

SHUG-EC Conference Call: Wednesday, July 19, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM EST

Attendees (online):

ORNL: Suzanne Reichert, Matt Tucker, Rohit Srivastava, Naresh Osti, Travis Williams

External: Igor Zaliznyak, Amy Xu, Rana Ashkar, Mingda Li, Ben Frandsen

Discussion items:

1. Onsite meeting agenda
 - a. Jens Dilling is filling in as interim director, will be present at onsite meeting; Jon Taylor will also be there representing ORNL management; they will each get 30 minutes.
 - b. Move the postdoc discussion to second day before DEI discussion; move sample environment topic to first day after lunch.
 - c. Suggestion: Start drafting the report during the closed-door sessions.
 - d. Add 5 minutes to sample environment, take away 5 minutes from PPU/STS.
 - e. Suggestion: Run instrument team meetings in parallel (two breakout sessions per 1-hour block). Counter-argument: cross-pollinating ideas and perspectives is useful, so better to keep the whole EC together for all discussions. **Discussion item: Do we want parallel breakout sessions for the instrument meetings? Which instrument teams do we want to meet with, and do we want group leads, instrument scientists/SAs, or all of the above in attendance?**
 - f. DEI session: Need to think about who to invite and how much time to allocate. Suggestion: 45 minutes for groups like Women in Science, postdoc groups, etc; and 30 minutes for discussion with ORNL management (requires extending the meeting by 15 minutes to end at 1:15). Split the two parts with the coffee break. **Discussion item: Which groups should we invite to the DEI discussion?**
 - g. Invite early career staff to the postdoc session as well.
2. Electrochemistry Breakthrough Symposium: August 22, 3 – 5 PM
 - a. Two EC volunteers needed to chair
 - i. Is Yulia Zaikina available? Otherwise Igor can step in.
 - ii. Naresh can be backup chair.
 - b. **Action item:** Travis will coordinate with Jue to find two additional ORNL people to sit on the panel.
 - c. Spreading the word: everyone on EC try to advertise on social media, include in SHUG email a week before the event.
3. Preparations to elect new EC members
 - a. Outgoing members (December 2023): Travis Williams, Yun Liu, Rana Ashkar, Peter Gilbert, Lisa Debeer-Schmitt.
 - b. Include either a soft announcement or formal solicitation in the next EC mailing.
 - i. October 15 nomination deadline. Nominations sent to Vice Chair Mingda Li or to shug-ec@email.ornl.gov
 - ii. Voting will occur between November 1 and November 30.