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Update from Dr. Penny Riggs, CPI Chair

May CPI News – For this May 9th General CPI meeting, we welcome Texas A&M University President Michael Young, Texas A&M Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer Dee Childs, and TTI Research Fellow and former CPI Chair Dr. Tim Lomax, as we wrap up the Spring Semester.

CPI elections are underway. Please encourage your colleagues to vote for CPI representatives.

For those who conduct research with any animal species, please note the AAALAC site visit information below.

At the June 13 general meeting, CPI will host Dr. Jerry Strawser, Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations and Chief Financial Officer, along with members of his team.

CPI Contacts – The complete list of all CPI Representatives and the executive council for 2017-2018 can be found on the CPI website at <http://cpi.tamu.edu/membership>. All PIs are encouraged to communicate with their representatives to bring forward items of concern or interest for the research community. Please continue to bring research-related issues (and solutions) to my attention at CPI@tamu.edu, or contact me directly at riggs@tamu.edu or 979.862.7015.

Reminder: The next general meeting will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2018 in Rudder 601. Contact Rebecca Luckey, rluckey@tamu.edu or 979.862.9166, for more information or to suggest agenda items for our monthly meetings.

AAALAC International Triennial Site Visit

The AAALAC triennial site visit will be June 18-21, 2018. Each location that animals are housed or used will be visited by the site visitors. In preparation for the visit:

- Please review all your Animal Use Protocols (AUPs) to ensure all personnel are listed appropriately. Remove personnel that have left your lab and ensure that all personnel that are doing work are on the AUP.
- Review the procedures, agents administered, and locations to ensure that they are current. Please submit an amendment if any changes need to be made to update the AUP.
- Please review the AUPs with the personnel that are participants to ensure they are completely familiar with all approved procedures in the protocol.
- Please discard all expired materials in your lab and procedure locations. If you cannot discard them, please label them expired and store them away from in date material. Please ensure that only in date agents and materials are used for animal procedures.
- Please attend an outreach session. These sessions are designed to prepare faculty, graduate students, postdocs, and staff in advance of the AAALAC International triennial site visit scheduled for June 18-21. You may attend any one of the remaining sessions listed below.
 - *May 10 – GSC – Room 101A – 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.*
 - *May 10 – Vet School – Room VID1103 – 1:00-3:00 p.m.*
 - *May 14 – GSC – Room 101A – 9:00-11:00 a.m.*
 - *May 15 – MSC – Room 2500 – 2:00-4:00 p.m.*

For any questions related to the site visit, please contact the Animal Welfare Office team at 979-845-1828 or animalcompliance@tamu.edu.

DOE Cyber Conference – Registration Deadline – May 11, 2018

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of the Chief Information Officer will host the 2018 DOE Cyber Conference on **June 4-7, 2018** in Austin, Texas at the Renaissance Austin hotel. The Conference is designed to bring together the DOE enterprise, the federal interagency, academia, international partners, and private industry to advance cyber and IT modernization efforts across DOE's diverse and shared missions.

The Conference will be an interactive forum for communication, collaboration, and training, as well as a platform for sharing information and best practices to support the Department's energy, science, nuclear, and national security missions. The agenda will consist of plenary sessions to highlight the latest developments and innovations, breakout sessions to foster new cooperation and partnerships, and practical training exercises to enhance the capabilities of the information technology and cyber workforce. The deadline to register is **May 11, 2018**. For more information, please visit www.doecybercon.com.

USDE-IES Proposal Evaluation – May 14, 2018

This valuable opportunity on May 14 for our faculty and trainees to ***learn about review priorities for US Department of Education/ Institute for Education Sciences proposals***. Your brilliant ideas can benefit from strategic targeting of IES priorities and review requirements. Four of our College faculty who have successfully achieved IES funding and assisted with DOE/IES review panels will provide brief commentary, with ample time for Q&A from the audience. This is also a great opportunity for your trainees (post-doctoral fellows, senior doctoral students) who need to develop their grantsmanship skills; please share this email with them and encourage them to attend.

