



Scientific Innovation Through Integration

EMSL User Advisory Committee Meeting

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Recommendations

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EMSL is located at PNNL



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■ RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ◆ Annual meeting at EMSL
- ◆ One science theme focus each year (rotating)
- ◆ Speakers, Posters, and capability-based workshops
- ◆ Balance of established scientists, junior scientists, and grad students.
- ◆ Funding for graduate student travel to encourage geographically diverse representation.
- ◆ We recommend that a planning committee be established that includes a mix of SAC members, UAC members, capability stewards , EMSL staff, and past members of STAP committees
- ◆ The UAC offers to participate in the planning of the scientific program and the assessment of the annual meeting.
- ◆ The first meeting should occur during the summer of 2011.

Outreach and Engagement



■ RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ◆ We strongly support EMSL scientists in their leadership and participation of symposia at national meetings, thereby promoting the science themes and capabilities of EMSL.
- ◆ We support all aspects of the outreach plan.
- ◆ Research campaign ideas should be generated and promoted through discussions at public forums such as the annual users' meetings.

Commendations



■ RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ◆ MyEMSL initiative, as it was described, is an excellent plan. It is needed by the users. We view this as high priority, and efforts should be made to move forward as quickly as possible and to make MyEMSL accessible to the users even as MyEMSL continues to be developed.
- ◆ We value the progress being made on integrating theory and experiments.
- ◆ Communication between EMSL Administration and the UAC has increased, keeping the UAC better informed about EMSL.
- ◆ We commend EMSL on their annual review of proposal renewal policy.
- ◆ The EMSL management and staff have done a remarkable job of bringing the ARRA funded instruments on line. The capability stewards in particular have risen to the demand and incurred additional heavy workloads.

■ RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ◆ There is a small concern that the UAC is not representing the PNNL internal (non-EMSL) users. This issue should be discussed with EMSL leaders to explore what would work best.
- ◆ Better understanding of the user categories should be provided (e.g., new, internal, "other").
- ◆ We recommend that the UAC and SAC have a joint half day session focused on current and long term visions for EMSL.
- ◆ A joint UAC and SAC meeting is recommended to initiate discussion of new equipment acquisition (the first step in the process of a 5-year plan).
- ◆ Modify the UAC charter from "design and oversee the users meetings" to "support, advise and assess."
- ◆ Modify the UAC charter to include some EMSL-appointed UAC members.
- ◆ Please schedule more time for the UAC meeting, to provide the UAC with ample time for executive sessions.

Recurring Concerns (from 2009)



■ RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ◆ The website should display the time required for, and feasibility of training on, each instrument.
- ◆ The UAC needs to revisit their charter.

For more information about the EMSL User Advisory Committee (members and charter), see <http://www.emsl.pnl.gov/about/advisory.jsp>

