

CNMS UEC Agenda, Thursday, February 7, 2013

10:00 am Eastern Standard Time

Participants (attendees in blue)

Chair – Tony Hmelo (Vanderbilt University)

Vice-Chair – Vivek Prabhu (NIST)

Secretary – Milan Buncick (AEGIS Technologies Group)

At-Large Members:

Nina Balke (ORNL/CNMS); Nazanin Bassiri-Gharb (Georgia Tech); Mike Hickner (Penn State); Molly Kennedy (Clemson U.); Megan Robertson (U. Houston); Ichiro Takeuchi (U. Maryland); Rafael Verduzco (Rice U.)

Past Chair, ex officio member – Martyn McLachlan (Imperial College, London)

CNMS (non-members) – Tony Haynes, Viviane Schwartz, Sandy Lowe

- **2013 User Meeting plans** (Haynes) *Invited speaker suggestions distributed via email*
 - Will likely have a joint user meeting with SNS/HFIR and ShaRE - if they would like to participate
 - Dates: August 12-16 (**let Haynes know by Monday, February 11 if there are major conflicts**)
 - Enhance the title in some way to promote participation from non-users
 - Think about potential speakers and themes – **send to Haynes by February 15**
 - List of suggestions remaining from 2012 was distributed prior to telecon as starting point for 2013
 - Submit names for Plenary and for Invited User- one Plenary suggestion submitted during telecon
 - Take a look at the [Active Projects page](#) to review titles and PIs for speaker/theme ideas
 - Updated list of suggestions, including some from CNMS staff, will be distributed prior to March telecon
 - Prioritize invitations in March telecon
- **User Newsletter** (Schwartz) *Last issue distributed via email*
 - Planning to produce a user newsletter to deliver ~1st week in April
 - Would you like to see any changes to the structure or something new to add?
 - Include user metrics? – statistics, percentages, where do users come from
 - Percentages would be good to include – ‘What are my chances to have a proposal approved?’ Or possibly include this information on a website and include url in newsletter
 - Highlight new capabilities in the center
 - Link in newsletter announcing job openings
 - Research Highlights:
 - A selection of research highlights will be distributed by Viviane prior to March telecon – if you have new research you would like to include, send to Viviane.
 - UEC will choose highlights for on our next UEC telecon.
 - Section with useful info for Future users / Current users (include in every issue at the end)
- **NUFO User Science Exhibition in DC** (Hmelo) (http://www.nufo.org/files/news/NUFO_News_December_2012.pdf)
 - CNMS received letter from NUFO on Feb 6 updating plans (copy attached)
 - Event will likely be held in **early June**
 - Title is “Discoveries that Improve Your Life: National Research Facilities Tackle Grand Challenges”
 - Congressional office visits will include small groups of researchers to share their story of the importance of the availability to the facilities
 - Focal event to include 4-5 interactive demos/displays on themes of health, energy, transformational technologies
 - Start thinking about suggestions for interactive demo-type exhibits (deadlines and format forthcoming)
 - Poll full user group for interactive demos – we are looking to highlight the research – (portable, interesting to the general public, understandable and shows future research)
 - **Molly will draft email and send to Hmelo/Haynes for review by Wednesday, February 13**
 - Ideas sought not only for NUFO event, but also for display elsewhere by CNMS

Next Conference Call: Thursday, March 7, 10:00am EST

Haynes, Tony E.

From: nufo-user-administrators-bounces@lists.nufo.org on behalf of susan.white-depace@nufo.org
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:52 PM
To: Listserv UEC Representatives; Listserv Facility Management; Listserv User Administrators
Subject: NUFO: Invited to Participate in Laboratory Caucus
Attachments: Exhibition Announcement 2_6_2013.pdf; Invitation from Hultgren 2013.pdf; ATT00001.txt
Importance: High

The National User Facility Organization (NUFO) has been invited by the House Science & National Labs Caucus to help demonstrate to Congressional representatives how scientists who use our nation's user facilities support economic competitiveness, scientific research and education, and push the boundaries of fundamental knowledge. Please see the attached letter from the NUFO Steering Committee for further details and information.

The NUFO Steering Committee looks forward to working with our members on this very important event.

