Minutes of the ISPD Maternal Screening SIG  
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1. The meeting was well attended.

2. Much of the time was spent discussing the relationship between this special interest group (SIG) and the International Prenatal Screening Group (IPSG - formally, International Down’s Syndrome Screening Group). The general feeling was that the main function of the SIG could be to ratify and publicise developments from IPSG such as policy guidelines.

3. We formulated a development plan and volunteers were assigned to various tasks:
   - Policy guidelines – Peter Benn (benn@nsol.uchc.edu)
   - Variation in current practice worldwide – Peter Schielen (peter.schielen@rivm.nl)
   - Online education – Kevin Spencer (kevinspencer1@aol.com), Andrew Wagner (andrew-wagner@ouhsc.edu) and Yvonne Parker (yvonne.parker@perkinelmer.com)

4. There were also volunteers to have a watching brief for certain specialist areas within the SIG:
   - Single gene disorders - Michal Berkenstadt (mberken@sheba.health.gov.il)
   - Pre-eclampsia and other adverse pregnancy outcomes – Tak Yeung Leung (tyleung@cuhk.edu.hk), Dora Mayen (dgmayen@aol.com)
   - Ultrasound – Steve Warsof (warsofsl@evms.edu), S Rashid (srashid@nygh.on.ca), Tony Borrell (aborrell@medicina.ub.es).

5. We also discussed a registry for rare events but later agreed that this would be best done within IPSG.

Respectfully submitted,

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