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Join Us!
A new ABRF Initiative

Core Administrators Network - Coordinating Committee

Thank you to the Executive Board of the ABRF for creating this forum for research core administrators. Please feel free to contact co-chairs Paula Turpen and Susan Meyn with comments, questions or suggestions.

Research Core Facilities, by the nature of their service role, must interface with multiple constituencies within a research enterprise. Today many institutions have established administrative positions designed to assist core facilities with management of economic, regulatory and performance issues. In order to facilitate greater interaction between and among core scientists and administrators, ABRF has created the Core Administrators Committee with a mission to contribute to the common interests of core administrators and interactions with core scientists in a collegial and global manner. The specific goals of the Core Administrators Network Coordinating Committee (CAN-CC) are: (1) identify and reach out to our target community, (2) provide opportunities for networking, (3) define substantial goals for program focus and development.

Current Membership

- Prot Philip E Hochberger - Northwestern University
- Ms Connie Nicklin - U of ICBR
- Dr. Diane Tabarini - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- Michelle M Deviller (EB liaison) - Roswell Park Cancer Institute
- Susan Meyn (Co-chair) - Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- Paula E Turpen (Co-chair) - University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Dr. Anthony Y Yeung (EB Liaison) - Fox Chase Cancer Ctr

News, Activities and Links – including CAN-CC Listserv (PLEASE subscribe!) and links to surveys
Core Administrators Network

Activities of Interest

• General Interest Survey (#1)
• Specific Concerns Survey (#2)
• LIMS Survey (#3) – NEW!
General Interest Survey #1
Nov-Dec, 2010

Does your institution have centralized oversight of core facilities? (N = 88)

If your institution has centralized oversight, who is responsible?

- 69% Yes
- 31% No

- 65% Central research office (e.g., Dean's office, Office of Research, Vice President for Research)
- 38% Faculty committees
- 13% Finance office
- 13% Other (please specify)
General Interest Survey #1

What is your institutional role?

- Core Facility Manager
- Core Facility Technician/Technologist
- Core Facility Director
- Core or Research Administrator
- Staff Scientist/Researcher/PI
- Marketing/Sales
- Other (please specify)

No. of Respondents

Are you interested in participating in the ABRF Core Admin Network?

- Yes: 88%
- No: 12%
Specific Concerns Survey #2
Jan-Feb, 2011

What is your institutional role? Please select all that apply: N=24

- Core Facility Manager: 58%
- Core Facility Technician/Technologist: 33%
- Core Facility Director: 17%
- Core or Research Administrator: 8%
- Staff: 33%
- Scientist/Researcher/PI: 17%
- Marketing/Sales: 8%
Specific Concerns Survey #2

What are the most important issues or concerns for you related to institutional oversight of core facilities? Please rank the following issues:

1. Funding structures and equipment acquisition
2. Billing and financial management systems
3. Staffing, retention, advancement and philosophy
4. LIMS and project management systems
5. Education for business management and professional development
6. Evaluation and reporting
7. Compliance with federal regulations
8. Marketing and promotion
9. Institutional overlap and core consolidation

(most imp = 1; least imp = 9)
Specific Concerns Survey #2

What are the most important issues or concerns for you related to core facility management? Please rank the following issues:

- LIMS and sample tracking: 2
- Customer service: 1
- Data delivery: 4
- Data retention policy and the cost of maintaining data "long term": 7
- Marketing: 4
- Business management and marketing: 3
- Practical implementation of federal regulations: 6

(most imp = 1; least imp = 9)
Specific Concerns Survey #2

What do you need from the ABRF Core Administrators Network (CAN)? Please rank the following issues:

1. Resource for best practices related to research core facilities.
2. Provide tools for effective core management.
3. Provide networking opportunities with other core administrators and... (most imp = 1; least imp = 9)
4. Research and presentation of case studies for solutions to common iss...
5. Professional development and mentoring.
6. Education in the areas of regulation, business management, marketing....
7. Present a unified voice for commenting on and influencing federal pol...
Specific Concerns Survey #2

Would you like to be added to the ABRF Core Administrators Network contact list?

- Yes: 54%
- No: 42%
- I have already provided contact information: 54%
LIMS Survey #3 – NEW!
Feb-Mar, 2011

LIMS Survey link
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