

## SBMS CIP Executive Committee meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010

### MINUTES

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#### **Present:**

Prof Mike Shipston (Chair) (MS)  
Prof Mike Ludwig (ML)  
Dr Mike Cousin (MC)

Prof Andrew Jarman (AJ)  
Prof. David Price (DP)  
Ms Sarah Matheson (sec) (SM)

Apologies: Mrs Janet Philp

#### PHD studentships

The MRC are planning to decrease funding for PhD students by 20% over the next few years. Stipends will remain the same but bench fees will increase to £5k. Intermediate development Fellowships such as the Career development schemes will receive boosted funding. There will be no priority bids next or following year. It was agreed to identify good candidates for career development fellowships in the previous MRC priority studentship areas (in vivo, imaging and systems biology/informatics) over the next couple of years.

Both the Systems Biology and Bioinformatics studentships are still outstanding and will now be advertised. It was agreed that committee members will view all applications next year after the combined CNR/CIP studentships expire.

#### Summer studentships:

It was agreed to advertise the BBSRC summer studentship in late April, after the Wellcome studentship deadline, with a decision date in early May. It was agreed that applicants should state all other fellowship applications when applying. Deadline for submission of PhysSoc summer studentships for ranking by MS is 1 week before PhysSoc deadline.

#### Confocal application bid

The outline Confocal bid has now been submitted and the verdict will be known next week. College have contributed £35k. AHall and TGillespie were commended for a strong application of £670K, which also included one outline costing. It was agreed that there the benefits of becoming a small research facility should be actively explored.

#### CIP webpage update

The web team are now rewriting content for the new CIP website but a date for the first draft is unconfirmed. It was noted that associated CIP members are members who are not based in HRB. All staff-only pages will be transferred to Wikis. It was agreed the current CIP image gallery was out of date and the web team will confirm if a new 'rotating' image gallery can be applied to the new Polopoly site.

It was noted that a draft outline for a University-wide staff profile page has been emailed to Academics for comments.

#### AOB

- It was agreed the existing draft of the CIP brochure was acceptable if photos of the HRB exterior cannot be obtained before Wednesday. It was noted that a link to this should be included on the new CIP website. (Note added following meeting; MS, ML & Carol Wollaston have submitted external shots of the building for inclusion on front page)
- It was noted that the CIP reception had been painted red – some concern was raised regarding the appearance of the foyer – (Note following meeting: after discussion between MS, JP and E&B the foyer will be returned to its original colour scheme to improve brightness etc).
- It was confirmed that the WT and BBSRC strategic plans had been circulated to all CIP members
- It was agreed that all staff should be encouraged to attend the GL Brown lecture on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Drinks and nibbles will be provided afterwards

- It was agreed future meetings will commence at 13.00 unless there was a clash with the School Management Board when it will start at 13.30

**Date of next meeting: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 13.00pm**