

**WW ADNI Minutes**  
**March 15, 2010**  
**4:00 pm CST**

**Attendees:** Maria Carrillo, Anthony Gamst, Mike Weiner, Colin Masters, Giovanni Frisoni, Ara Khachaturian, Zaven Khachaturian, Chris Rowe, Kathy Ellis, Andy Saykin, Heather Dawes, Holly Soares, Denise Frank, Martin Bednar, Eric Seimers, Luciana Reid, Takashi Iwatsubo, Hong Zheng Wong, Juan Wang,

**Update on WW-ADNI Sendai Article/Issue from Ara** – scheduled for publication in May 2010 A&D

Maria started the conversation stated they had received good participation from the worldwide participants and Ara agreed. Ara stated what he had received: one in production and two are promised. He was sure if any other group was going to be submitting and he believed there was one more paper outstanding from the US cores. The compilation will be in the May 2010 Alzheimer's issue.

**US ADNI II – GO Grant** – 2 sites with approval.

Mike Weiner informed the group that they are starting to get enrollment going with the Go grant. They have 4-5 sites that have IRB approval. They are having their ADNI meeting in Toronto on April 12. Mike apologized to the International speakers who were asked to make short presentation but explained it was due to their time constraints and he does appreciate their attendance. The US ADNI has more than 100 published papers and 70 papers are pending publication. They are working on getting approval for ADNI II and they will be announcing the outcome at the April meeting.

**ICAD** –

Maria stated she would like to have a discussion at the ICAD meeting regarding how often would the group like to have a worldwide meeting like the one in Sendai. Mike commented about the 3 hour gap between Alzheimer's Imaging Consortium and the ADNI dinner meeting and asked Maria if they could have a more focused meeting by starting earlier. Maria thought it was a great idea and she will be working with Sam Fazio to secure a location for their meeting starting at 4 pm and going through dinner.

**Update from Giovanni: meeting in Toronto**

Giovanni circulated a slide related to the three items he wanted to cover. First is neuGrid and outgrid have been meeting to progress toward the integration of our infrastructure in Europe with what is being built in Canada. They have agreed on a proof of concept challenge to be done this year. There will be datasets and algorithms running in different infrastructures and algorithms running all datasets in different places. The second item is the French has funded the development of the center for image acquisition and treatment. It is a consortium lead by a group of imagist from Paris and the aim is to standardize and harmonize image acquisition in all of France for clinical and research purposes. ADNI is being used as the standard protocol to be adopted. Giovanni stated he is in charge of the international corporation section. The last item is the harmonization efforts for hippocampal of an international/European/American group. They have progressed toward the strict definition of the protocol that need to be harmonized. They will hold a meeting in Toronto with a webinar to update the whole group about the progress. Those who are interested can go to [www.hippocampal-protocol.net](http://www.hippocampal-protocol.net). There you will find all of the work that has been done so far.

**Update on Japan ADNI**

Takeshi started with a summary of the WW-ADNI symposium that was in Sendai, Japan. He was the organizer. Takeshi stated there was over 300 participants and they discussed the activities of ADNI in the US, Japan, Australia, Korea and China. He stated there is an urgent need for worldwide collaboration. After the meeting they went on a boat tour and a special dinner. Takeshi stated it was a very fruitful meeting for the collaboration of ADNI activities. He believes it should be made a tradition and hopefully someone in Europe would be interested in hosting the next event.

**Update on Collin, Chris and Kathryn**

They have completed the 18 months follow up on all of the 1,100 participants and the scanning follow up will be completed on the 287 participants. They have a retention rate of 92%. They have 22 abstracts submitted to ICAD and about 6 publications in print. They have scans loaded on the ADNI website and they need to publicize it. They are searching for funding to continue their research.

### **Update on China ADNI**

Jun stated they held a symposium in Beijing, China in November. Maria attended the meeting and explained how US ADNI and WW ADNI work. Many physicians from mainland China came together along with some government officers from the National Natural Science Foundation, the Ministry of Health, the administration for China Association for Science and Technology and SFDA attended the meeting. Most people gave positive feedback and showed interest in China ADNI. They have organized a working group in preparation for China ADNI which consists of Neurologist, Clinicians and Researchers. They have conducted three major works. First they communicated with experts in China to get the physicians and hospital which fit to the ADNI conditions to join the project. They have tried to organize the framework of different cause and find select PIs. They have select 10 hospitals and communicated with the Neurologist, Radiologist and Physicians who are interested in this work. The second work is to search for funding from different sources. They are going to submit their grant application to their government to get support and then they will solicit other sources for funding. The last part is the preparation work and Jun stated for them to start on the right track they will need to read some materials to prepare themselves.

Regarding the update on Pfizer/China Biomarker Study, this February they were able to have a conversation with Dr. Chou through Maria. Dr. Chou expressed an interest in collaboration and stated she would like to come to China to discuss this issue.

### **Upcoming Call Dates**

- **ICAD: Saturday, July 10, 2010, Hawaii**