

SPAN Committee call – October 23, 2008...3-4pm

Roll call

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Statement of Goal

The goal of SPAN is to link the various SBRP programs, students, postdocs and alumni as another mechanism to promote interdisciplinary research to address health and environmental concerns due to hazardous waste sites. The SPAN committee is a representative group of current and past trainees to help lead SBRP in this networking effort.

- I. **Previous Call** (August 28th, 2008) was reviewed and minutes will be placed on SPAN webpages (forgot to send to committee members...oops!).
- II. **SPAN Networking Tools:**
 - a. LinkedIn (http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=161625&trk=hb_side_g)
Note: LinkedIn not sending messages when group members respond/participate. Justin/Colin will look into settings.
 - b. Facebook
(<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=20124049725>)
 - c. The committee resolved to invite all trainees to use each tool.
- III. **Annual Meeting** will be December 7-10 in Asilomar, CA.
 - a. Sunday Ice-breaker
 - i. A few options were discussed. For the most part, having a small informal gathering after poster session (from 9-10pm) was preference...though dinner mingling (6-7pm) is encouraged.
 - ii. Caterer: would need to know what we are doing the week before the meeting. No BYOB.
 - iii. Ideas welcome.
 - b. Poster sessions
 - i. 7-9pm Monday and Tuesday.
 - ii. Abstracts are due on the 24th of October.
 - iii. MDB and UC-Davis will coordinate on posting judging criteria
 - c. Tuesday Morning SPAN session:
 - i. Time is set-aside from 10:30 to 12 noon as a breakout session for Trainees (this will not coincide with any scientific breakout sessions).
 - ii. Heather would like 15-20 min to mention SPAN/recognize participants.

- iii. The rest of the session could be an overview of SBRP-UC-Davis Entrepreneurship workshops
 - 1. Include student participants (e.g. Colette Quinn, Dartmouth).
 - 2. UC-Davis will be interested in input from trainees how to make this most effective for trainees.
- iv. Kathy Dooley will ID past participants who might be attending the meeting – and follow up with UC-Davis faculty
- v. We will let the Training Core leaders know about session when details are ironed out
- d. Tuesday Evening Mixer: trainees may use this opportunity to organize something. SBRP staff will be unable to attend.
- e. Activities at Asilomar (that might fit into a Mixer plan):
 - i. Bonfire Pits (there are 2): 2-hour time slots available (\$65). Can have food/drink catering. Must have food if drink is provided. Kathy will check what to do if rain.
 - ii. Volleyball: Can reserve. No fee. May not have lights for night-time play.
 - iii. Pool Tables, Ping Pong: first come, first served. No fee.
 - iv. Bike rentals – lots of places to go to. Could do sign-ups for these activities.
 - v. Beach / Seafood restaurant within walking distance of the conference center.
 - vi. Lots of fireplaces and couches for informal “lounging”
- f. Ride-sharing
 - i. Send message to listserv if you have room/need ride to/from airports (San Jose or Monterey)
 - ii. Monterey Airbus Shuttle is available – www.montereyairbus.com (we’ve been told reservations are required). Shuttle goes to Asilomar location, operates early in morning.
- g. WEB SEMINAR on SUPERFUND: “Past, Present, and Future of the EPA Superfund Program”
 - i. Talk given by EPA Superfund EXPERT, Larry Reed!!!!
 - ii. Nov 20th or 21st in afternoon. Probably 1 hour (including questions).
 - iii. Participants will call in on conference line – will be given slides in advance.
 - iv. Will send announcement to all trainees and alumni as well as training core and other SBRP mailing lists.
 - v. Audio and Video will be recorded for future students to hear the presentation.
- h. Next Call will be the Seminar – otherwise, will “meet” at the meeting.