*Notes from first skype meeting of ChemNet*

Wednesday, November 30

In attendance:

Madeleine Schultz

Stephanie Beames

Roy Tasker

James Mitchell Crow

Chris Thompson

Glennys O’Brien

Siggi Schmid

Dan Bedgood

Dan Southam

Apologies:

Gwen Lawrie

* Website progress resport – Dan Southam –plan to use Net Registry ($25/month) – they are reliable and back up.
* TLO WG report – Brian Yates (no report) – Glennys comment – this group is working in the degree program space.
* Resources WG report – Siggi Schmid. Issue of deciding purpose of the mapping exercise (which units and how much info about each one). This group is working in the individual subject space. Note that it will map all chemistry subjects, including service teaching – not just in the major.
  + Resource repository: what if resource is a link – needs to be updated. needs to be tagged. permission to share – who owns it.
* Project Officer report – James MC. Two articles in Chem in Aust coming up. He has made contact with people at many unis so our group is growing rapidly.
* Special Issue of AJEC on ChemNet in 2012 – James to press Mauro. Invited articles from Tina Overton (UK), Jo Stewart (Ionic Viper), others? Submitted articles from ChemNet people e.g. website (Dan S), network (MS), TLO implementation (Brian/Glennys), ... others?
* ChemNet participation in Chem Ed Division conference in July 1-3, 2012 (Adelaide) Ian McMahon. Mary–Kay Orgel invited to conference already. SPyke has said it is poorly organised (?). – we support conference, we (and he) should be involved. Proposal from ChemNet:
  + A half day ChemNet Symposium? Topic: standardised exams/benchmarking. Possible invitee: ACS exams institute – perhaps Thomas A. Holme, the director, at Iowa State. Roy has talked to him about sharing these – maybe they will share old ones.
  + Dan Bedgood to get in touch with Ian McMahon and Simon Pyke and try to coordinate our participation
* Other upcoming events – RACI Divisional conferences (IC11 - MS, Physical – CT) – we will give a short intro to ChemNet. People should try to be proactive about introducing ChemNet at their own Discipline meetings as much as possible. MS has slides and an A5 flier for distribution.
  + FYHE? Do we have a representative?
  + HERDSA – Chris to talk to Sue Jones. We will definitely have a presence although this meeting is more about education research.
  + Uniserve 2012 is our next official ChemNet meeting (Sept 26 at USyd).

For next meeting: James to look into: skype alternative – wimba

Roy – Chem Ed research –ARC funding is difficult because you don’t know which panel will assess – need an allocated code for chem ed research. Subdiscipline of chemistry.

Chem Ed should be at every divisional conference.