

Minutes of FlowCore Users Group Meeting September 01, 2011

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Introduction

- AF - thanks users for attending and welcomes all new users.
- Users are reminded to utilise www.flowcore.com.au as the information within is kept current.
- Karen Clarke has resigned from her position as FlowCore assistant manager.
 - A HEW 06/07 position is now open for applicants.
 - Fixed 3yr contract (from July 01 2011)
 - Users are welcome to refer potential candidates that may be interested.
 - It will probably take approx 2 months to fill the position.

FlowCore to Monash transition

- FlowCore is now a Monash Research Platform. Research Platforms include: FlowCore, StemCore, MATF, MMI.
- Accounts: Sim from Monash will be contacting groups and requesting their cost centres.
- FlowCore IT has not yet changed.
 - This change will occur in the future, but the date is undetermined.

FlowCore Operations

- Due to the loss of a staff member, FlowCore sorting availability and training will be affected temporarily (although all services are still available).
- Users may be asked to monitor their sorts for a time during their bookings.
- Sorts have been booked up to December; however some of these may be altered by FlowCore if required. (Users will be notified)
- Presently the calendar is blocked throughout November on the Influx 2.
 - This is temporary until exact dates for its unavailability can be determined. (Due to staff conference leave)
- The LSR11b will soon be open for users to book.
 - Only users that have received specific training for this instrument may book it.

- **Alternative flow cytometry facilities:**
 - MHRP (2 x MoFlo sorters, FACSCanto analyser, MoFlo analyser) Contact: James Ngui (03) 9594 3611
 - Building 76 (1 laser FACSCalibur analyser) Contact: Irene Hatzinisiriou (03) 9902 9255

FlowCore on Facebook

- Reminder to users that FlowCore has a Facebook page
 - 'Like' the page to receive notifications and news-feeds from the page
 - Users may post cancellations, wanted timeslots, questions, comments for improved communication between users of the facility.
 - It is the responsibility of users to make bookings on the FlowCore calendar or through enquiries@flowcore.com.au. Moderators will not transfer booking requests made on the FlowCore facebook page to the calendar booking system.

Emerging Technologies Expo

- September 8th – 9th, Building 75 foyer.
- Displays from BD, Union Biometrica, and Amnis.
 - Union Biometrica Biosorter (large particle sorter) will be housed at FlowCore from 12/09 – 23/09. Contact FlowCore to book a trial of the instrument.
 - Amnis Imaging Cytometer – possibly located at FlowCore for a trial period, however no details yet.
- Users are encouraged to attend for latest updates on industry news and technologies!

Brilliant Violet 421

- New fluorophore manufactured by Sirigen (distributors: BD, Biolegend)
- Possible brighter alternative / replacement for Pacific Blue
- Available as a tandem – Brilliant Violet-570
- Visit www.sirigen.com for more information.

Thanks to all who attended.
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