We welcome colleagues and grant proposal specialists from around the university targeting DOE/IES for future proposals. [Can my fellow Research Deans share as appropriate?] . Many thanks to Dr. Kimber Vannest, incoming Research Leadership Development Fellow, for organizing this event. I deeply appreciate the contributions of our panelists, Drs. Joshi, Wijekumar, Ganz and Zhang. Hope to see many of you there!

Retirement for Dr. John Ivy, Sr. Research Development Officer – May 31st

Dr. John Ivy has been with the Division of Research for 12 years and with Texas A&M University for 25+ years. We will definitely miss him and want to wish him well on his future endeavors. Please join us on May 31st, from 2 – 3 PM at Jack K. Williams Administration Bldg., 318A to celebrate his career with us and his journey moving forward.

Southwest I-Corps Regional Program

When: June 13, 2018 – July 11, 2018

Where: Houston

About: Southwest I-Corps will be offering a regional training session this summer that is designed to prepare PIs for application to the renowned national I-Corps training. The Texas A&M System has sent 33 teams (consisting of PIs, students, and business/industry mentors). Total grants to these teams following I-Corps training have amounted to over \$13 million and we expect to exceed \$20 million by 2020.

Apply: Applications will be accepted on a rolling, space-available basis. Interested teams are welcome to apply at www.swicorps.org/events

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Sponsored Research Services-Salary Encumbrances on Sponsored Projects

As with any enterprise system implementation, like WorkDay HCM, sometimes there are unexpected challenges that arise. One that impacts many of us is related to salary encumbrances on sponsored projects. In some scenarios encumbrances are not being released while in other scenarios encumbrances are being duplicated. We have discovered a few situations where after corrections were made to encumbrances the system changed the encumbrances. The SRS Project Administrators are working closely with stakeholders, especially on projects that may be nearing completion, to address any incorrect encumbrances. It appears that the incorrect encumbrances may be due to an interface between WorkDay and FAMIS. The FAMIS team is working diligently to find a solution to this issue. We are hopeful that this matter will be resolved in early May. However, please be aware of this matter and contact your SRS Project Administrator if you believe that the encumbrances on your projects may be incorrect. We appreciate assistance with this matter to ensure that sponsored projects are managed correctly.

Multidisciplinary University Research Initiatives (MURI) Funding Opportunity

Through the Office of Naval Research (ONR), DOD recently released a board agency announcement (BAA) requesting proposals under the Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI) program for FY 2019. You can view the BAA by visiting <https://www.onr.navy.mil/Contracts-Grants/Funding-Opportunities/Broad-Agency-Announcements>. The MURI BAA is at the bottom of the webpage.

White papers must be received no later than June 29th at 11:59 PM. The BAA covers opportunities from the Army Research Office, ONR and Air Force Office of Scientific Research. DOD anticipates awarding approximately \$170 million. Grants are five-year awards. Typical annual funding per grant ranges from \$1.25 million to \$1.5 million.

NSF CAREER Proposal Writing Assistance

Faculty developing an NSF CAREER proposal are encouraged to contact **Dr. Jim Izat** of Research Development Services for proposal review and feedback, and assistance with the creation of their education plan. Dr. Izat can be reached at jizat@tamu.edu.

New NIH Clinical Trials Policy delayed by Congress UPDATE

When the US Congress passed the FY2018 bipartisan omnibus bill in late March, it included instructions to delay implementation of the new NIH clinical trials definition for projects that historically do not fall under a clinical trials definition. It appears that "NIH is choosing to interpret the language in the omnibus bill as referring only to reporting and registration guidelines (i.e., post-award procedures), not the submission process." NIH and Congress are supposed to discuss this difference. Until then, "NIH program staff have been advised that PIs should assume that any proposal that would be considered a clinical trial under the guidelines implemented in January should still be submitted as a clinical trial study."

This updated reported by the Society for Research in Child Development.

