

SBMS CIP Executive Committee meeting

Monday 10th May 2010

MINUTES

Present: MS, ML, MC, AJ, DP, SM(sec) LC in attendance for Seminar series

Apologies: JP

CIP seminar series

- There was very positive feedback for the latest seminar series and MS thanked LC and TT for doing a great job.
- It was agreed that the 2010/11 seminar will continue the pattern of the previous seminar series alternating between internal and external speakers. PI's who have already participated in the first round could nominate someone from their lab and it would be up to the PI to ensure the nominated person was prepared. It was agreed that each seminar will continue to provide an overview to a broad audience and allow exchange of ideas.
- LC confirmed there had been no issues from invitees so far. It was confirmed that the seminar budget was fine. The total cost for each external speaker was approximately £500, although some receipts remain outstanding and still need to apply to Physoc to claim back expenses. It was confirmed that there is still an additional £2k for ad-hoc seminars and that contribution towards accommodation and travel for these is approximately £100-200.
- DP is hosting an external seminar this Friday and will arrange a sandwich lunch. It was agreed that the host will organise a lunch, for postdocs and PhD students to attend, for future external seminars.
- It was discussed whether there was a general interest for Postdocs and PhD students chairing internal seminars.

Action: LC to send MS list of remaining PI's to give seminar.
JP/ML to organise additional ad-hoc funding

CIP website

- It was confirmed that an email has been sent to all postdocs for providing information for an individual profile page. It was noted that Paula Brunton's was a good example but some members' pages require amending to ensure it is clear they are Postdocs. It was highlighted that a mechanism to remove leavers is required to ensure postdocs' lists are always up to date.
- It was agreed that members should be encouraged to forward any news worthy items (grants, papers, fellowships) to the centre secretary.

WT Investigator awards

- It was noted that the New investigator and senior investigator awards now require a letter of support from their school, Central University support and an interview. The criteria are very important, requiring a global vision of the project which forces the applicant to carefully consider whether this is the correct route to go down. It was highlighted that applying for the first round of this scheme means you can't apply for new funding for 10 months and if you're unsuccessful you can't re-apply for 1-2 years (junior-senior).
- College intentions are still unclear but it is likely that they will request a priority list from centres and schools and initiate an internal competition. It was agreed to build a portfolio of appropriate applicants within CIP.
- A draft letter, providing information on this new funding scheme, was discussed. The amended draft will go to the SMB meeting and then sent round CIP

AOB

- The confocal grant application has now been submitted
- TG has now sent the required information, for issuing the confocal bills, to Morag.

Date of next meeting: 14th June at 1300