



Minutes of CRIC Scientific Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting time: 11.30am-2.30pm **Lunch:** Sandwich served at 11.00-11.30 am

Place: Forskningsenheden, 2nd floor, Tagensvej 22, 2100 Copenhagen N (same building as usual but on the second floor)

Invited members: Bodil Steen Rasmussen (BSR), John A. Myburgh (JAM), Ville Pettilä (VP), Thorbjørn Grøfte (TG), Ingrid Egerod (IE), Jakob Kjellberg (JK), Jan Bonde (JB), Christian Gluud (CG), Morten H Bestle (MHB), Hans-Henrik Bülow (HHB), Robert Winding (RW), Theis Lange (TL), Helle L. Nibro (HN), Morten H. Møller (MHM), Jens Winther (WIN), Lone Musaeus Poulsen (LMP), Jørn Wetterslev (WET), Anders Perner (AP).

Invited non-members: Lars Winther, Innovationsfonden (LW), Birgit Agerholm Larsen, CRIC project manager (BAL)

Non-attendees: JAM, VP, TG, HHB, TL, HN, WIN, LW

Minutes according to agenda

1. Welcome (AP) and presentation (all)
2. CRIC structure and organization (BSR/BAL)
 - a. Present CRIC structure based on the Innovation Fond Denmark grant – opportunities and obligations
 - i. CRIC is a project granted by Innovation Fund Denmark and represented by a Steering Committee and an office.
 - ii. CRIC will exist as a project as long as the project goes on which can be no later than the end of 2021.
 - iii. CRIC Steering Committee members have official obligations and responsibilities towards the CRIC project until the end and no later than the end of 2021.
 - b. Suggestion to reorganize CRIC – opportunities and obligations (see the document “CRIC – an organization”). The following issues were discussed (in random order):
 - i. CRIC project may reorganize to become an organization with a CRIC Board and a CRIC Scientific Board to meet future challenges i.e. new trials, research projects in general
 - ii. Who should be the member of the boards and what should their mandates be? Politicians with an interest in the field and willing to work for an agenda in favor of CRIC? What will encourage politicians to undertake such work?

- iii. Why change a success?
- iv. To be interesting for “outsiders”/influencers to join a board it should appeal to power, influence, matching own personal agenda, so what is the point of getting a CRIC Board?
- v. External funding is the only source to finance trials/CRIC office, so how to raise money for an organization?
- vi. Ideas and research projects are grounded and growing out of enthusiastic clinicians, and it is hard to imagine a top-down directed research not anchored by clinicians with a strong feeling of ownership and enthusiasm towards the project
- vii. What agenda should a strategic board have?
- viii. There is general lack of prioritizing research in most societies, and CRIC may be the forum where a prioritized research list can be discussed and used to decide for new initiatives and grant applications.
- ix. The CRIC office may be challenged by not representing an organization but only a temporary steering committee i.e. negotiating insurance contracts, public affairs, temporary employment?
- x. CRIC as an organization – would it be an advantage for joined grant applications from CRIC or would a trial be better off as a single site/Sponsor application?

When summing up at the meeting it became clear that too many uncertainties exist about how to organize a CRIC Board on top of the structure. It was therefore suggested that the CRIC Scientific Board and the CRIC Board switches positions and the CRIC Board becomes a “strategic Work Group(s)” (see Appendix).

- 3. Ongoing trials (only issues of relevance for the steering committee to discuss, a presentation/summary will be given at the All Stakeholder meeting).
 - a. Recruiting sites may be a challenging process when there is overlap between several CRIC trials.
 - b. How can we “educate” and enhance local engagement of clinicians for them to become clinical sites in more than one of our trials (co-enrolment)?
 - c. How do we engage more ICUs as sites in DK (only half the ICU in DK are active in CRIC)?
- 4. Opening new research programs (AP)
 - a. CLASSIC expect to start recruiting in Autumn 2018.
- 5. CRIC Conference (Q2) 2018 (AP)
 - a. CRIC is organizing a conference about investigator initiated clinical trials May 9th, 2018 at Christiansborg. Don’t forget to sign in for the meeting at www.cric.nu to get access to the meeting (before May 8th at noon)
- 6. CRIC Office - budgets and accounts (BAL)
 - a. The economy is on track.
- 7. Next meeting
 - a. Scientific Steering Committee meeting to be held Friday October 26th, 2018 at. 11.30am- 2.30 pm (Tagensvej 22, 2nd floor). There will be no All Stakeholder meeting in the Autumn – All Stakeholder meetings are to be held in connection to the spring meeting only.

Appendix.

