Figure 1. As a result of participating in this working group, I have a better understanding of:

- new methods and modeling techniques that need to be developed: Agree = 4, Strongly Agree = 4
- the types of data needed to better inform existing models: Agree = 4, Disagree = 1
- the modeling techniques available on the working group’s topic: Agree = 4, Strongly Agree = 4
- the research data available on the working group’s topic: Agree = 3, Strongly Agree = 4

Figure 2. Please check the appropriate box to indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about this working group:

- I would recommend participating in NIMBioS working groups to my colleagues: Agree = 3, Strongly Agree = 5
- The group discussions were useful: Agree = 3, Strongly Agree = 5
- The presentations were useful: Agree = 3, Strongly Agree = 5
- The presenters were very knowledgeable about their topics: Agree = 2, Strongly Agree = 6
- The working group met my expectations: Agree = 6, Disagree = 2
- I feel the working group was very productive: Agree = 5, Strongly Agree = 3
Figure 3. Please let us know how the following aspects of your working group compared to your expectations before becoming a member of the group:

- The ability of group leaders to move the group forward
  - Short of expectations: 1
  - Equals expectations: 4
  - Exceeds expectations: 2
  - Far exceeds expectations: 1

- The overall cohesiveness of the group
  - Short of expectations: 1
  - Equals expectations: 5
  - Exceeds expectations: 2
  - Far exceeds expectations: 2

- Your integration within the group (i.e., the feeling that you are an important and contributing member of the group)
  - Short of expectations: 4
  - Equals expectations: 3
  - Exceeds expectations: 3

Figure 4. How satisfied were you with the following accommodations provided to you?

- Comfort of the facility in which the working group took place
  - Not applicable: 1
  - Neutral: 7

- Resources of the facility in which the working group took place
  - Not applicable: 1
  - Neutral: 7

- Travel arranged by NIMBioS
  - Not applicable: 1
  - Neutral: 7

- Housing arranged by NIMBioS
  - Not applicable: 1
  - Neutral: 7
8 out of 10 attendees felt participating in the working group helped them understand the research happening in other disciplines in the group's topic area.

7 out of 10 attendees felt the working group made adequate progress, for its first meeting, toward finding a common language across disciplines in the research area.

7 out of 10 attendees felt that the exchange of ideas that took place during the working group will influence their future research.

Possibly as I contemplate future grant applications.

5 out of 10 attendees developed unanticipated plans for collaborative research with other working group participants.

Made plans to collaborate with a medical doctor utilizing his data.

3 out of 10 attendees felt the expectations for the next working group are clear.

8 out of 10 attendees feel the working group was a very effective format for achieving goals.

What do you feel was the most useful aspect of the working group?

Getting a broader understanding of body surface photonic scanning and how it is being done.

Developing an understanding of the current state of knowledge and identifying which areas of research are likely to be most productive.

hearing about the work of others related to our work

Various disciplines gathering together discussing ideas, presenting relevant work and making plans for collaboration.

Seeing what everyone else is working on.

Receiving briefs from each group members on their respective disciplines.

Open discussion forum among a variety of expertise. Some truly new ideas came to me as a result. Very collaborative environment which means it was easy to think of new ideas. At the same time, very rooted in how to make this a self-sustaining effort. Very cool presentations which encouraged brainstorming and feedback.
What, if anything, would you change about the working group?

Invite mathematicians that are already working in the area of shape analysis for other applications.

There were some people at the meeting who weren't really in the field and didn't really contribute much (e.g., dynamic modeling of blood pressure, economics). I would have invited other people with more relevant expertise in body composition or imaging.

Nothing, it was a great environment, with great leadership.

Maybe adding someone with core imaging expertise - who actually works on acquisition protocols.

Additional comments:

Wonderful experience; thanks for the hospitality.

Am very happy to have been included in this working group, was a very useful endeavor.