

KLINIK MIT POLIKLINIK FÜR KINDER UND JUGENDLICHE

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Re: metab-I

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This is to announce "metab-I", an open, professional, electronic mailing-list for the discussion of topics related to Inborn Errors of Metabolism.

To subscribe please send email to majordomo@rachael.franken.de with `subscribe metab-I your-complete-email-address` in the body, no subject necessary. Please note: Rachael, not Rachel.

Anyone with a valid email-address should be able to subscribe. Please report any problems you face to me.

Of course, apart from what you already pay for your personal communication (sending and receiving email) no other costs are involved.

Majordomo is one well-known software for establishing mailing-list features. Mailing-lists are a means of distributing single articles or postings to all those addressees, who have "subscribed" to the list, i.e. whose email addresses are in the majordomo database for this special list.

By posting an article not to one single addressee alone, but to metab-I@rachael.franken.de, you order the majordomo to distribute the article to all the other colleagues subscribed. This is like speaking aloud during a congress dinner and being overheard by colleagues that might contribute valuably to your work.

Metab-I is just a pilot project in computer-mediated communication between colleagues interested in Inborn Errors of Metabolism.

The vision is for us to discuss and exchange freely difficult problems, interesting ideas, intriguing laboratory procedures, fascinating congress insights, common programs, long-sought addresses, perhaps even the latest job-opportunity.

Metab-I is a pilot project meant for us to come to know each other better, to grow together as a professional Virtual Community, to work together much more closely for a mutual benefit.

Metab-I is a pilot project meant to evolve by common effort. Let's use it and see what needs to be improved, changed, added or deleted.

E.g. additional mailing-lists dealing only with special diseases, scientific areas or official society announcements might finally become of interest.

Metab-I is just a pilot project now, I tend to think, though, that it might become to all of us a quite valuable asset enriching our daily work. Anyway, I am sure it will be fun to watch.

I even think that for some of metab-I could be the incentive for finally seeking and acquiring email-access.

We will report about the project`s development.

I do hope to meet you on the list and send kind regards

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There is a questionnaire being sent to you that tries to evaluate your present use of computer-mediated communication. I would be very glad for you to take the few minutes, fill out the form and send it back to me.