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# OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE COLLABORATION

## UPDATE IN PROGRESS AS AT 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012:

- Unfortunately very slow progress has been to date.
- Brian Hicks had been sending Cambridge lots of emails in the Hilary term and received no responses from them.
- Brian gave them until the end of the Hilary term and before taking the action to chase them face to face at the Oxford and Cambridge Conference of Colleges (Friday 23rd March at the National Space Centre, Leicester).
- Brian attended this conference, hosted a round table discussion for this collaboration titled “To Talk or Not to Talk?” and he learnt a lot to why he was receiving no replies.
- It appears that Cambridge has very little internal collaboration themselves. Despite being able to organise a very useful and successful conference, and having a dedicated team of people to establish communication internally, it became evident that Cambridge has great difficulty with communicating with one another. It’s probably fair to say that they are ten years behind Oxford in this field, if you thought Oxford was bad then we are in paradise compared to them!
- The round table discussion opened up some new and great ideas and Facebook was suggested as a possible communication medium for this collaboration.
- Brian’s concern now is how far this project will fly, especially with his recent experiences and findings previously mentioned.
- Based on Brian’s findings and the round table discussion he hosted, Brian is now reviewing this project from another angle and will report his new plan of action once he has it established.

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