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**To: CP-CTNet Colleagues**

**From: CP-CTNet Steering Committee**

**Date: January 16, 2026**

**Subject: Quarterly Steering Committee Information Dissemination**

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## 1. CP-CTNet Business

- Patricia Thompson, PhD (MPI at UAZ) was appointed the new chair of the CP-CTNet Steering Committee. She succeeds Seema Khan, MD (NWU).
- Eduardo Vilar-Sanchez, MD, PhD (MDA) was appointed the chair of I-SCORE 2026.
- Goli Samimi, PhD, MPH (Director of CP-CTNet) noted that due to recent retirements within DCP that there has been a redistribution of duties/responsibilities among the nurse consultants. The three current nurses are now managing tasks previously performed by five nurses so patience is appreciated during this time.
- Annual in-person site visits may not be feasible every year due to budget constraints but virtual visits will still be conducted. Sites will be given ample notice to prepare for these visits.
- Communication with AOs was addressed, emphasizing that LAOs should be informed of and facilitate contact with AOs regarding concepts and solicitations.
- The Data and Safety Monitoring Plan (DSMP) is due January 23, 2026 and all changes, including updating DMACC to DMASC, should be submitted.
- The Emerging Investigator Funds Program was introduced. Details are available in a document that was presented and those with further questions can reach out to Dr. Samimi and Don Johnsey.

## 2. New Agent Solicitation

- Bob Shoemaker, PhD (NCI/DCP) and Brian Cholewa, PhD (NCI/DCP) presented two new agents. The Committee voted to move both agents to the next solicitation round.

## 3. DSMB Meeting Debrief

- Jens Eickhoff, PhD (MPI of DMASC) provided an overview of the CP-CTNet Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) structure and gave an update from the prior meeting held October 7, 2025 which was held during the government shutdown period. The next DSMB meeting will be September 22, 2026.

**4. Kickoff Presentations**

- Dr. Samimi presented her vision for the future of the Network to include: expanding collaborations and networks, moving beyond organ-specific trials, and improving trial approval and activation efficiency. The LAO PIs and DMASC PIs discussed current and completed trials, highlighting key findings and progress as well as emphasizing the importance of collaboration across LAOs. All noted the importance of recruitment, community engagement and advancing early career investigators. Challenges such as complexity of trials, regulatory burdens, and budget constraints were acknowledged.

**5. New Topics**

- Tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.
- I-SCORE 2026 [registration](#) is open. The agenda is being developed by the planning committee.

**6. Concept Solicitation Cycles #26-30**

Cycle #	Steering Committee	Concept Solicitation	Concept Due
26	Fri. Jan. 16, 2026	Mon. Jan. 26, 2026	Wed. Apr. 8, 2026
27	Thurs. Mar. 26, 2026	Tues. March 31, 2026	Thurs. June 4, 2026
28	Fri. July 17, 2026	Thurs. July 23, 2026	Thurs. Sept. 24, 2026
29	Fri. Oct. 16, 2026	Thurs. Oct. 22, 2026	Thurs. Jan. 7, 2027
30	Fri. Jan. 22, 2027	Thurs. Jan. 28, 2027	Thurs. March 25, 2027

**7. Next Steering Committee Meeting**

- Date: March 26, 2026 (@ I-SCORE)