<https://www.srcd.org/membership/member-resource-nih-clinical-trials>

Immediate Fellowship Opportunities in the HHS/OASH Chief Medical

Two fellowship opportunities are currently available in the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in Washington, DC. The Chief Medical Officer serves as the primary medical advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health on the development and implementation of HHS-wide public health policy recommendations. The fellow may have the opportunity to be involved in the following activities:

- Assisting the Mentor (project lead) who provides leadership for planning, developing, and implementing extremely complex, national-level public health projects.
- Conducting background searches for project team objectives.

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- Tracking public health data to be utilized in opioid initiatives.
 - Analyzing quantitative and qualitative data.
 - Developing written products and oral presentation materials for a variety of initiatives related to opioids, pain, behavioral health, and the social sciences.

To apply visit <https://www.zintellect.com/Posting/Details/4235>.

Savannah River National Lab - Postdoc Opening - Data Science - New

The National Security Directorate at Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) seeks highly qualified candidates for a Postdoctoral Research Associate position in the field of data science, with particular interest in network identification and data visualization. They are especially interested in enthusiastic candidates that can demonstrate significant experience with a wide range of data science applications. Their Postdoctoral Research Associates have initial one-year appointments, with an option to renew for up to three years, depending on project needs and the continued availability of funding. The salary and benefits are competitive. They encourage publication of non-classified results of research efforts, and appreciate candidates that can demonstrate their scientific productivity through peer-reviewed publications and novel research approaches to complex problems. Successful candidates will have relevant data science experience, critical thinking skills, data processing skills, and a demonstrated ability to synthesize these skills into effective experimental design, execution, and reporting. For more information and to apply, go to <https://www.zintellect.com/Posting/Details/3892>.

ORNL Neutron Scattering Post-Master's Research Associate - Reminder

The Neutron Scattering Division (NSD) invites applications for a M.S. biochemist/molecular biologist to join the Large Scale Structures Group at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). The Neutron Sciences Directorate (NScD) at ORNL operates the High Flux Isotope Reactor (HFIR), the United States' highest flux reactor based neutron source, and the Spallation Neutron Source (SNS), the world's most intense pulsed accelerator based neutron source. Together these facilities operate 24 instruments for neutron scattering research, each year carrying out 1000 experiments in the physical, chemical, materials, biological and medical sciences for 2000 visiting scientists. HFIR also provides unique facilities for isotope production and neutron irradiation. To learn more about Neutron Sciences at ORNL go to: <http://neutrons.ornl.gov>. For more details and to apply, go to <https://www.zintellect.com/Posting/Details/3817>.

ORISE/ORNL Graduate Student Recruitment Fair

The 19th ORISE and ORNL graduate student recruitment fair will take place this August! Last year we had close to 500 of the nation's top undergraduates in our research participant programs at ORNL, and we predict that number will grow this year. With undergraduates in a wide variety of fields ranging from physical sciences to engineering, you are sure to find a perfect fit for your institution's graduate programs.

The fair is held in conjunction with the conclusion of the ORNL summer undergraduate student programs to capitalize on this brimming talent pool. Over 200 students from across the country will present posters of their research at ORNL during an all-day session on Thursday, August 9, 2018. The Recruitment Fair will run the entire day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, so students may come to all university tables during the day.

We do hope you will attend or have others represent your institution to take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to attract top-flight students to your institution's graduate programs.

EVENT REGISTRATION deadline is *Thursday, July 26*. There will be a *limit of one table/four people per institution*. Table location will be assigned upon arrival. To reserve a table and receive ORNL badge access, register each attendee at: <https://orausurvey.ornl.gov/n/gradstudentfair2018.aspx>. Only those who register will receive badge access.

