Epistemonikos, Cochrane, COKA)
- Additional challenges identified by Sustaining Group
 - O How can digital solutions help us achieve our COVID-END goals of working together better, faster and more efficiently?
 - O Can digitizing group help with understanding and measuring the outputs from our logic model?