CropLife Europe inputs to the 1st Meeting of EFSA Tools technical group

Key messages

- **CLE sees the system developing positively with continuous improvements being made.**
  - EFSA staff responsiveness is much appreciated.

- **We see opportunities for improvement in order to increase efficiency and accuracy of the system and data**

Database related / technical topics: Correction and accuracy of entries

- **Currently the Business Operator has no possibility to check if the entries were made correctly, as no export functionality exists and the access to EFSA.connect is limited**
    - ❑ The implementation of the export functionality being announced for Q4/2022 is highly anticipated.
    - ❑ The export should be a data format (e.g. XLSX, CSV, XLM), not an unstructured text file.

- **In the future, an import functionality allowing for validation would increase efficiency of the notification process. For achieving this two elements are critical:**
    - ❑ Validation of data upon upload against picklists etc.
    - ❑ **Accurate** background lists of field values in accessible form (XLSX, CSV). Currently, the lists in Zenodo are not 100% accurate

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- **Item Lists**
    - ❑ Information on what is new/changed/deleted in those list of entries is not communicated to applicants
    - ❑ There are still redundancies in the study type list (*e.g. Efficacy vs. Efficacy Data*, *Human Observational Study vs. Human Observational Studies*).
    - ❑ Study Type background list report is now available in the portal, but does not accurately reflect the selections available in the study notification form itself:

Study Type report in portal

Study Type values available on notification form

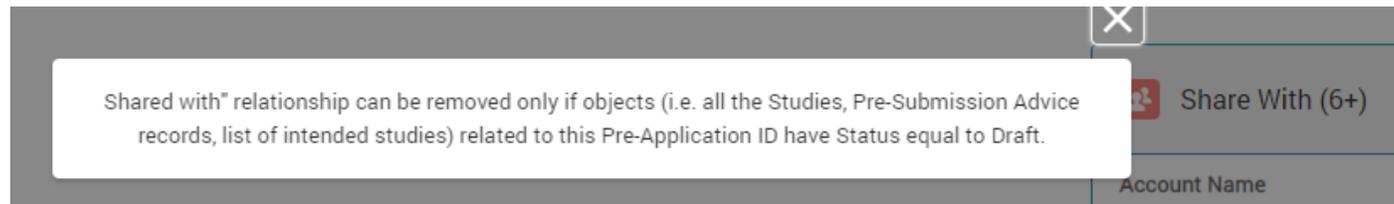Missing selection on study notification form

Database related / technical topics: Restrictive Sharing Settings

- **Editing Sharing settings**
  - It is currently only possible to remove 'shared with' relationships on 'draft' status notifications or pre-app IDs where ALL objects are in 'Draft' status. It must be possible to modify the 'shared with' relationship on notified studies and pre-app IDs, in case a Task force membership changes, or a study ownership is divested to another company, after a study is notified, or the pre-app ID has been submitted for the R-PSA process.

- **Case Study**
  - Renewal Pre-App ID for active substance created by leading applicant of Task Force
  - Pre-app ID 'Shared with' 6 other task force members
  - Submitted list of intended studies for R-PSA process
  - 6 months later, two members of the Task Force decided to leave the Task Force. Contractually, the exiting members no longer have permission to access study information related to the Task Force
  - **However, the leading applicant of the Task Force is unable to remove exiting Task Force member from pre-app ID and study notifications, due to system restrictions**

Shared with" relationship can be removed only if objects (i.e. all the Studies, Pre-Submission Advice records, list of intended studies) related to this Pre-Application ID have Status equal to Draft.

Share With (6+)

Account Name

- <u>Consequence of system restrictions</u>: Confidential information in the EFSA database is now transparent to non-contractually obligated industry competitors