Be aware that increased security concerns require that you have early approval to access the Laboratory. *US Citizens must apply by July 26. Non-citizens, including legal permanent residents, must*

apply by June 14. Representatives will be limited to Building 5200, ORNL Visitor Center and will not be permitted to go to any other buildings on campus. If you will be meeting with any ORNL staff, they will need to meet with you in the Visitor Center, where there are plenty of tables and chairs available. For additional information, you may contact Emily Isaacs at Ornledu@ornl.gov. The ORISE phone number is 865-576-1234.

Changes to Biohazardous Waste for Health Science Center Locations

Biohazardous waste treatment and disposal service will no longer be provided by Environmental Health & Safety through a contracted waste vendor for HSC locations in College Station, Houston, and Kingsville. As of September 1, 2018, faculty and staff will become responsible for the treatment and disposal of all biohazardous waste generated in the laboratory. Responsibilities include initial validation and regular verification of all autoclave waste cycles (i.e., liquids, solids, etc.) using biological indicators. The results of these required tests must be documented. For more information and assistance, please contact the Office of Biosafety at 979-862-4549 or biosafety@tamu.edu.

Additional Delay on Common Rule Proposed

On April 19, 2018, HHS released an NPRM proposing to delay the general compliance date for the revised Common Rule until January 21, 2019. A 30-day comment period will be open until May 21, 2018. In addition to delaying the general compliance date, the NPRM proposes to allow institutions to implement three "burden-reducing provisions" of the revised rule during the delay period:

- use of the revised definition of "research," which deems four categories of activities not to be research
- allowance for no annual continuing review of certain categories of research
- elimination of the requirement that institutional review boards (IRBs) review grant applications or other funding proposals related to the research

(For more information see, *HHS and 16 Other Federal Departments and Agencies Announce a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Proposing to Delay for an Additional 6 Months the General Compliance Date of the Revisions to the Common Rule*)

<https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/announcement-nprm-revisions-common-rule.html>)

Sponsored Research Services Proposal Submission Guidelines

The Sponsored Research Services office provides a quality review service for proposals being submitted for external funding. In accordance with the SRS Proposal Submission Guidelines, proposals in final format no later than one business day prior to the sponsor deadline will receive a thorough review for institutional and sponsor requirements. For complex proposals, additional time may be needed for quality review.

The quality control review includes:

- Administrative sections of the proposal
- Proposal formatting
 - Fonts
 - Margins
 - Spacing
 - Page limitations
- Comparison of the budget justification to budget
- Comparison of the proposal sections to the RFP, this includes but is not limited to the following:
 - Narrative
 - Abstract
 - Data Management
 - Required support letters
 - Certifications and representations

For proposals that do not meet the SRS Proposal Submission Guidelines, a PI may request a quality review by SRS provided the following criteria are met:

- The budget has been finalized and is routing for approval
- A near final scope of work is provided
- Documents (other than scope of work) are in FINAL submission format
- The request is made at least one business day prior to the submission deadline, earlier for complex proposals

The quality review function is a valuable service offered to ensure that proposal submissions are compliant with the RFA. By allowing time for a thorough quality check it increases the confidence of submitting a fully compliant proposal. Please note that QC staff do not read the proposal for technical requirements.

Sign Up for Notifications about Limited Submission Proposal Opportunities

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.

Bulletin for Principal Investigators

The Division of Research at Texas A&M University issues a brief weekly bulletin for Principal Investigators. The bulletin accepts news items about researchers and their teams from the colleges, schools, campuses and agencies within the Texas A&M research enterprise, including honors, funding, publications, presentations, and appearances in news media. [Click here](#) to subscribe or unsubscribe to the bulletin.

USDE-IES PROPOSAL EVALUATION

THINKING ABOUT SUBMITTING AN US DEPT, OF EDUCATION-IES APPLICATION?

MONDAY, MAY 14
1:15-2:30 PM
504 RUDDER TOWER

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EVER WONDER HOW THEY ARE REVIEWED?

JOIN US FOR A DISCUSSION WITH WITH EXPERIENCED
INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION SCIENCES REVIEWERS.
PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN INSIGHTS ABOUT THE PROCESS
AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS.

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