CPI Meeting Agenda
March 6, 2013 (11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.)
Rudder Tower, room 601

(11:30 – 11:45) Lunch

(11:45 – 11:55) Call to order/Opening remarks: (Moderated by Dr. Reza Langari, CPI Chair)

(11:55 – 12:25) Overview and discussion of the "25 by 25 Initiative" – Dr. M. Katherine Banks, Director of the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station and Vice Chancellor and Dean of Engineering at Texas A&M University

(12:25 – 12:45) Open forum discussion: (Moderated by Dr. Reza Langari, CPI Chair)

(12:45 – 12:55) Export Controls update – Ms. Katherine Rojo del Busto, Executive Associate Vice President for Administration & Chief of Staff, Division of Research, Texas A&M University

(12:55 – 1:05) Open forum discussion: (Moderated by Dr. Reza Langari, CPI Chair)

(1:05 – 1:15) Other business: (Moderated by Dr. Reza Langari, CPI Chair)

(1:15) Adjournment
Included in this issue:

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Preview of April 10, 2013 general CPI meeting
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At the April 10, 2013 in Rudder Tower, room 701 (NOTE: room change from 601) from 11:30 – 1:15 p.m. Dr. Jon Mogford, Chief Research Officer of The Texas A&M University System, will provide updates on Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) requirements and activities of the System Office of Research. In addition, Dr. Richard Gomer, Professor of Biology and Chair of the Intellectual Property Constituent Committee (IPCC) will provide an update on IPCC activities and Mr. Brett Cornwell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Commercialization, will provide on update on the Office of Technology Commercialization. Additional agenda items may be added to the agenda at CPI Chair’s discretion. As a reminder, the remaining 2013 CPI meeting schedule is available at http://cpi.tamu.edu/meetings/2012-13.

Summary of February 27, 2013 CPI Executive Committee (EC) meeting with research administrators from Texas A&M, AgriLife Research, HSC, TEES and TTI
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The CPI Executive Committee (EC) held its monthly coordination meeting on February 27, 2013 from 11:30-1:15 p.m. at the Williams Administration Building, room 310. Research administration representatives from Texas A&M, AgriLife Research, HSC, TEES and TTI are invited to these coordination meetings. Agenda items included: a review of the March 6th full CPI meeting agenda and discussion of agenda items for the April and May CPI meeting; review of the March 6th CPI EC meeting agenda with the President and Provost; update on IRB matters; space assessment issues; and review of a draft PI survey regarding issues affecting the research enterprise.

Upcoming CPI EC meetings with administration and other entities
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The CPI EC will hold its next meeting with the President and Provost on March 6, 2013 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in the President’s conference room, 10th floor Rudder. Agenda items include discussion of the 25 by 25 initiative; space assessment issues; additional support for graduate students; impact of sequestration; and Kyle field renovations and student fees.

Other upcoming CPI EC meetings include a meeting with the Distinguished Professors Executive Committee on April 1st; a meeting with Congressman Bill Flores the week of April 1st; and a meeting with the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, on April 8, 2013 from 2-4 p.m. at the System headquarters at the John B. Connally Building. After each of these meetings, the CPI EC will report back to the full CPI membership at the monthly CPI meeting and to the PI community through the monthly newsletter.

PI survey on issues affecting the research enterprise (open through 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5th)
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In an effort for the elected CPI members to better understand the broad issues affecting the PI community we have been elected to represent, the CPI Executive Committee has created a brief PI survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CPI_2013.

The survey is anonymous and should only take a minimal amount of time to complete. Your consideration and participation is greatly appreciated. The survey will be open until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5th.

Questions can be directed to the CPI Chair at rlangari@tamu.edu or the CPI Coordinator at cpi@tamu.edu.

Update on VPR search
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The members of the Vice President for Research (VPR) Search Committee continue to review applications. Nominations continue to be welcomed and accepted, and several additional candidate applications have been submitted and are being reviewed.
Information about the position and how to apply can be found at http://vprsearch.tamu.edu/, and nominations can be sent to search advisory committee chair Dr. B. Don Russell at bdrussell@tamu.edu. Please note that self-nominations will be accepted.

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Public Use Data Files
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A list of public use data files has been reviewed by the Texas A&M Institutional Review Board (IRB) with the intent of making these data files available for public use. Therefore, no further review by the Texas A&M IRB is required for studies involving these public use data files. For the list and additional information including cases that do require review, see the guidance online at http://vpr.tamu.edu/compliance/rcc/irb/irb-decisions/public-use-data-sets.

If you would like to seek approval of a data set for addition to this inventory, then contact the IRB at irb@tamu.edu for approval of the data set as a public use data file.

