



## Summary of the MAQC May-18-2006 Teleconference

### **The MAQC Project: Calibrated RNA Samples, Reference Datasets, and QC Metrics/Thresholds for Microarray Quality Control**

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#### **1. Update on Manuscripts Preparation:**

V3 drafts (for May-10 deadline) were distributed on May 12 to a list of 136 people on the current MAQC consortium list for MS-3.

#### **2. Internal Review:**

Each organization's feedback is due by **May 22**. Your organization's consensus for manuscript submission is assumed if no objection from your organization is received by the end of May 22.

#### **3. V4 Drafts Due Date – May 24:**

V4 drafts are due on **May 24**; May 31 is the submission date.

#### **4. Harmonization of Terminologies:**

Thanks to Janet Warrington for leading the effort on harmonization of terminologies used for the MAQC manuscripts. A one- or two-page summary of the definition of terminology is needed for *Nature Biotechnology* (Janet and/or Rich).

#### **5. Discussion on MS-3:**

- a. We discussed a few technical questions and suggestions on MS-3 in terms of a better presentation of the results. However, no significant changes are needed.
- b. The criteria for defining MAQC consortium membership (currently 136 people) for the publication of MS-3 is reiterated: A. Data generation; B. Data analysis; C. Manuscript-writing; D. Attendance to face-to-face meetings AND significant scientific contributions to the design, execution, and summary of the MAQC project. Being listed on the MAQC mailing list (>260 people) and/or attending one or more face-to-face meeting alone does not justify MAQC membership. A few requests were not granted after excising these criteria and/or consulting the primary contact person of each organization.
- c. Co-authorship: The current proposal of MS-3 authorship as shown in V3 draft was discussed; Scott Pine and Karol Thompson raised concerns on the "two-tiered" proposal and suggested the use of "MAQC Consortium" as the author on the front page and the listing of the entire MAQC consortium members at the end of the paper where the order of the list could indicate the relative contributions of the MAQC participants. Leming Shi is gathering feedback

from the 27 peoples whose names are currently listed on the front page and will let the MAQC group know their preference ASAP.

**6. IBC's Chips to Hits Conference:**

IBC allocated 90 minutes to the MAQC consortium for a panel discussion (3-5 people) at its Chips to Hits conference, Boston, Sept. 2006. IBC prefers academic and government representatives to serve on the discussion panel. If you plan to go to the conference and are interested in participating in the MAQC panel discussion, please let Leming know.

Next MAQC Teleconference:

**Thursday, June 01, 2006** (9 am PDT / 11 am CDT / 12 pm EDT / 16:00 GMT)

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