



Council of Principal Investigators

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CPI Newsletter – May 2016
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Update from Dr. Helene Andrews-Polymenis, CPI Chair

Colleagues-

As the end of the semester nears, I'd like to review events at the Council of Principal Investigators in the last month.

At the April CPI general meeting, Dr. Glen Laine, Vice President for Research provided CPI an update on the Division of Research and introduced Ms. Kristi Billinger, new Executive Director of Sponsored Research Services (SRS) effective April 1, 2016. As you are probably aware, SRS now reports to the Division of Research. Dr. Laine expressed confidence that under Ms. Billinger's leadership, SRS services to the research community will continue to improve. I am also hopeful that this will be the case, and have established an open line of communication with Kristi. Please direct your questions, comments, and concerns regarding any issues you may be having with administration of your proposals or grants to Ms. Billinger (kristib@tamu.edu) or one of the Associate Directors at SRS (Julie Bishop (jbishop@tamu.edu), Jim Joyce (jrjoyce@tamu.edu), Crissy Stratta (cstratta@tamu.edu), Lesley Bell (lbell@tamu.edu)).

Also as of April 2016, the Office of Technology Transfer and Commercialization reports to the Division of Research. At the April CPI general meeting Dr. Laine introduced Mr. Brett Cornwell, the Executive Director for Texas A&M Technology Transfer and Commercialization (TTC). Dr. Laine indicated that he is excited to better understand the Technology Transfer and Commercialization landscape on campus, to explore how to improve services to faculty, and how to involve students in this important aspect of research (among many other aspects of technology transfer).

The invited speakers for the April CPI general meeting were the directors of the three compliance offices, Animal Welfare Assurance, (Dr. Tennille Lamon) Human Subjects Protection (Dr. Catherine Higgins), and Institutional Biosafety (Dr. Christine McFarland), from the Texas A&M Research Compliance and Biosafety unit within the Division of Research. They provided overviews of each of their compliance areas and took questions from the CPI members regarding issues and concerns in each of their areas. I urge you to contact these individuals if you experience problems or have questions regarding these research compliance programs.

In other news, the research development fund advisory committee (RDF-AC) continues to review proposals for true core facilities and resources from the campus research community. In response to a need for state of the art mass spectrometry facilities at TAMU, the CPI worked on your behalf to secure funding for a mass spectrometry core facility. I'm delighted to report that Chancellor Sharp has given \$5 million from the TAMU system to support this facility. A GIGANTIC thanks to Chancellor Sharp for recognizing this as an important facility for cutting edge research at TAMU, and for his support.

Finally, thank you for your continuous participation, feedback, and support of the CPI! The CPI Executive Committee spends considerable time bringing your concerns and suggestions regarding improvements to the research environment to the attention of the administration. The CPI Representatives for your college, department or unit can be found on the CPI website at <http://cpi.tamu.edu/membership/15unit>. Please feel free to alert us to any issues or concerns you may have regarding research at cpi@tamu.edu or email/call me directly at handrews@medicine.tamhsc.edu or 979.436.0340.

CPI Executive Committee Meeting Summary

The CPI EC met for its monthly coordination meeting on May 4, 2016 with invited guests from the Texas A&M Health Science Center, Texas Engineering Experiment Station and Texas A&M University at the meeting.

Committee Reports were provided by each CPI-EC Representative: **SRS Transition and Services Operations Committee** – Dr. Andrews-Polymenis, represents CPI on the SRS Transition and Services Operations Committee (TSOC). She reported the TSOC committee continues to meet to discuss areas that need adjustment or improvement, and provide recommendations to Ms. Billinger regarding these areas. Dr. Andrews-Polymenis also

reported that TSOC will continue to exist with a new name (drop the “transition”), and will likely have a more narrowly defined but still important advisory role for SRS.

Comprehensive Campaign Committee – Dr. James Batteas reported that the Comprehensive Campaign Committee is being formed this summer, so further information will be forthcoming.

Graduate Education Committee – Dr. Teresa Wilcox reported this committee has met and are developing ideas in response to their charge to put forth a handful of suggestions to President Young, regarding how investments in graduate education might have the most impact. This committee is co-chaired by Dr. Wilcox and Dr. Mark Zoran.

Research Development Fund – Advisory Committee – Dr. Penny Riggs, Chair of the RDF-AC, reported that round three of applications have been reviewed and discussions regarding these proposals with the Research Development Fund Management Committee where application recommendations will be review for potential funding by end of Spring 2016. In further news, Chancellor Sharp committed \$5 Million from the system, at the request of the CPI, to support the establishment of a core facility for mass spectrometry at TAMU.

Division of Research Update – Dr. Glen Laine reported that SRS and TTC are now within the Division of Research. Dr. Laine will be asking CPI for a representative to participate on a new committee that he will be forming to provide TTC recommendations and insight, very similar to the TSOC Committee that currently provides input to the DoR regarding SRS.

The May CPI General meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2016 and the topics will be the new **RELLIS Campus**. Dr. M. Katherine Banks will provide a brief presentation on the development and plans for the new Riverside Campus. Also, Dr. Kristi Billinger will address the CPI members and provide updates on what is going on within SRS and if there are issues or concerns that arise within SRS that she will be the point of contact.

Research Development Services (RDS)

NIH Grant Application Policy, Instructions, and Forms Changes

REMINDER – New application and review policies, new instructions, and new Forms Version D are required for NIH grant applications with due dates on or after May 25, 2016.

