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I agree, let's separate them out if we can.

NCE and date-setting for in-country meeting (maybe September) now. If she [presses, you can say that we are sorting out major administrative issues with Metabiota at the moment that we wouldn't want to complicate or color our relationship on these projects going forward. Then we attempt to discuss options with Mary when we can separately before moving forward.

There should be some opportunities, or I can just ask her for a meeting when you all have ideas prepared for a discussion of options with her.

Sound okay?

J

On Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 4:59 PM, Woutrina Smith <wasmith@ucdavis.edu> wrote:

I suggest we deal with the two issues separately. Falgu just asked us to provide her the time of extension and justification, so let's give her that by email to pass up the food chain, and also give the blessing to delay Mary's visit to fall amidst the busy schedules. Those are the highest priority communications and in the context of us all being so busy right now, it may take some time to schedule any follow up calls and meetings, which is fine. Other aspects of MB need time to play out before we address partnership directly for future DTRA work. Wout

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On Apr 19, 2017, at 3:23 PM, Brian Bird <bhbird@ucdavis.edu> wrote:

Makes most sense to me to just be straight forward. Tell MB that we would like to pursue the NCE with them and that we've valued their help in managing the project, but that we'll be striking it out on our own on the next grants moving forward. We might want to have a call with them to help smooth the blow?

And communicate the same to Mary and her team (probably after the NCE is put in and hopefully approved?) so that they are aware.

Perhaps that's not very savvy, but at least it's clean and simple.

-b

aka "bull in china shop"?

**From:** David J Wolking <[djwolking@ucdavis.edu](mailto:djwolking@ucdavis.edu)>

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This is timely and getting tricky with the NCE mixed in with the annual meeting and future collabs angle. The last call I had with Falgu about the equipment process was pretty awkward thanks to that future directions conversation and I simply deflected that one. But without any connections with Mary or the DTRA team directly how should we plan the diplomatic approach for: 1) pass through via MB for the NCE proposal and 2) working around MB to explore future projects?

I'm not responding until we're on the same page here with strategy as Falgu often cold calls me by phone or Skype...

David

On Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 9:32 AM, Falgunee K. Parekh <[fparekh@metabiota.com](mailto:fparekh@metabiota.com)> wrote:

Hi All,

Now that the Year 3 funds have been released and the equipment purchase has been approved, I think it is a good time to discuss the Request for No Cost Extension (NCE). Currently the Period of Performance is set to end around August 5, 2017. How much additional time do you think we need? I know that we have previously discussed 6 months, but would 9 months be more appropriate to account for variations in seasonality and any potential delays in sample collection and analysis? Please let me know what would work best for you and also provide a justification for that amount of time that we can present to DTRA.

Also, I spoke with Mary briefly about the annual meeting. The earliest that she could be available for in-country meetings is end of July/beginning of August. She would prefer to see some preliminary results at the annual meeting, so if we need to delay to the fall then that is fine. Can you please let me know when you may have some preliminary results ready to present, and when would be a good time to have in-country meetings?

Finally, Mary seems very supportive of us pursuing follow-on work. This would be done through the normal BAA process, however prior to submitting an abstract we can have preliminary conversations to discuss potential concepts. Please send any potential research concepts that you may be interested in pursuing that would be reasonable follow-ons to the current projects. I would like to set up a meeting in the next few weeks to discuss potential concepts so that we can begin those conversations with Mary. As you may recall with these current grants, the process can take some time with DTRA, so now is the right time to start planning for the follow-on. Thanks.