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Note: try not to duplicate data or information from the benchmarking report or the Working Group reports.

Budget and staffing changes – *discuss any substantial or significant changes in library budget or staffing since last annual meeting and the expected impact on your library/organization.*

We currently have fantastic support from the Deputy for Science at our Lab, and she has protected our Collections budget, even building in some resources to cover inflation. We are preparing to post a job for an entry level Librarian to assist with some of our reference work and support to the Lab Director's Office.

Organizational changes – *discuss any changes in your immediate or organizational mission or management structure and the expected impact on your library/organization.*

Our Technical Information Officer currently resides in the Library, but we are re-evaluating our staffing allocations in that area. We are considering moving the TIO to Records or Lab Protection Division, and possibly adding an additional staff person.

Current initiatives – *discuss significant library initiatives, accomplishments, awards or collaborations (internal or external). These can be on any topic including library operations, projects, research and development, physical space, just cool stuff, etc.*

We are attempting to procure Lab support to renovate our physical space into an "information hub" which will attract younger researchers and be a hospitable place for people to collaborate. The Library has been offering a variety of sessions

to educate early career researchers on publishing, and collaborating with the technical communications staff to develop a framework for research excellence.

Challenges – *discuss any issues or situations, not already mentioned above, affecting your library in the past year and how they were addressed or planned to be addressed.*

The Library is part of the Office of Research Excellence, which is a new organization, but which is currently undergoing a change of scope. This has created a little bit of stress and confusion, but the Library is the most autonomous portion of the Office, so we are just continuing with our Library Mission to the best of our ability while everything else gets sorted

Future initiatives – *discuss ideas, proposals or plans you may have for the immediate or strategic future of your library and the expected impact on your organization.*

We are still very interested in procuring and implementing an Institutional Repository. As yet there has been no movement on this. One of the Subject Matter Experts in our parent organizations was going to lead this effort, but she left for a job elsewhere in our Lab, and so there is not currently an active plan for how to proceed.

Trends – *have you noticed anything changing, mutating, fluctuating or shifting in your library or in your organization? Changes in customer or staff habits, needs, collection use, expectations? Changes in the external information world that might affect your library or libraries in general? Please share.*

Our customers have recently gotten much more vocal about requesting specific resources or standards. Usually we do our best to accommodate, but if requests keep up at this rate, we will have to determine a process or procedure for handling these requests.