



# Council of Principal Investigators

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Principal Investigators,

The agenda and materials for the August 10, 2011 CPI meeting (Rudder 701; 11:30-1:15 p.m.) are available on the CPI website at [http://cpi.tamu.edu/CPI\\_8.10.11.pdf](http://cpi.tamu.edu/CPI_8.10.11.pdf).

The meeting will include a presentation of the 2010-11 CPI Annual Report; recognition of outgoing CPI Officers, Executive Committee and Council Members; introduction of incoming CPI members; and an update on the Office of Sponsored Research Services (OSRS)

If you plan to attend in person as an observer, please email [cpi@tamu.edu](mailto:cpi@tamu.edu). The meetings are open to the public and are webcast live at <http://ttvn.tamu.edu/webcasts> on Channel 20. Previous CPI meetings can be viewed at <http://cpi.tamu.edu/videos>.

Our monthly electronic newsletter is included below and includes items of interest to the research community. Please send comments regarding the newsletter to [cpi@tamu.edu](mailto:cpi@tamu.edu).

To learn more about CPI membership, activities and initiatives, visit <http://cpi.tamu.edu>.

Sincerely,

Terry Thomas, Ph.D.  
Chair, Council of Principal Investigators

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**CPI Newsletter – August 2011**  
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### **Preview of September CPI Meeting**

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The first meeting of the Council of Principal Investigators for the 2011-12 session is September 14, 2011. Traditionally at each September meeting, the President of Texas A&M University provides an address to the Council and participates in a question and answer session. The CPI would like to extend its appreciation to Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, President of Texas A&M University, for taking the time to participate in the first meeting of the Council's 2011-12 session. This meeting will also be the first chaired by the 2011-12 incoming CPI Chair, Dr. Lawrence Rauchwerger. The full 2011-12 CPI Membership Roster can be found at [http://cpi.tamu.edu/records/2011-12\\_roster.pdf](http://cpi.tamu.edu/records/2011-12_roster.pdf).

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### **Regular CPI Executive Committee Meetings with Administrators**

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The CPI Executive Committee (EC) meets monthly with the President and Provost and quarterly with the CEOs of TAMUS research entities (Texas A&M University, Texas A&M Health Science Center, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Texas AgriLife Research, and Texas Transportation Institute). Updates about these meetings will be provided in future CPI monthly newsletters. As a reminder, the monthly CPI Executive Committee coordination meetings (like the full CPI meetings) are open to anyone who would like to attend. These meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month from 11:30-1:15 p.m., usually in the Williams Administration Building, room 310. If you would like to attend as an observer, send an email to [cpi@tamu.edu](mailto:cpi@tamu.edu) 3-5 days prior to the meeting date.

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### **Biosafety Advisory Committee**

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In June, the VPR's office reviewed the recommendations submitted by the Biosafety Advisory Committee for streamlining the process associated with implementing biosafety and compliance practices, and provided an executive response to individual recommendations. The VPR's office accepted, in principle, most of the recommendations, and has agreed to work towards implementing them. A complete copy of the recommendations and the executive response can be found at [http://cpi.tamu.edu/BACreport\\_2011.pdf](http://cpi.tamu.edu/BACreport_2011.pdf).

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### **Update on the Office of Sponsored Research Services (OSRS)**

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Middle management positions have been filled. The directors are in the process of finalizing the Contracts and Grants staff transfer into OSRS. These transfers will be effective September 1, 2011. Next we will focus on transferring the Business Services staff into OSRS. The goal is to have all staff transferred into OSRS by September 1, 2011. Work continues on finalizing the assessment methodology and the agreement between OSRS and each system member. The management team of OSRS, with the assistance of the staff members, from the various system members continues to work on the implementation of the best practice recommendations.

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### **Intellectual Property Constituent Committee (IPCC)**

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The Intellectual Property Constituent Committee (IPCC) is a standing TAMUS committee that is chaired by a faculty representative, and comprised of no fewer than three faculty or research representatives, three deans and three administrators within the system. The committee reviews quarterly reports provided by the OTC and makes recommendations on policies and other matter relating to intellectual property affecting faculty to the IP Oversight Committee (IPOC). The IPOC is chaired by the Chancellor and comprised of the CEOs from each system member principally involved in research and commercialization as determined by the chancellor, and on faculty representative. (See TAMUS Policy 17.01, *Intellectual Property Management & Commercialization*, Section 7.3 *Intellectual Property Committees* at <http://policies.tamus.edu/17-01.pdf>) Dr. James Moore, Professor of Biomedical Engineering in the Dwight Look College of Engineering is the IPCC Chair. The CPI representative currently serving on the IPCC is Dr. Lynne Opperman, Professor of Biomedical Sciences in the Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry.

