

# WHOI Postdoctoral Association

## MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 27

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Caryn House

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*Committee members present:* Michelle Portman, Ernst Galutschek, Mar Nieto-Cid, Ananya Sen Gupta, Jong Jin Park, Sam Laney, Anna McIntyre-Wressnig

*Other representatives present:* Janet Fields (Postdoctoral Coordinator / Academic Programs)

*1. Post-doc review follow-up:*

Did all post-docs get a review? Michelle will find out. Janet points out that different departments have different approaches to the review – not all suggestions by the PDA in a memo by J. Yoder have been implemented in all departments. Also, this year the process started late.

*2. Alumni data base:*

Janet informs us about the current standings: Joint program is in the process of designing an alumni data base which will be the basis for the PDA alumni data base. There have been problems and delays in the programming process. For now we should all think about what information would be useful to have on the website.

*3. Conference related to the PDA:*

The National PDA conference will be held in Houston / Texas in March 2009. Information about it can be found on the website of the National Postdoctoral Association ([www.nationalpostdoc.org](http://www.nationalpostdoc.org)). Academic Programs will pay for one person to attend. Michelle attended last year's conference in Boston and thought it very informative. Committee members have time until the Post-doc breakfast to decide whether they would

like to attend this year. If no decision is made until the breakfast all post docs will be informed about the opportunity to attend.

*4. Post-Doctoral Breakfast:*

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8 30. The breakfast will be organised by the Academic Programs Office. PDA flyers will be handed out. Ernst will give a two minute presentation about the PDA committee. Before the Postdoctoral Breakfast. Janet will organise the printing of the flyers.

*5. Coffee hours:*

James Kinsey is busy now, can do early January and/or March. In March we could watch a vehicle in the water. Michael Berumen talked to Jelle Atema from MBL, maybe a coffee hour can be organised for January? Since Michael is away Ernst will deal with it. Janet will check with Geofluidynamics and ships.

*6. Career workshops:*

There will be a proposal writing workshop with Jim Price in January. We would like to organise a career workshop with a panel of scientists. Sam Laney will head a “subcommittee” to look into the details. Michelle and Ananya will work with him. Janet suggests collaboration with MBL for an event with Howard Hughes. Geofluidynamics and ships.

*7. Meet and greet new post-docs:*

Departmental representatives should do that. Janet will notify us of new arrivals.

*8. Update from the treasurer:*

Michelle informs us that we have \$ 65 from drinks in the post-doc lounge.

*9. Committee involvement:*

Each PDA committee member is advised to make sure that the various other on which they serve know about them.

Meeting closed

Minutes recorded by Anna McIntyre-Wressnig