SIG leaders Peter Benn, Peter Schielen and Jacqueline Siljee introduce themselves. Since our last SIG meeting the SIG-specific listserv was started, as well as the new ISPD Newsletter “Prenatal Perspectives”.

The ISPD board has met about the function of the SIGs. The SIGs form a bottom-up way to provide the ISPD board with input and to shape the ISPD itself, for instance with input about the meeting program.

- Meeting adjustment ideas offered by SIG members include:
  
  - Parallel sessions for the individual SIGs at the ISPD meeting
  - SIGs should have more say in the meeting, not just a pre-conference course but a full day
  - SIG should produce and publish position statements

At the same time, we would like to know what the SIG members themselves would want out of the SIG:

- SIG members would like to discuss data, screening performance and problems they encounter in screening. The listserv can be used for this purpose.

- Standards for lab monitoring of MoMs, kit lot introductions and acceptable standard deviations for screening parameters, and rules for when to reject results in the laboratory have not been established in many countries. International practice guidelines for serum screening are not available. The SIG could establish international standards and guidelines. A workgroup consisting of Diane Webster and Jacqueline Siljee will use the Listserv to collect those guidelines that are used by SIG members, and compile them. This should result in a standards and guidelines document that will be posted on the ISPD website, once we as a SIG approve it’s contents.

- The same applies for quality assessment in ultrasound. The listserv will be used to compile rules and methods for QA of ultrasound measurements.

- The listserv can be used to communicate about problems with reagents.

- The listserv can be used to add or inquire about pieces for the Newsletter.

- And a summary of the topics that are discussed at the listserv can be posted in the Newsletter.

- There should be a SIG-position statement about the first trimester ultrasound, ultrasound is part of the prenatal maternal screening

SIG interest for pre conference courses include:

- Position of NIPT, ultrasound and first trimester combined tests in screening

- Quality standards and QA monitoring

The effect of NIPT on screening participation is largely unknown. From the SIG we will ask the NIPT-performing companies about the numbers of patients per region, ask them to deliver the numbers every 3 months. Natera (Bowdoin Su) has indicated that their willingness to cooperate.

Meeting transcript will be emailed to all SIG attendees on the email sign in sheet.