iARC Meeting February 2nd 2018: minutes

The meeting commenced at 22:00 AEST, and concluded at 23:00 AEST. All members of the committee were present, and the meeting was conducted using Skype.

1. As the minutes of the previous meeting had not been circulated, it was agreed that the minutes would be considered by all members prior to the next meeting, and that if they have no problems with the minutes, they would indicate their acceptance via emails to the committee chair. Any changes that need to be made to the minutes can be made via the shared googledoc.
2. It was agreed that generally, information regarding 'warning flags' and other guidelines used by the iARC should be readily available to interested parties. It was also suggested that any presentation of information should not give the impression that meeting these 'rules' does not guarantee acceptance of an inference by the committee.
3. The iARC is in agreement that their early acceptance of inference must be as solid as possible. We do not want to make any mistakes in our early deliberations.
4. Discussion addressed the question of whether or not separate rules should govern acceptance of an inference at the different levels. The committee reviewed the resolutions of the AIRR community and agreed that it was intended that a single set of rules be applied. However there was concern that the colour-coded designations proposed might wrongly become associated with the level of confidence of the iARC in an inference. It was agreed that the iARC must always have great confidence in their decisions. It was agreed that the problem of perceptions could be satisfactorily addressed if a different naming system, such as Levels 1, 2 and 3, was adopted. The committee will consider appropriate names at a future meeting.
5. The next meeting will be held at 22:00 AEST on February 9th.