Texas A&M – National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) Collaborative Research Grant Program
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A call for Letters of Intent has been issued for the Texas A&M – NSFC Collaborative Research Grant Program. This newly developed program between Texas A&M University and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) aims to encourage research collaborations between faculty at Texas A&M and faculty at Chinese universities or research institutes. The program is designed to facilitate faculty-to-faculty collaboration and deepen research ties, with the aim to further basic scientific research that can foster joint applications to extramural funding programs.

The announcement at the Division's website gives details about this program, including priority research areas and submission processes. The due date for letters of intent is Monday, April 1, 2013, at 12 noon. Full proposals must be submitted to Texas A&M and NSFC by Monday, June 3, 2013.

This program is open to all areas of research that are mutually supported by NSFC and Texas A&M. Research areas supported by NSFC are described in its annual program guide and more generally at NSFC’s English website.

Awards, which will offer up to $25,000 in support for the Texas A&M faculty member and up to 50,000 RMB for the Chinese collaborator, must involve a joint research project directed by two principal investigators—one from Texas A&M and one from a Chinese university or research institution.

The program is open to all tenured or tenure-track faculty at Texas A&M University. The Texas A&M University investigator must be a principal or co-principal investigator on a competitive, federally sponsored research project awarded within the previous five years. The principal investigator in China must have a current NSFC grant.

Please contact Dr. Charles A. Johnson (cjohnson@tamu.edu) or Ms. Monica Holder (m-holder@tamu.edu) if you have questions regarding the program.

Texas A&M – CONACYT: Collaborative Research Grant Program
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A call for Letters of Intent has been issued for the Texas A&M University-CONACYT: Collaborative Research Grant Program. The program aims to facilitate faculty-to-faculty collaborations between researchers in Mexico and at Texas A&M University. The program provides seed funding for projects that will yield preliminary results enabling competitive joint applications to extramural funding programs in the United States or Mexico.
The announcement at the Division’s website gives details about this program, including submission processes. The due date for Letters of Intent is Friday, March 25, 2013, at 12:00 noon. Full proposals must be submitted by May 13, 2013.

Principal investigators (PIs) may apply for a Regular Research Award providing up to $24,000 in joint funding or a Special Research Project Award providing up to $75,000 in joint funding. PIs may not submit proposals to both award programs. The award must involve a joint research project directed by two PIs – one from Texas A&M University and one from a higher education institution or research center in Mexico.

The program is open to all tenured or tenure-track faculty at Texas A&M University. The Texas A&M University investigator must be a principal or co-principal investigator on a competitive, federally sponsored research project awarded within the previous five years. The collaborating PI in Mexico must be a principal or co-principal investigator for a CONACYT research grant received in the previous five years.

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4th Cardiovascular Research Institute (CVRI) Symposium
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The 4th CVRI Research Symposium will be held on the Texas A&M Health Science Center (HSC) College of Medicine campus at the Medical Education Center at Scott & White in Temple, TX on May 2-3. The theme of the 2 day symposium is collaboration and interaction of cardiovascular investigators from the HSC, Texas A&M University, Scott and White Healthcare and the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System. The symposium program and abstract form can be found at http://medicine.tamhsc.edu/research/centers/cvri/symposium.html.

Save the Date: Smart Grid Workshop
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The Smart Grid Center at the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station is organizing a Smart Grid Workshop on April 17, 2013. The workshop will offer insights into advanced technologies and research methodologies that are being developed by the A&M campus researchers. Registration information and event details are available at http://smartgridcenter.tamu.edu/sgc/.

Student Research Week
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Since 1994, Texas A&M has hosted its very own student research conference. Every year, the majority of an entire week is devoted to Texas A&M’s undergraduate and graduate students, allowing and encouraging students to showcase their research through both poster and oral presentations. Registration is now open! To register, please visit the following website: http://srw.tamu.edu.

Participants Include: Presenters (undergraduate & graduate students); Judges (faculty, graduate students, field professionals); and Volunteers (anyone affiliated with Texas A&M).

Judging is a very important part of SRW. In fact, awards given to presenters are based on scores given by the judges. If you register to be a judge, you will likely be judging an oral session or poster(s) whose topic(s) of research is (are) familiar to you. Oral sessions last about two hours each, and your time assignment will correspond to your availability (provided on your registration form). There are score sheets provided for both oral and poster presentations. This year, we would like to see more participation for presenters, judges, and volunteers. Please encourage your students as well as your peers to present research and provide valuable insight to presenters.

Questions about judging? Contact Rejeana Gvillo: dsl-srw-judges@studentlife.tamu.edu
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