Additional details regarding recent committee activity will be included in the September CPI newsletter.

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### **Environmental Health and Safety Offers New Lab Safety Newsletter**

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As reported in the Aggie Hotline on July 26, 2011, Laboratory staff have a new resource for safety courtesy of Environmental Health and Safety: quarterly laboratory safety newsletters. Titled MSDS (Maintaining Safety Defines Success), the newsletters offer timely topics of interest. This quarter's publication focuses on chemical segregation, laboratory decommissioning and perchloric acid. EHS laboratory safety inspectors are distributing MSDS newsletters throughout laboratories on campus. To find this quarter's MSDS newsletter, go to the EHS website at <http://ehsd.tamu.edu/LaboratorySafety.aspx>.

### **National Science Foundation's Research.gov Now Accessible With NetID, Password**

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As reported in the Aggie Hotline on Aug. 2, 2011, Texas A&M grant applicants and awardees can access National Science Foundation (NSF) grant management services with their Texas A&M NetID and password at <http://www.Research.gov>. Once logged in, principal investigators (PIs) and co-PIs can connect seamlessly to FastLane's Principal Investigator (PI/co-PI) services without having to log in again. Single sign-on with university credentials provides greater convenience, added account security and reduces administrative burdens of maintaining multiple user IDs and passwords. Streamlined access was enabled through Texas A&M's membership in the InCommon Federation, a group of more than 300 higher education, commercial and government members. Other services provided through InCommon and accessible by NetID include WebAssign, a math and science online assignment and automatic grading system; TeraGrid, the world's largest, most comprehensive distributed cyberinfrastructure for open scientific research; and National Institutes of Health Federation Gateway, a collaboration tool for authorized NIH research, grants or administrative groups. For login instructions for Research.gov, scroll to the bottom of the "How do I log in?" page. For more information about InCommon, visit <http://www.incommon.org/>. Contact Help Desk Central at (979) 845-8300 or [helpdesk@tam.u.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tam.u.edu) with questions.

### **Limited Submission Proposals – Partnerships for International Research & Education (PIRE)**

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August 12, 2011, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for an email of intent for the Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE). This solicitation is limited to Texas A&M University and the proposal will need to be submitted to the Texas A&M University Research Services (TAMU-Research Services). The PI will be the director of the PIRE project and is expected to provide intellectual leadership and be an essential participant in research and related educational activities. The PI will have overall responsibility for the administration of the award, for the management of the project, and for serving as the main point of contact with NSF. A summary of the PIRE project and deadline dates can be found at <http://ord.tamu.edu/limited-submission-proposals/partnerships-for-international-research-and-education-pire>. Email of intent can be sent to [limitedsubmissions@tamu.edu](mailto:limitedsubmissions@tamu.edu). Questions concerning PIRE may be referred to Ms. Libby Pasciak at [libbyp@tamu.edu](mailto:libbyp@tamu.edu) or 979-845-1811.

### **2011 Jo Ann Treat Research Excellence Award**

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Nominations are now being accepted for the 2011 Jo Ann Treat Research Excellence Award established by the Texas A&M Research Foundation. Candidates should be leaders in their field and their discoveries/research should have a dramatic impact on their discipline(s). The 2011 eligibility requirements for this award are posted on the Research Foundation's website at <http://rf-web.tamu.edu/>.

Questions concerning the award may be referred to Ms. Pat Mayland at [pmayland@rf-mail.tamu.edu](mailto:pmayland@rf-mail.tamu.edu) or 979-845-8670.

### **PI-DISCUSS Listserv for PI Communication**

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The CPI has set up a listserv [PI-DISCUSS@listserv.tamu.edu](mailto:PI-DISCUSS@listserv.tamu.edu) to facilitate communication among PIs and others in the research community. The list is not moderated, i.e., messages to the list are not approved by a moderator or editor. However, only people subscribed to the list can send to the list.

Anyone can join or sign-off from the listserv by following this link: <https://listserv.tamu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=pi-discuss&A=1>

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