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CPI Newsletter – December 2016  
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## Update from Dr. James Batteas, CPI Chair

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Dear Colleagues-

I hope that you have all had a good semester. Here, I am happy to provide you with our final update of 2016 on the activities for the CPI and CPI-EC over the past month. First, an update on the competitive scholarship waiver. As was previously announced, the competitive scholarship waiver was slated to increase from \$1,000 to \$4,000, and would have an adverse effect on our graduate programs. At this time, it has now been announced that this increase will only apply to out-of-state undergraduate students and we appreciate the administration's revision of this pending policy. In our work on core facilities, The Research Development Fund – Advisory Committee (RDF-AC) has evaluated 13 new applications and are expected to announce the results of the last round of requests shortly. Next month, Dr. Penny Riggs, Chair of the RDF-AC, and CPI Vice-Chair, will give an update on the RDF at the general meeting on January 11, 2017. The CPI-EC met with Dr. Clare Gill to receive an update on progress on streamlining core facilities at TAMU. Dr. Gill, in her position as a Faculty Fellow in the VPR's office, has been working with many groups across campus to develop a detailed list of the available facilities at TAMU and to begin the process of introducing iLab Solutions, a software interface that will permit online instrument reservation, usage tracking and billing for core facilities that wish to take advantage of these capabilities. Dr. Gill will provide an update on this at today's general meeting. The iLabs package would also provide a way to uniquely see all of the available capabilities on campus on a single platform. At last month's general meeting, Dr. François Gabbai, Chair of the Texas A&M Mass Spectrometry Collaborative Core Steering Committee, presented the outline of their plans for facility integration across campus. The CPI-EC greatly appreciates and thanks Dr. Gabbai, and all of the committee members (Dr. Tom Boutton, Dr. Larry Dangott, Dr. Ethan Grossman, Dr. Tim Herrman, Dr. Arul Jayaraman, Dr. Chris Kerth, Dr. Tony Knap, Dr. Brent Miller, Dr. Brendan Roark, and Dr. David Russell) for their diligent work on this, and we look forward to working with the committee as they move forward with proposed plans for the build-up of the MS facilities.

On the front of reducing administrative burdens, the CPI Officers meet with system members to begin the process of evaluating current system regulations related to research to look at what current rules are in place, how they compare to Federal and State laws, and where rules may exceed these laws, to have an explanation as to why they do, and either amend them, or develop methods to reduce the burden on PIs with regards to meeting the compliance requirements for these regulations. At our first meeting on November 21, 2016, some guiding principles were discussed with regards to adopting a service mentality when working with PIs on compliance related issues, and we look forward to receiving an update from the system on the current regulations, and will be working through the Division of Research on any proposed needs or changes.

Lastly, I want to note a couple of bookkeeping items. As it is unlikely that standing committees, such as the RDF-AC, will be our only newly formed CPI standing committee, we are drafting revised language to the CPI bylaws, and this will be presented shortly. Also, with the formation of a new post-doctoral association, as with our graduate student association, I have invited the post-doctoral association to provide a non-voting member to the CPI to attend and participate in CPI general meetings, and I look forward to them joining us. As always, your input remains needed in our efforts to continue to improve the research environment. This is best accomplished by contacting the CPI Representatives for your college, department or unit, which can be found on the CPI website at <http://cpi.tamu.edu/membership>. You can contact us at [cpi@tamu.edu](mailto:cpi@tamu.edu) or email/call me directly at [batteas@chem.tamu.edu](mailto:batteas@chem.tamu.edu) or 979.458.2965. I wish you the best for a happy and healthy new year! See you in 2017!

## Research Development Fund Update

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The RDF Advisory Committee received 13 applications requesting \$21.2 million in resources. The committee will offer their evaluation of requests to the RDF Management Committee this week. Updates will be provided at the January CPI meeting and via the RDF website ([rdf.tamu.edu](http://rdf.tamu.edu)). Reminder: Summaries for the next round of application requests are due February 15, 2017, and full applications are due March 11.

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## DEA Renewal Applications Online

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Starting January 1, 2017, DEA will only send out one renewal notification in accordance with Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1301.13(e)(3). The renewal notification will be sent to the “mail to” address for each DEA registrant approximately 65 days prior to the expiration date. No other reminders to renew the DEA registration will be mailed.

The online capability to renew a DEA registration after the expiration date will no longer be available. Registrants will have to complete an application for a new DEA registration if they do not renew by midnight Eastern Time of the expiration date. The original DEA registration will not be reinstated.

Paper renewal applications will not be accepted the day after the expiration date. If DEA has not received the paper renewal application by the day of the expiration date, mailed in renewal applications will be returned and the registrant will have to apply for a new DEA registration.

## International Human Research Standards Released

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The 2017 edition of the International Compilation of Human Research Standards has been released and is now available on-line: <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/international/compilation-human-research-standards/index.html>

The Compilation features listings of over 1,000 laws, regulations, and guidelines on human subject protections in 126 countries, as well as standards issued by a number of international and regional organizations.

The updated edition includes hundreds of updates from the previous year. Six new countries are included in the 2017 edition: Benin, Bermuda, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Guyana, and Senegal.

