

UEC 2008-9

The first meeting....

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Today on the menu...

- Introduction and overview (Abhay, **Chair**)
 - Funding, politics & **programmatics** (FPP)
 - **Also some thoughts on Outreach.....**
- Meetings, Communication & Outreach (MCO) (Jim, **future Chair**)
- GUV center overview & Site Access and Science (SAS, Susan [**the real chair(?)**])
- Quality of life (QOL, Rene, **past Chair**)
- Student & post doctoral representatives (Monika and Ondrej)

Self Introduction

Student & PDF: Ondrej Chvala, Monika Sharma

Members: Helen Caines (Yale), Manuel Calderon DLB Sanchez (UC Davis), Rene Fatemi (Kentucky), Carl Gagliardi (Texas A&M), Brant Johnson (BNL), Peter Steinberg (BNL), Rusty Towell (ACU), Carla Vale (BNL), Charles Whitten (UCLA), Hank Crawford (UCB), Andre Mischke (NIKHEF)

Rene Bellwied (Past Chair, Wayne State)

James Sowinski (Chair Elect, Indiana)

Ex-Officio: Sam Aronson, Doon Gibbs, Thomas Ludlam, Derek Lowenstein, Phil Pile, Steve Vigdor, Thomas Roser, Susan De-Pace *(+Kelly Guiffreda + Angela Melocoton)*

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UEC Working Group Structure

- Funding, Politics and Programmatics (FPP)
- Meetings, Communications and Outreach (MCO)
- Site Access and Science (SAS)
- Quality of Life (QOL)

Three chairs and Susan lead one of each these topics. All chairs are part of all WGs.

New and experienced members of the UEC are welcome to join any one or more and contribute

UEC's Ongoing activities

➤ FPP:

- Interaction with our representatives in Congress for RHIC funding
- Coordinated with BNL & BSA representatives in DC
- Keeping the User's abreast of all funding and political developments w.r.t. RHIC science and operation

➤ MCO: Meetings, communications and outreach

- Users meetings, Open Forums, special symposia etc.
- Other new initiatives (?) input welcome..

➤ SAS: Susan will comment extensively

➤ QOL: What makes RHIC users unhappy at BNL?

- Life in hostels, transportation and food on site, AOB
- Lights on RHIC access road (to be continued)

RHIC Ph.D. Stories

- What happens to RHIC Ph.D.s past graduation?
- How are they “gainfully” employed? What is their use to the society? How do they contribute outside of science? How do we estimate their worth to the economy?
 - These questions and other come up in discussions with our governments contacts every year when visit DC urging support for Science in general and RHIC in particular.
- How do we follow this up?
- “Linked” networks? Any other suggestion(s)?

Funding, Politics WG

- Communication with the congressional representatives and their **STAFFER**, APS
 - Urging our users to respond to various email and web based letters in support of RHIC
- New suggestions for initiatives by UEC/Users:
 - Invite a group of staffers to BNL and have them tour us and a half day symposium (Saturday or “**The Summer Sunday**”)
 - On a Saturday, arrange a place in DC to meet for a couple of hours for a mini-symposium in DC: invite staffers in an informal setting
- New suggestions for Invitations to Congressional Members (non-local, but crucial for RHIC funding support and others), UEC + BNL Management
- Communicate actively with other laboratory UECs

MCO WG: my suggestions

- RHIC related 5-12 min films
 - Prominently displayed on BNL website AND on YouTube
- Location & time-accessibility of the BNL science museum is an enigma!
 - Would it not be more effective tool for outreach with local communities if this were located near William Floyd and open to public for long hours? Encourage school trips? Have a small cafeteria for visitors?
 - Communicate with Cold Spring Harbor Lab, Stony Brook Environmental Science department, and Riverhead Aquarium

To the UEC:

- I look forward to working with you all in the next two years as a chair and a past chair
- Come with suggestions, recommendations, complaints or just to have a coffee with me

The only thing I hope to be doing with you is to make BNL a (slightly) better place to work and do science compared to when I/we arrived. No helping hand or suggestion towards that goal will ever be rejected.

So... be active, be enthusiastic and contribute!