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Dear IBC Researchers,

This is to inform you that a new, on-line IBC protocol submission, review and management system (AURA-IBC) is scheduled to go live on 1/1/2015. As you are likely aware, the University has already implemented AURA-Grants, AURA-IRB, and AURA-COI. AURA-IBC continues the progression to an integrated research administration platform that will provide a uniform online format for university-administered processes. Faculty and other individuals who have written IBC protocols and members of the IBC Office, Office of Biosafety, NSIT and Huron Consulting are currently working on designing and developing AURA-IBC. We will be making more announcements as we move closer to the go-live date.

The advantages of AURA-IBC:

- Your current approved IBC protocols will be available online for you and your staff, even from off campus.
- There will be no more concerns about saving and finding the current approved version of a given protocol, as the protocol will be readily available online.
- IBC protocols will be much easier to revise through amendment submissions.
- Submissions (Annual Surveys or protocol/amendment submissions) requiring action on your part will be on display on your homepage.
- The status of each IBC submission in the review process will be available online.

Our current IBC database tracks limited data about each approved IBC protocol. When AURA-IBC does go live on 1/1/2015, only that limited data migrated to AURA-IBC will be available to PI's and their laboratory staff. In an effort to populate AURA-IBC with current and complete IBC protocol information as quickly as is reasonably possible, the implementation plan is as follows:

- Current approved IBC protocols that are due for resubmission from now until the end of this calendar year will have their approval period extended. Letters to PIs detailing this extension will be sent in the next several weeks. Once AURA-IBC goes live, these PIs will begin to receive notifications (4 months prior to the extended expiration date) of the need to renew their protocol.
- From now until the end of this year all new IBC protocol submissions and those resubmissions currently engaged in the review process will be approved for one year only. The PIs of these protocols will begin to receive notifications of the need to renew their protocol 4 months prior to the new expiration date assigned at protocol approval.
- After AURA-IBC goes live, all new and resubmitted IBC protocols must be completed and submitted on-line via AURA-IBC. IBC approval of protocols submitted in the AURA-IBC system will be valid for three years.
- PIs submitting amendments (except for new staff additions) to IBC protocols not yet in the AURA-IBC system following the AURA-IBC go live date will be required to submit a complete, comprehensive IBC via the AURA-IBC system. That submission will be treated as a resubmission and once approved by IBC will be approved for three years.

The format and appearance of the AURA-IBC submission screens differ from our current PDF submission form. However, the questions remain essentially the same. So, for those of you that will be submitting

resubmissions into AURA-IBC, you will be able to copy much of the information currently found on the PDF versions of the IBC protocol submission form into your on-line AURA-IBC submission.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks, Bill

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