

## CORES Newsletter

August 2019

### **Lab Safety**

Efforts are being made to improve the efficiency of numerous documents regarding lab safety. A condensed version of the Lab Safety Manual is being prepared. The Chemical Hygiene Plan and associated documents have been revised.

Regulations require that laboratory spaces be inspected annually. Principal Investigators will be contacted to schedule these inspections. The process is expected to take several months. A checklist will be sent in advance so that the PIs will know what to prepare for. The Inspectors will work with each lab to provide training of the regulations, complete or update the Chemical Hygiene Plan, and develop SOPs for hazardous agents.

### **Dry Ice Shipments**

Ze Liu is the primary person who is certified to prepare dry ice shipments. Merle Heineke and Megan Chastain serve as her back up. The process for shipping samples on dry ice is:

- 1) The recommendation is to ship early in the week (Monday or Tuesday) as opposed to later in the week (Thursday or Friday). That allows an extra day in the event the shipment is delayed.
- 2) Dry ice shipments should be sent in new, properly marked boxes. The shipping company can refuse shipments in previously used boxes. Boxes are provided by Lab Services.
- 3) The sending lab must complete the Shipping Request Form found at: <https://spokane.wsu.edu/facilities/mailling-services/shipping-request-form/>. A copy must be printed and attached to the box.
- 4) Ze must be notified 24 hours in advance to allow time to check that the proper size box and sufficient dry ice is available. Forward a copy of the electronic submission to her.
- 5) The deadline for delivering the box to Shipping/Receiving is 11:30 am.

### **NEW SERVICE – Biomedical Engineering and Design**

A new service is available to promote and foster science on the WSU-Spokane campus. This group can help researchers and start-up businesses to leverage their resources by saving on cost and allowing them to innovate more efficiently. The website can be found under CORE facilities and is expected to be uploaded by the end of the week.

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### **Vet Corner**

WSU issued Executive Policy #39 on March 25, 2019 regarding Service animals on campus. Each campus is to designate a Service Animal Administrator. This position is responsible for reviewing applications to bring Service Animals onto the campus. Merle J Heineke has ben appointed to this position.

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## **Vivarium**

Several changes have occurred in the vivarium. Dr. Jennifer Kopanke will begin full-time on August 5, 2019. Rob Archuleta has been promoted to Supervisor. Barrett Everson has been promoted to Animal Husbandry Tech 3. A position is currently posted to hire another husbandry technician.

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## **Flow Cytometry**

Ze Liu will be out of the office from August 7 through Sept 3. Megan Chastain will serve as her back-up during this time.

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## **Microscopy/Imaging/Histology**

### **Microscopy:**

Microscopy is implementing a new scheduling calendar system through LabAgenda to improve access to instruments. Invitation e-mails for active CORE users will go out soon. Please continue to log time at the instrument as usual. Billing will be based on instrument logs.

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### **Histology:**

Histology is currently under construction. The new fume hood will dramatically increase the services we can offer, but we have temporarily suspended most operations until construction finishes. Your patience during this time is appreciated.

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