SHUG-EC Conference Call: Tues. April 16, 2019

Present at ORNL:
Sabine, George, Jay, Jaime, Suzanne, Hans, Garrett

Online:
Olivier, Dvora, Jaroslaw, Martin, Stephen, Sudipta, William

Document approval:

- Minutes from March 2019 conference call: approve
- Agenda for April 2019 conference call: approve

Facility Updates: given by Jaime and Hans

- o Jaime:
    - letter from Paul 3/27 with updates on status of HFIR and SNS
    - leak in mercury loop
    - mercury was always contained (in secondary container)
    - extra pressure caused over-pressurization of mercury loop – symptom which shut down system. Goal is to get this fixed one week past scheduled start up.
    - May 15 target date for start-up pending reviews
    - Review is ORNL internal
- o Hans
    - Explained DOE review comments about data reduction, visualization and analysis
    - In response, the Data Analysis Group has been renamed and the focus has been changed with a larger emphasis now on software engineering and improved deployment of software
    - Moving forward, new hires in this group will benefit from strong software engineering background
    - Introduced Jay Billings as the new group leader. He is also currently leading one of the groups in the Computing and Computational Sciences Directorate at ORNL, so this change should help to build bridges across ORNL.
    - Garrett will help with Jay's transition and eventually move back into the Spectroscopy Group as an instrument scientist
    - Questions about MANTID from William Ratcliff, Dvora, and Olivier
    - Jay is planning to be user meeting to discuss further details of this transition

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User Meeting:

- All plenary speakers are confirmed
- Suzanne wants to close plenary section now
- Soft matter component: will be in afternoon sessions
- **Discussing the agenda**
- Jaroslaw strongly suggests Serpersu (from UT) to attend. Will send email again.
- Dvora expresses concern about users that need to be attracted to attend the SHUG as plenary speakers
- Jaroslaw wants Luca to attend
- For the future, soft bio is a bit on the sidelines per Dvora, involve senior people to come up with very good people and not ORNL veto non-users
- Olivier suggests adding 30 minutes to the working lunch
- Praise from Olivier for Suzanne about putting the agenda together, but still consider Dvora's suggestions
- Hans: we will consider if the EC collectively agrees on speakers that fall outside of our rules for future meetings
- Current schedule is full, so we will consider for future meetings
- Town hall agenda will be talked about via email
- Olivier
  - invites ORNL people to EC subcommittee meetings
  - Text in by-laws in not very clear
  - How to adopt changes with by-laws
  - Definition of membership is unclear
  - Makes suggestions on how to become a member
- Crystal
  - Link on SHUG website to become member?
  - Will revise membership definition
  - Inconsistencies will be worked on
  - Will be ready for voting on the SHUG meeting
  - Olivier would like a draft before
  - 3-year period for membership suggested
  - What if membership becomes too large?
  - Olivier encourages everyone to look at current by-laws

Next conference call

- Tues. May 21, 2019: 3 – 4 PM