

## Minutes of FlowCore Users Group Meeting September 02, 2010

AF – Andrew Fryga  
KC – Karen Clarke  
JN – James Ngui  
DK – Danika Khong  
MR – Mike Reitsma  
KB – Kara Britt  
KF – Kathryn Flanagan

### **Introduction / Notifications**

- KC - welcomes users for attending
- Lab issues:
  - Users' lab access issues due to security problems. Resolution: notification emails sent out and access now restored.
- AF – All authorised users will now have access to the lab 24hrs, 7 days.
- KC – FlowCore data cleanup will be implemented soon.
- Online customer satisfaction survey email will be sent out shortly. All users are encouraged to participate.
- All users please take note of sorter operational hours when booking; after hours bookings are possible but staff *must* be notified by email prior to booking date.
- FlowJo licenses will now be billed quarterly (previously billed yearly).
  - AF – More cost effective system for users; they will not be billed if they do not access FlowJo for a quarter.

### **Alternative Sorting Facility**

- KC – due to FlowCore bookings reaching capacity, users are asked to review future bookings and cancel any that may be unnecessary.
- If timeslots are unavailable, users may sort at Monash Medical Centre.
- JN – Facility houses 2 sorters and 2 analysers.
  - 2 x MoFlo sorters: Violet, Blue and Red lasers. 1 MoFlo equipped with UV laser.
  - Pricing: Sort \$85p/h, Analysis \$60p/h
  - Phone: (03) 9594-3611
  - Email: [james.ngui@med.monash.edu.au](mailto:james.ngui@med.monash.edu.au)
  - Website: <http://www.monashinstitute.org/core/flow-cytometry-lab.html>

## **Discussion**

DK – Are there plans to expand the facility?

AF – Yes, but there is a lack of funding at the present time. Some future avenues for staff and equipment funding may be through ARMI, CSIRO, or Monash University grants.

DK – Can/will FlowCore extend the sorting hours?

AF – Some users have the option of being trained (at FlowCores' discretion) to monitor and shut down the sorters, if they wish to continue sorting beyond operating hours.

KB – Can FlowCore data be made available for users to present to their supervisors, to explore more grant options?

AF – Yes. All facility usage is already tabulated and can be made available upon request.

KC - Reminder that bookings made greater than 3 weeks in advance are subject to change by FlowCore, in certain circumstances.

## **Equipment**

- KC - Influx 1 will need 3 – 4 days (possibly one week) for a major repair. This will occur in October/November. Users will be given as much notice as possible.
- New LSRII is being built and installation should occur in approx. one month.
- Diva lasers: UV, Blue, Red.
  - Red laser is currently operational but running with reduced output. Will be replaced in the near future.

## **Events**

- 33rd Annual AFCG meeting to be held in 8-10th November. This is a great resource to learn more about flow cytometry and its applications.
  - MR and KF attending.
  - Users are welcome to register and attend the meeting.
  - More info: [www.afcg.org.au](http://www.afcg.org.au)

## **Presentation**

- KC presents 'Gemstone' software (plot parameters vs progression); developed by Bruce Bagwell.

Trial version and tutorials:

<http://www.vsh.com/products/gemstone/gsTrialVersions.asp>

## **Thankyou for attending.**

Meeting slides available online from FlowCore website.

Next FlowCore Users Group meeting: 02-12-2010