- See [NOT-OD-16-004](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-004.html) for a summary of policy changes and links to detailed information. [<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-004.html>]
- See the [How to Apply – Application Guide](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide.htm) for application instructions for both Forms Version C and Forms Version D. [<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide.htm>]
- See [NIH Forms & Applications](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/all-forms-and-formats.htm) for links to the correct forms and instructions. [<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/all-forms-and-formats.htm>]
- See [Rigor and Reproducibility](http://grants.nih.gov/reproducibility/index.htm) for guidance on meeting this new application and review requirement. [<http://grants.nih.gov/reproducibility/index.htm>]

CDMRP Biomedical Research Funding Opportunities

The Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs ([CDMRP](#)) manages Congressional Special Interest Medical Research Programs encompassing breast, prostate, and ovarian cancers, neurofibromatosis, military health, and other specified areas (visit [here](#) for a full list of topics). Since fiscal year 1992, the CDMRP has managed over \$7.7 billion in Congressional appropriations for peer-reviewed research aimed to prevent, control, and cure disease. [FY2016 funding opportunities](#) are currently being announced. To be notified directly when a funding opportunity is announced, sign up for the CDMRP [listserv](#) by topic.

Research Development Services Contacts:

Dr. Christina Papke, Research Development Officer, cpapke@tamu.edu, 979-458-1861

Dr. John Ivy, Senior Research Development Officer, johnivy@tamu.edu, 979-458-4280

Future of Academic Publishing – Justin Fox Lecture – May 12, 2016 at 2:30pm

The Texas A&M University Libraries will be hosting Mr. Justin Fox, Bloomberg View columnist, for a discussion on the future of academic publishing including future roles of for profit and open access journals. Lecture scheduled for **Thursday – May 12, 2016 – 2:30 pm at Evans Library, room 204E**. See flyer at the end of May newsletter

College of Pharmacy Research Colloquium

The Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Pharmacy will hold its 2016 Research Colloquium in College Station on the Texas A&M campus on June 2nd and 3rd. This year's colloquium features **Healthy South Texas**, a novel effort to reduce preventable diseases and their consequences throughout the region.

Registration is open now. See <http://pharmacy.tamhsc.edu/research/colloquium.html> for more information. Also see flyer at the end of this May newsletter.

Upcoming Seminars and Workshops for Texas A&M Researchers

The Division of Research (DOR) offers seminars and workshops throughout the year relating to professional development in research proposal planning and writing. All of these events are coordinated by [Research Development Services \(RDS\)](#), a DOR unit providing a wide range of support to Texas A&M researchers. The new RDS calendar can be found at <http://vpr.tamu.edu/researchdevelopment/calendars>.

Sponsored Research Services (SRS)

The link to the GPG (NSF 16-1) can be located at:
http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf16001/gpg_index.jsp

The complete **Summary of Significant Changes** can be located at: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf16001/sigchanges.jsp>

To assist you in preparing your NSF proposals, SRS has developed a Tip Sheet that can found at: <http://vpr.tamu.edu/researchdevelopment/proposal-development-resources>

Sponsored Research Services Contact:
Dr. Jim Joyce, Associate Executive Director – jrjoyce@tamu.edu, 979-458-5852

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 – Issued weekly by the Division of Research, Texas A&M University

The Division of Research at Texas A&M University issues a brief weekly bulletin for Principal Investigators that highlights research accomplishments and projects, funding opportunities, honors and promotions, workshops, and other items that may be of interest to the PI community.

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Justin Fox

on the
**Future of
Academic
Publishing**

May 12th 2016
2:30-3:30 PM
Evans 204e

Fox Discusses Future of Academic Publishing

Lecture Featuring Mr. Justin Fox, Bloomberg View

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When May 12 – 2:30 pm

Where Evans 204e

"I am pleased to have Mr. Fox visit and discuss a topic that is so relevant to all of us in academia" said David Carlson, Dean of University Libraries. "Academic publishing models including Open Access will allow universities and especially libraries to better disseminate a wider range of scholarship as well as provide opportunities to provide educational materials at a savings for the undergraduate student."

Before starting at Bloomberg View in January, 2015, Fox served as editorial director and executive director of the Harvard Business Review. He is the author of *The Myth of the Rational Market: A History of Risk, Reward, and Delusion on Wall Street*. Previously, Fox spent more than a decade at *Fortune* magazine. He was senior fellow at Harvard Kennedy School and a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum.

**This event is free and open to the public.
Light refreshments will be provided.**



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COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

research COLLOQUIUM

PURPOSE

This year's colloquium features **Healthy South Texas**, a novel effort to reduce preventable diseases/conditions and their consequences throughout the region.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Mansoor Khan, R.Ph., Ph.D.
Professor and Vice Dean,
Director, Formulations Design
and Development Core Laboratory
(pictured right)



Sarah Williams-Blangero, Ph.D.,
Chair, Department of Genetics, Texas Biomedical
Research Institute Deputy Director, Southwest
National Primate Research Center Director of the
South Texas Diabetes & Obesity Institute

Christopher J. Burnett, MD, DABA, DABIPP, FIPP,
Pain Management Division Director, Department of
Anesthesiology, Baylor Scott & White

Christopher V. Maani, M.D., Attending
Anesthesiologist, SAMMC Department of Anesthesia
& Operative Services, Program Director for Research,
SAUSHEC Anesthesiology

Jose Peña, CEO and Chief Medical Officer of the Rio
Grande Valley Accountable Care Organization

Vincent H. Tam, Pharm.D., BCPS (Infectious
Diseases), Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice
and Translational Research, University of Houston
College of Pharmacy

LOCATION AND TIME

Texas A&M University
Medical Sciences Library &
Reynolds Building

Thursday, June 2, 2016
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday, June 3, 2016
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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pharmacy.tamhsc.edu/research/colloquium.html



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