

## SHUG EC March 2018 Teleconference, 3/12/2018

ORNL attendees: Adam Aczel, Suzanne Parete-Koon, Crystal Schrof, Jaime Fernandez-Baca, Ken Herwig, Eugene Mamontov, Marc Janoschek, Kelley Smith

On-call: Michelle Dolgos, Allyson Fry-Petit, Kate Ross, Sara Haravifard, Sudipta Gupta, Stephen Wilson, Gerald Schneider, Dvora Perahia

### A. Document approval

- 1) Minutes from Feb. 2018 conference call: approve
- 2) Agenda for March 2018 conference call: approve with one addition
  - (i) Additional item: discussion of travel ban from California to Tennessee

### B. ACNS satellite meeting for new neutron scattering instrumentation at ORNL

- 1) This workshop will be scheduled on **Sun. June 24**, right before the ACNS.
- 2) ACTION ITEM: Ken Herwig and Paul Langan need to come up with a format for this satellite meeting, possibly with some input from the SHUG-EC.
- 3) ACTION ITEM: Logistical details for the satellite meeting still need to be worked out between Ken Herwig and Pat Woodward (ACNS conference chair).
- 4) We may organize a related webinar before the workshop starts to obtain some initial feedback. We need to determine the date for this webinar – perhaps in mid-April. If this first webinar is highly successful, we can schedule a second webinar before the ACNS satellite meeting. Relevant material for the webinar(s) should be made available online in advance.  
ACTION ITEM: Ken, Suzanne, and Michelle need to discuss details of the webinar(s) over the phone.

### C. User tutorial for proposal writing

- 1) We need to determine when we should schedule this tutorial at the ACNS. We discussed combining the town hall meeting and the tutorial. We can summarize the outcome of the ACNS satellite meeting at the town hall meeting. We discussed providing food at the town hall meeting in an effort to increase participation, which received mixed feedback.
- 2) ACTION ITEM: Michelle will email Efrain Rodriguez (ACNS program coordinator) to determine if there is a good date and time to schedule the tutorial.

### D. New NScD website (Kelley)

- 1) The new NScD website will go live on **April 3**.

### E. NScD Update (Jaime and Suzanne)

- 1) HFIR is still running cycle 478. The end of the cycle is on Friday and then we enter a long 46 day outage.
- 2) The SNS will remain in an outage until the end of May. The IRP replacement is going well.
- 3) The call for proposals that closed on Feb. 21 was very successful.

### F. SANS mail-in program

- 1) Marc had a good meeting with Mike Fitzsimmons and the SANS beamline scientists about a SANS mail-in program. It was noted that the main purpose of mail-in programs is to generate one final plot needed for a publication (i.e. a powder diffraction plot for a new material). Therefore, it is not clear if a mail-in program makes sense for SANS. Discussions on this topic are ongoing.

#### G. Recommended changes to proposal system reviews

- 1) Steve Nagler was unavailable during this meeting, so he will provide an update on this topic during our next meeting in April.

#### H. SHUG-EC conference call schedule

- 1) The April conference call for the SHUG-EC is scheduled on **Mon. April 9** from **3 – 4 PM**. We did not have time to discuss the additional item added to our agenda, so this topic will be covered briefly at our next meeting.