

## **PDA meeting – Jan. 17<sup>st</sup> 2012**

- Presence: Nathalie, Katie, Ben, Lourdes

- Agenda:

### **1) Happy Hour (dates, "invitees" [JP, MBL, families, etc])**

- Next Thurs, January 24<sup>th</sup> (send out email on Monday)
- Fourth Thurs of every month (make not of this in next happy hour email)
- Next happy hour Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – invite MBL

### **2) Coffee Hours (dates, location [Fye, Mike Neubert's lab BIO], volunteers)**

- Nathalie will look to see about Fye open house last week of January
- Bruce Keafer – new building, Lourdes will ask about winter/spring
- Ben will ask about PO wave tank
- Kakani – jellyfish tank ESL in summer

### **3) Career workshops (Next topic, Mock interviews)**

- Not enough interest for mock interviews.
- Negotiation (March 26<sup>th</sup>, Tues or 21st Thurs)
  - o Larry Maiden Director of Research does all the negotiation for WHOI (Nathalie or Katie send Larry email?)
  - o Similar to interview workshop, with Larry on institution side and some people who have negotiated with other institutions.
  - o Do a reception afterward like with interview workshop
- Funding Sources other than NSF next (June/July)
  - o Funding for postdocs
  - o Invite grad students
  - o Dan Stuermer, does non-academic funding stuff
- Non-academic jobs (spring, April)
  - o Trustees meeting in spring (April): Jim Yoder suggested recruiting from trustees to get them to talk about working at different companies, industry
  - o Invite grad students
  - o Heather Goldstone, Ari Shapiro, science reporting
- Academic Job Application Materials (end of summer)

### **4) Other Activities:**

- Postdoc Journal Club (Amala Mahadevan, PO)
  - o Nathalie will ask Amala where she's at and what PDA can do, send an email? Be the club?
- Visualizing Data (topic suggested by Amala Mahadevan, PO)
  - o Keep this in mind as a future PDA activity to organize.

### **5) Postdoc-grad student mentoring (Ben will talk to Larissa about this)**

- Kicked off with a lunch.

- Get together few times throughout the year on your own or more depending on what the student is looking for.
- End of year happy hour.

6) Get list of new postdocs each month and PDA member from that department say hello to new postdocs.

7) Email PDA to see who wants to go to Charleston, March 15-17 for the National Postdoctoral Association annual meeting.