

SBMS CIP Executive Committee meeting

Thursday 22nd April 2010

MINUTES

Present: MS, JP, MC, AJ, DP, SM

Apologies: ML

PHD & other studentships

- It was noted that the BBSRC systems biology studentship is still available and it was agreed to continue advertising and set a deadline for the 2nd week in June.
- It was noted that DWyllie had been able to resolve the funding issues related to the new CAE studentship with GSK. This would require him to part support the 4th year of the studentship and he had confirmed he had the funds to do this..
- It was noted that the top 3 Physoc vacation studentship applicants were outstanding.

CIP website

- It was noted that when the final version of the CIP brochure is received, will be uploaded to the website.
- It was agreed that an email will be sent to PI's asking them to confirm their top 5 publications for their profile page.
- It was noted that an email had been sent to PI's to remind their postdocs about returning the web details form, for creating their individual profile page.

Infrastructure

- It was agreed that the Wellcome Confocal application will be submitted for the next deadline
- The Liquid nitrogen safe system was discussed. A 'best endeavour system' is currently in operation. It was agreed that anyone who owns more than one box in nitrogen storage should be available for call-out (or a nominated group member) JP to do training.
- JP to circulate an email to all research staff highlighting the importance of storing samples in more than one place.
- It was noted that the RC5B centrifuge will no longer be supported by the manufacturer. The other 1st Floor centrifuge is continuing to be serviced however the JA25 rotor requires replacing by users.
- It was noted that accounts have yet to bill anyone for use of the Confocal equipment so the bills will be larger than usual when issued. The new Confocal booking system will be taken over by the accounts team in April.

AOB

- It was noted that all corridor lights within HRB are being put onto motion sensors in order to reduce electricity costs
- It was reported that there is a current surplus of £5-6K as everything is on under spend. Next years FEC reserve of £30k has been set aside. Morag Laidlaw to reserve £10-15k before her maternity leave in July. JD is organising grant costings
- It was reported that Mark Patrizio will be transferring to 1 George Square as Charlie Marr is taking severance. Reorganisation of School staff may allow Jill Douglas to take over from Mark in the long term. Viv is to cover Grace Grant as she is signed off long term.
- The European research council applications were discussed. It was noted that R Morris submitted the previous one. It was agreed to think about who to target and how to coordinate the next application.

Date of next meeting: Monday 10th May at 1230