

RHIC & AGS ANNUAL USER'S MEETING

WELCOME ADDRESS UEC CHAIR

OUTLINE

1. Organization of UEC
2. What we have done this year
3. Conclusions

Present UEC Membership

Chair-Elect (3-year term):	Rene Bellwied, Wayne State
Chair:	John Hill, Iowa State
Past Chair:	Brant Johnson, BNL
UEC Member 3-year term:	Helen Caines, Yale Jim Sowinski, Indiana Chuck Whitten, UCLA
Student/Postdoc Reps. 1-year term:	Sarah Campbell, SUNYSB Christine Natrass, Yale
Appt. Member 2-year term:	Michael Murray, Kansas Gerco Onderwater, University of Groningen
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User's Group Ex-Officio Members

BNL Director :

Sam Aronson

BNL Deputy Dir. For Sci. & Tech.:

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Assoc. Lab. Dir. for HEP and NP:

Steve Vigdor

Chair of Collider-Accelerator Dept.:

Derek Lowenstein

Chair of Physics Department:

Sally Dawson

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Thomas Roser

Exp. Support Facilities Head:

Phil Pile

Director of Users' Center:

Susan White-DePace

Users' Center Staff

Kelly Guiffreda

Angela Melocoton

Regina Robinson

and Susan White-DePace

The Four UEC Working Groups

Site Access and Science (Susan)

Funding, Politics, and Programmatic (John)

**Meetings, Communication, and Outreach
(Rene)**

Quality of Life (Brant)

UEC Working Groups

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The Four UEC Working Groups

Site Access and Science

- Physical Access (Visa, Guest Appointment, Gate Access)
- Computer Access (Cybersecurity, Scientific Computing)
- Safety, Training, Scientific Computing and data transfer issues

Funding, Politics, and Programmatics

- Funding: Facility Operations, Research, and User Support.
- Political Action: Interactions with DOE, OSTP, OMB, Congress
- Programmatic Issues of broad user interest

Meetings, Communication, and Outreach

- Annual Users' Meeting and semi-annual Users' Group Meetings
- Quarterly Open Forums, Monthly UEC Meetings, and Web Pages.
- User communication, including outreach to the wider community.

Quality of Life

- Housing, Transportation, & Food; Recreation and Socialization
- Liaisons to Association for Students And Postdocs (ASAP)
- Site Enhancements (better lighting, foot paths, maintenance)
- Agenda input for Open Forums at BNL and User Group Meetings

What Have We Done??

A number of things. We have had a very busy year. I have organized what we did below in terms of the four working groups.

MCO

Meetings, Communications and Outreach (Rene Chair)

- A. Organize Annual User's Meeting (June 18-22, 2007)
- B. Open Forum Today 12:45—2:00 at lunch.
- C. Thesis awards, election results and poster award.
- D. Open Forum Talks:
 - Mike Holland (House Committee on Science)
 - Steve Pierson (APS Office of Public Affairs)
- E. John Haggerty with help UEC established RHIC-AGS newsletter that now comes out regularly.

QOL

Quality of Life (Brant Chair)

- A. Coffee house in new administration building will be hopefully established this year when funds are available. UEC did survey on needs and results given to Sam, who was very supportive.
- B. We have a new home for ASAP since HFBR building will be closed. Site is renovated building near BNL pool. There was open house yesterday and facilities are really very nice.
- C. Discussions with BNL management concerning lighting on way to RHIC ring. Lighting from Science Learning Center to the edge of the RHIC ring road will probably not be in budget this year but possibly next year since only about \$100K needed. The UEC will push hard to have this done next year.

SAS

Site Access and Science (Susan Chair)

- A. UEC formulated survey to elicit user's opinions on the one day stand down and various cyber security issues. Very large response to this survey and results given to BNL management. Resulted in several visits to UEC by Tom Schlagel to tell us what management doing to improve things.
- B. Visit by Derek to give users update on the RHIC cryo problems.
- C. Visit to April Open Forum by John Amabile (security), Randy Biegelman (counter intelligence) and Tom Schagel to answer user's questions on a number of issues.

FPP

Funding, Politics and Programmatic (John Chair)

- A. Asked users to send letter to their representatives to support DOE Office of Science.
- B. Set up URL so that users could thank their individual House members who voted in favor of the Continuing Resolution that favorable to the Office of Science.
- C. Asked users to write their Senators asking them to sign the Alexander/Bingaman letter.
- D. Set up visits for Congressional Visits Day in May. Christine Natrass (student) and I visited a total of 12 offices. We hope to have a better campaign this coming Spring and to target members of Energy and Water Subcommittees.

CONCLUSIONS

1. We have had a productive year with much accomplished (ASAP), have been politically active especially with respect to Congress and have produced a good working relationship with APS Public Affairs.
2. Work needs to be completed on lighting and Coffee Shop and new issues needing political action continually arise.
3. Please come to the Open Forum this afternoon to meet the new Associate Director for NP and HEP and let us know how the UEC can help make BNL a better environment in which to work and do science.