The listings are organized into eight categories:

1. General Research
2. Drugs and Devices
3. Clinical Trial Registries
4. Research Injury
5. Privacy/Data Protection
6. Human Biological Materials
7. Genetic Research
8. Embryos, Stem Cells, and Cloning

Many of the listings include a hyperlink that allows the user to directly access the law, regulation, or guideline of interest.

Prepared by the Office for Human Research Protections of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Compilation is designed for use by IRBs, researchers, sponsors, and others involved in human subjects research around the world. The Compilation was first published in 2005 and is updated annually.

## Reminder about IBC Meetings and Administrative Support

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IBC meetings are open to the public, typically convened on the fourth Wednesday of each month, in room 101 A of the GSC. PIs are invited to attend any time, but especially when/if their submission will be reviewed by the IBC. All IBC-permitted PIs are encouraged to utilize the resources available in the Biosafety Program. The IBC

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coordinators are happy to assist them, either by phone (862-4549) or in person in suite 2701 of the General Services Complex, with any problems they have in making their submissions in iRIS.

## **iRIS Update Arriving in January**

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The newest version of iRIS (10) will be deployed in January. Additional updates including screen shots of a few of the changes will be shared through the iRIS email. One major change will be the opportunity to log in with either NetID or UIN.

## **NIH Peer Review: Advice from Experts**

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### **NIH Study Section Discussion, Study Section Reviewers Panel**

When: 2:00-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2017

Where: 601 Rudder

Contacts: John Ivy, Sr. Research Development Officer, [john-ivy@tamu.edu](mailto:john-ivy@tamu.edu)  
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What happens when the grant proposal you've worked on for months arrives at the NIH? How do study section reviewers discuss and score proposals? What makes some proposals more powerful than others? These and other questions will be addressed during this 90-minute seminar and include discussions with Texas A&M faculty who have served as NIH study section reviewers.

Additional information about the event will be published soon.

## **Writing Successful Proposals**

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### **Workshop, Q&A**

When: 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2017

Where: 103 Henderson Hall

Contact: Jim Izat, Sr. Research Development Officer, [jimizat@tamu.edu](mailto:jimizat@tamu.edu)

The workshop covers the best practices for successful proposals to federal and other funding agencies. Questions will be taken at the end of the session until all have been asked.

Registration now open at [https://u.tamu.edu/WSP\\_Sp2017](https://u.tamu.edu/WSP_Sp2017). Register by 12:00 Noon, March 2.

## **NSF CAREER & DOD Young Investigators Programs**

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### **Proposal Workshop Sponsored by TEES and the Texas A&M Division of Research**

When: Time *TBA* on Friday, March 3, 2017

Location: *TBA*

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Additional information will be provided soon. This workshop will be followed by a 2017 NSF CAREER Proposal Writers' Group.

Additional information about the event will be published soon.

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## 2017 NSF CAREER Proposal Writers' Group Inaugural Meeting

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### Inaugural Meeting, Q&A, Subsequent Writing Group Meetings

When: 2:00-3:30 p.m. on March 22, 2017  
Where: 103 Henderson Hall  
Contact: Jim Izat, Sr. Research Development Officer, [jizat@tamu.edu](mailto:jizat@tamu.edu)

The workshop covers the strategies and considerations relevant to creation of successful proposals submitted to 2017 NSF CAREER Grant Program. Questions will be taken at the end of the session until all have been asked and answered.

Registration now open at <https://goo.gl/VFN2yq>. Register by 12:00 noon, March 22.

## Demystifying the NSF!

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### Workshop, Q&A

When: 1:00-3:30 p.m. on March 28, 2017  
Where: 103 Henderson Hall  
Contact: Jim Izat, Sr. Research Development Officer, [jizat@tamu.edu](mailto:jizat@tamu.edu)

This workshop familiarizes participants with the mission and structure of the National Science Foundation, the NSF merit review process, how to navigate the NSF website, and how to find relevant funding and other NSF related information.

Registration now open at <https://u.tamu.edu/DNSFSp2017>. Register by 12:00 noon, March 28.

## NSF Broader Impacts Workshop

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### Workshop, Q&A

When: 2:00-3:00 p.m. on April 12, 2017  
Where: 103 Henderson Hall  
Contact: Contact: Jim Izat, Sr. Research Development Officer, [jizat@tamu.edu](mailto:jizat@tamu.edu)

The workshop covers the strategies and considerations relevant to the Broader Impacts requirement of grant proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation. Questions will be taken at the end of the session until all have been asked and answered.

Registration now open at <https://u.tamu.edu/NSFBISp2017>. Register by 12:00 noon, April 12.

## Sign Up for Notifications about Limited Submission Proposal Opportunities

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The list of current Limited Submission Proposal (LSP) opportunities, maintained by the Division of Research, is available at <https://u.tamu.edu/LSP>.

To receive notifications about new LSP opportunities as soon as they are announced, email Ms. Shelly Martin at [shelly.martin@tamu.edu](mailto:shelly.martin@tamu.edu).

## Bulletin for Principal Investigators

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