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Subject: RE: Uganda Videoconference Debrief

Julia,

This program was a raging success from our side. We had a dozen of our staff to participate including a bunch of malaria gurus- Tom Wellem's head of the malaria branch at NIAID and Joel Bremen, our in house malaria expert, and Jim Herrington, head of the division of international relations and also a malaria aficionado....and Onesmo Ole Moi-yo from Icepe.

The presentations were well done and provided some novel insights that we would never appreciate without your program or your community approach to making this happen...We may be strong on molecular biology and genetics but when it comes to understanding malaria control from the

The mechanical glitches I will leave to the experts. But the content and the value of seeing the students on your end- in person and asking questions across the divide of 10000 miles or so was beautiful and appreciated by all. The value went both ways and some of the insights from your students resonated with the folks in the audience. Looks like the beginning of a new age and demonstrated to all of us the value of long distance learning.

We need to keep this up and use these conferences to engage supporters in the process - so we can extend it . This will be a theme of a meeting later this year about long distance learning. Also, glad to see

Nelson's watchful eye on the proceedings. Once this becomes a smoother operation, we could well use this for many more activities.

Thanks to all for making this happen.

Roger

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Folks:

I trust these exchanges will continue. I find them valuable and I suspect my view is shared by others at NLM.

I agree it would be helpful for the folks named below (or their designees) to discuss how to remove technical glitches.

NLM's Shyam Devadas and Cary Gordon deserve my thanks for arriving very early yesterday and ensuring a three party video conference occurred.

Sincerely,  
Rob L.

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Hello to everyone!

I would like to send my thanks with much appreciation to Julie, Charles, Shyam, and Kenneth for making it all work technically, despite the

glitches; to Sonja for being so vigilant on the cell phone; and to Rob for being ready to re-arrange venue if necessary!

I'm grateful to Roger Glass and Don Lindberg for shepherding and supporting this collaboration!

PROGRAM: From our end, the outcome was quite good as far as achieving the programmatic goals of the videoconference. The students were able to present their work to an international audience of experts under the watchful eye of their Dean and the Director of the COBES program, both of whom were in the audience. From what I heard, there was two-way learning between continents.

I see the COBES program and the work the students are doing as the anti-dote to brain drain. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to hear your support for what they are trying to accomplish.

We also will be getting press coverage for their work as Uganda's New Vision was there.

Of course, I very much enjoyed seeing friends and colleagues on your end.

TECHNICAL: On the technical side, Kenneth Ojok was very concerned that things were not up to their usual standards at GDLN. The Global Distance Learning Center (GDLN) was set up by the World Bank in a number of countries some years ago for the purpose of distance education. The centers are now responsible for their on-going operation and generate revenue through training and videoconferences. Needless to say, their schedule is very busy. I am glad they could accommodate us and look forward to making more use of this facility.

NEXT STEPS: Now that we all know one another, I hope we can work together to smooth out the kinks.

I think a phone conference among Julie, Charles, Shyam, and Kenneth would make a lot of sense. What do you think? Julie, could you arrange this? The enormous number of e-mails flying around among 13 people was a bit daunting on my end - citrix is difficult here, even on very good days, and a couple of days I've been without connectivity completely. Add to this the several projects I'm working on here and being able to read every e-mail on this videoconference was just not in the realm of my frail human possibility!

I would rather trust you technical experts to figure out the best way to accomplish what we want to do. I would love it if the four of you could work out a system for the next videoconference and let the rest of us

know what we need to do. If Drs. Glass and Lindberg are in agreement, then perhaps that is the best way forward.

Again, many thanks,

Julia

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Many, many thanks to everyone who worked to set this up and to the students who participated! I have already received quite a bit of positive feedback on the conference at this end.

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Agreed,

Rob Logan

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Thank you everyone for all of your efforts -

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