The Future of America is the Research of Today

The NUFO Steering Committee

Katherine Kantardjieff, California State University @ San Marcos
Yves Izerda, Montana State University
Tony Lanzirotti, The University of Chicago
Amanda Thompson, Fermilab
Grace Webster, Brookhaven National Laboratory
Susan Bailey, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Susan Strasser, Argonne National Laboratory
Beth Wurzburg, Stanford University
Christine Aidala, Los Alamos National Laboratory
Stephen Wasserman, Eli Lilly and Company
Brant Johnson, Brookhaven National Laboratory
Susan White-DePace, Argonne National Laboratory

February 6, 2013

Dear Laboratory Directors, User Facility Directors, User Representatives, and User Administrators:

This past December a bipartisan group of four Congressmen: Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-IL), Rep. Chaka Fattah (D-PA), Rep. Ben Ray Luján (D-NM) and Rep. Alan Nunnelee (R-MS), established a new House Science & National Labs Caucus. With other members of the 113th Congress expected to join this year, the new caucus will concentrate on reinforcing federal investment in research and the national laboratories, as well as raise awareness in and out of Congress about the role they play in long-term economic growth.

The National User Facility Organization (NUFO) has been invited by the House Science & National Labs Caucus to help demonstrate to Congressional representatives how scientists who use our nation's user facilities support economic competitiveness, scientific research and education, and push the boundaries of fundamental knowledge. This is quite an honor for us and, as you can see from the attached invitation, the National Labs Caucus believes that NUFO is uniquely positioned to illustrate the benefits of the investments in National User Facilities. The Caucus has asked NUFO to present this message during a Caucus event on Capitol Hill, probably in early June.

For this event, the NUFO Steering Committee has selected the title "Discoveries that Improve Your Life: National Research Facilities Tackle Grand Challenges" with theme areas of health, energy, and transformational technologies as the centerpiece of this Science Exhibition. Instead of a poster/reception format in the House and the Senate Office buildings, which is what we have done in past years, NUFO is planning an interactive demo-type exhibit with Congressional visits prior to and/or after the event.

It is our intent to have four or five visual demonstrations/displays in the areas of health (e.g. drug design, advanced diagnostics), energy (e.g. solar cells, battery advancements) and transformational technologies (e.g. graphene electronics, novel materials) that can capture the interest of staffers and visitors so that they can be engaged in a discussion of the importance of our National User Facilities. All NUFO facilities will be represented in some manner.

The NUFO Steering Committee, with help from government and community relations managers from various User facilities, will coordinate congressional visits the morning of the Caucus event. We envision small groups (3-5 individuals, led by a government relations experts) will visit a select set of policy makers to share their story of the importance of the availability to these facilities and the impact it has had on their research, their institution, and their state.

Specifics on what we need from you, deadlines, and format will be distributed to you shortly.

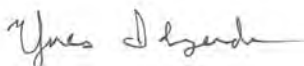
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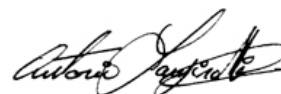
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January 25, 2013

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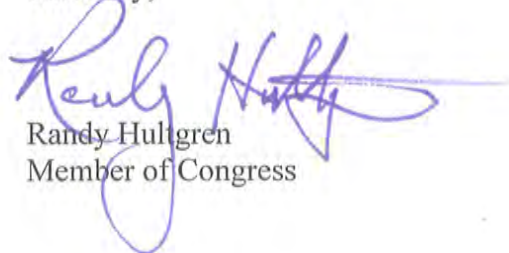
Dear Dr. Lanzirotti:

The House Science & National Labs Caucus was formed this year by members of the 113th Congress to help raise awareness of the role federal investment in research and the national laboratories plays in advancing our National interests. The federal investment in scientific research is the backbone of long-term technological advancement and economic growth for the Nation. This fundamental research drives American competitiveness and truly makes us exceptional.

The Caucus wishes to solicit your help in demonstrating to our Colleagues and to Americans how scientists are utilizing these resources today to support economic competitiveness, scientific research and education, and in pushing the boundaries of our fundamental knowledge. We believe that the National User Facility Organization (NUFO), in representing all the scientists that utilize our national laboratory facilities, is one of the organizations uniquely capable of illustrating the importance and benefits of these investments.

In that capacity, the Caucus wishes to invite NUFO to host an exhibition on Capitol Hill as a Caucus event. We are certain that in hosting such an event NUFO will be able to help the Caucus spotlight the pioneering work.

Sincerely,



Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress