
CPI Newsletter – May 2019

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Update from Dr. David Threadgill, CPI Chair

May CPI News – The Council of Principal Investigators Executive Committee (CPI-EC) met with administrators on May 1, 2019. Started with introductions of new director, Dr. Candice Jongsma, Research Development Services, Division of Research and her update and overview for CPI at the general meeting. Congratulations to Dr. J. Martin Scholtz from Dr. Barteau and CPI executive committee as Dr. Scholtz departs Texas A&M University to become Iowa's new vice president for research, effective June 28, 2019.

Further discussions during CPI-EC May meeting were updates on Sponsored Research Services (SRS) having Maestro upgrades to improve the speed is in process and a reminder that faculty will have opportunities to learn and utilize Cayuse this summer with implementation ready for use in the fall. X-Grants were discussed with the final deadline being Monday, May 6.

CPI Contacts – The complete 2018-19 roster of CPI Representatives and the executive committee can be found on the CPI website at http://cpi.tamu.edu/membership/18-19_membership. Previous membership lists can be found in the council [archive](#). Thank you to all the CPI representatives who have served as representatives for PIs during the past year.

The CPI-EC continues to meet with President Young and Provost Fierke each month in order to keep PIs informed. The CPI-EC also meets with Chancellor Sharp every other month. If there are items of concern that impact the research environment, we would like to hear from you. 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.

Reminder: The May CPI General meeting will be Wednesday, June 12, 2019, Rudder 601.

Contact Rebecca Luckey, rluckey@tamu.edu or 979.862.9166, for more information or to suggest agenda items for our monthly meetings.

US Department of Education Mock Review Panel – May 14 – Rudder 501

The College of Education and Human Development's R&D Office is offering a **US Department of Education Mock Review Panel on May 14, 1-3 pm in Rudder Tower 501**, open to all faculty, post-doctoral fellows, and proposal development officers on campus. Attendees will have the rare opportunity to listen in on proposal review discussions as might occur behind closed doors at the US Department of Education's Institute of Education Science. We have recruited 6 experienced DOE/IES reviewers, including 2 colleagues from UT-Austin, who will discuss two full proposals, followed by time for Q&A from the audience. Light snacks will be provided.

We have a number of faculty in our College who have been awarded multi-million dollar projects from the DOE, so this agency might provide a new funding source to consider for PI's with an educational component to their work. (Additional information can be found on the flyer attached to back of newsletter.)

Microscopy and Imaging Center Scanning Electron Microscopy Workshop

The Microscopy and Imaging Center (MIC) will be conducting a 3-day workshop on the application of Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) on **June 10-12, 2019**. The workshop will include lectures on application of cryo techniques for biological specimens and soft matter, and usage of SEM in medical research, nanotechnology, geochemistry, mineralogy, thermofluid study, environmental engineering and water purification. Lectures by application specialists from Leica, Thermofisher, Tescan, Zeiss, Hitachi and Ametek will highlight the latest technological developments in cryo-SEM, cryo-FIB, serial block face SEM and high resolution SEM. There will be hands-on training for sample preparation, SEM imaging, and computational image analysis, with limited seats. Please contact Anindito Sen at andysen@tamu.edu with

questions. There is no registration fee for the workshop, but registration is required. For more details, list of speakers, and registration, visit: <https://microscopy.tamu.edu/whats-new/what-s-new.html>

LAAALAC Site Visit – June 11-14

Site visitors from AAALAC International will be visiting the Bryan/College Station portion of Texas A&M University's animal program June 11-14, 2019. AAALAC International is a voluntary accrediting organization that supports quality research, testing and education by promoting humane and responsible animal care and use through triennial assessment of participating institutions, and accreditation of those that meet or exceed applicable standards. The visit excludes those protocols, activities and locations solely associated with the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences. Additional information as to the schedule and timing of the site visit will be shared with the animal research and teaching community as the site visit becomes closer. For questions, call 979-845-1828 or email animalcompliance@tamu.edu.

Hagler Institute of Advanced Study – Update

A new Faculty Fellow of the Hagler Institute for Advanced Study is helping the Institute form intellectual exchanges, and maybe someday research collaboration, with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston's Texas Medical Center. Stefan H.E. Kaufman, Founding Director of the Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology in Berlin, Germany and 2018-2019 Faculty Fellow of the Hagler Institute, arrived in Texas in April to begin his collaborative work at Texas A&M's College of Medicine and College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. His presence in the U.S. immediately got the attention of the Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital. Dr. Kaufman presented the keynote plenary lecture in an all-day symposium held in Houston on April 22, 2019, titled "Tools and Vaccines for the Control of Tuberculosis and Other Neglected Tropical Diseases." Dr. Kaufman lectured on "How to Tackle the Most Successful Pathogen on Earth". The Hagler Institute for Advanced Study co-sponsored the event with Baylor College of Medicine, enhancing its visibility in Houston's Texas Medical Center.

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.

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