

Compliance Corner - April 2007

Welcome to another exciting edition of the Compliance Corner! For our final edition for this academic year I wanted to share with you some of the exciting plans that are in place for this Fall related to research compliance:

We will resume our Responsible Conduct of Research Workshops for graduate students in the Fall. The workshops will contain a variety of topics related to RCR plus some additional workshops on how to survive and be successful in graduate school. These workshops will be based on the Survival Skills and Ethics Program that I launched early last year. Details on the types of workshops that will be offered and the location and times will be distributed in early Fall.

In the Fall we will continue to conduct workshops related to RCR with faculty and staff. These workshops will center on research misconduct, conflicts of interest and patent information, confidentiality and human subjects research. These workshops have been very successful. Department Chairpersons and other faculty members have requested in most cases to have these workshops tailored to their particular disciplines. Applying this approach has not only made the workshops more informative, but has fostered learning and interaction about these topics in a meaningful way.

The CITI training program now has a module that focuses on RCR! This exciting new initiative allows researchers to receive some of the fundamental training aspects of RCR while also going through the human subjects ethics training. If you are interested in taking the RCR training module through CITI, please log onto (www.citiprogram.org) for details.

All of the research compliance committees—Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects Research (IRB) and Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)—had very research-productive semesters. As the Fall semester, we are excited about several initiatives that will occur for the respective groups. First, The IACUC looks forward to the opening of the new animal research laboratory. Second, The IRB looks forward to continued work with faculty and students on research projects with more guidance given to individuals conducting research with children. Third, The IBC looks forward to its annual survey of individuals who are conducting research with select agents and BSL-2 human pathogens. The members of these committees are diligent and thoughtful in their work and we value and appreciate them daily.

As you know by now, I continue to remain excited about issues related to RCR and research compliance. I look forward to working with you again this upcoming year. If you would like to learn more about any of the information presented in this edition of the Compliance Corner, please feel free to send me an email (responsibleresearch@muohio.edu) or call at (513) 529-1757. Have a safe and relaxing summer!