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Subject: Re: SARF098 PAMP Refresh
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Dear Colleagues,

There are several issues concerning the SARF098 PAMP Refresh project for your consideration:

1. The final complete report document

This is attached as a PDF file with three components: a revised PREAMBLE for your consideration/approval, the SARF Review, and the original SAMS 2016 Report. Changes will have to be made to the inner front page eg ISBN etc. Subject to your approval, this "package " will be published on our website.

2. The emails received from SAMS

These are attached in a single Word document. It seems that there are two main issues for the SARF Board to consider:

- SAMS seem to be requesting the ability to add some further 'comment text'. Please let us have your thoughts on this, but we would point out that SAMS had an opportunity to amend their report after its first draft. We would also be concerned whether, once the Board saw any new 'comment' from SAMS, it would feel the need to then add its own further 'comment on the comment'.
- SAMS is concerned about clarity on the identity of some of the referees, but on this point SARF's rules are very clear: **the identity of all referees is always strictly protected**. If details about referees do emerge in the fullness of time, it will be because someone has broken that fundamental SARF rule.

3. Press Release

[REDACTED] asks about a joint press release. SARF does not ordinarily get involved in such matters, and we wouldn't know who to send a 'press release' to if we did try to create one. Nevertheless, we are very happy to take advice and instruction from the Board on this: many of you will have much more experience on such matters within your organisations. It might be seen as helpful if a suitable joint press release i.e. SARF and SAMS is produced.

At this stage we would ask Directors for their feedback:

- Your **approval** of the text amendments to the Preamble section. If you wish to suggest further amendments to the text, please cc. all colleagues in order to facilitate the subsequent adoption of any changes
- Your thoughts on the issue of a Press Release, specifically:

- Does SARF need to prepare one
- If so, should it be a joint one with SAMS
- Can your organisation assist with suggestions about what the Release should contain
- Please let me have any further comments to both this covering email and any aspect of the proposed publication of the "package" on our website.

If you could respond by **Wednesday 11th July**, that would be most helpful.

The final stage of consultation relating to this project will involve the final approval of the Board to publish the full report "package" – if necessary as amended by this current consultation exercise.

Kind regards,

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