

【GDA Closed meeting Report】

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Participants:

Ms. Tharini Sathimorthy: Vice-chairman of AdvaMedDx, U.S

Mr. Jurgen Schulze: President of EDMA, Europe

Mr. Jesus Rueda Rodriguez: Director International Affairs, EDMA, Europe

Mr. Ingmar de Gooijer: Director of Public Relations, EDMA, Europe

Mr. Fabio Arcuri de Carvalho: President of CBDL, Brazil

Japan Analytical Instruments Manufactures' Association, JAIMA

Japan Association of Clinical Reagents Industries, JACRI

GDA Closed meeting was held at JAIMA office on Friday, May 29, 2015. GDA associates from overseas and Japanese participants had a discussion about the following subjects.

1) Introduction and Future of GDA Website (<http://www.globaldiagnosticsalliance.org/>)

Website has been built up with simple design agreed at GDA meeting. The website has three tabs: "Menu", "Value of Diagnostics", and "Contact us" on the top of the page. On the bottom of the page, seven links are provided to go to each group's website at the time of GDA founding. GDA associates have agreed to make SOP to post new information to the website, so JACRI and JAIMA have been responsible for making SOP draft.

2) Operation of GDA conference and Activities

JACRI and JAIMA proposed GDA conference is alternately held by JACARI/JAIMA or CBDL in the spring of Japan or Brazil and by EDMA and AdvaMedDx in the fall of EU or US. Our proposal has been approved by GDA associates. If the schedule change of

conference is needed, it should be updated to deal with the increase of attendees from India and South Africa.

3) Theme of common activities for GDA associates

EDMA reported on the telephone conference with WHO conducted in the middle of May, and EDMA proposed that GDA employ a consultant from outside to lobby WHO and other organizations. Mr. Schulze thought GDA should make positive efforts to lobby WHO to appeal for the value of IVD, so following proposals had been made. All GDA associates must reach a consensus on the suggestion. EDMA cannot cover all expenses for lobbying, so each GDA organization should share the cost, donate money, or raise funds from large companies. Regarding the proposals, EDMA will submit draft to the next meeting in December, and GDA associates will discuss about the proposed agendas which include common issues: companion diagnostic and UDI.

4) GDA organization and Relation

JACAR and JAIMA have suggested EDMA have the administrative function of GDA, and all GDA associates choose a chairman and a vice-chairman with terms of one or two years. At Tokyo conference in 2014, it was basically determined that initial activities of GDA would be implemented with "Loose relation". As a result, EDMA has become in charge of the maintenance and the update of website for the moment. EDMA will also propose the roles of a secretariat, a chairman, and a vice-chairman in writing before the next meeting, and GDA associates will talk about these agendas in the next meeting.

5) Next GDA Conference

The upcoming conference is held on December 1 or 2, 2015 in Europe. Many participants will be expected to attend MedTech forum held in the same time.

