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Ivan welcomed Alric Rüther and Neuman Dieyi to the group

Alric is head of international affairs with IQWiG and member of HTAi.

Oncologist by training, co-founded Cochrane Germany, led HTA work within German MOH, also member of INAHTA, ISPOR.

Neuman is trained as nutritionist and currently finishing an MPH degree at Memorial University and has joined COVID-END to provide technical support to working groups

Other participants on call:

Ivan Florez

Jerry Osheroff

Michael McCaul

Mireille G

Newman Dieyi

Nichole Taske

Per Olav Vandvik

Sandra Zelman Lewis

Tamara Kredo

Xuan Yu

Zac Munn

Secretariat:

Anna Dion

Safa Al-Kateeb

Ivan asked everyone to let Safa know if they are not able to access MS Teams !

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a. Terms of reference have been shared with John to post on website

Proposed HTA-focused group will meet on Fridays, not to have parallel group, but advance HTA-specific discussion to bring to Recommending working group discussions; may invite additional people with HTA expertise to group. !

Group sought clarity about split and emphasized integrated approach to recommending reducing silo-ing between HTA and guideline communities, while also recognizing unique challenges in each field!

Working group reviewed the terms of reference, identified items 1,2 (both in Identifying)

Would like to have similar process for HTA, though more challenging as quality assessment not universally done.!

Assessment needs to recognize context within which guidelines were developed, where and why meets AGREE's standards or not!

Balancing quality and answering urgent needs; understanding what is necessary and sufficient in emergency situations to inform an appropriate response!