ANNOUNCEMENT:

Conference on Core Lab Infrastructure

UT System Health Institutions

The University of Texas System and the Texas Regional CTSA Consortium (TRCC) are convening a meeting for the directors of biomedical research facilities at the UT Health Institutions. The one-day conference will be held on July 15 in Austin, Texas (agenda can be found here).

The meeting’s purpose is to identify opportunities for developing a network of biomedical research cores. By leveraging core resources across the institutions this network may help increase inter-institutional collaboration, facilitate novel scientific interactions and help coordinate best practices in core management. This, in turn, will provide UT investigators broader access to a scientifically powerful research technology portfolio.

The meeting’s agenda will focus on soliciting and integrating input from the core directors on the novel opportunities for improving core infrastructure and networking between institutions. Therefore, the conference will include two informal breakout sessions where potential topics to be explored may include:

- Leveraging a network of local fiscal and technological resources across the UT System,
- Improving research excellence through enhanced core infrastructure,
- Facilitating novel scientific interactions and faculty collaboration,
- Coordinating core management activities for efficient use of the collective research assets,
- Recommendations for UT System involvement and investments in biomedical/health sciences cores,
- Sharing best practices and overcoming barriers to inter-institutional core usage.

Who should attend? Directors of biomedical core facilities, core administrators and CTSA stakeholders from the University of Texas Health Institutions are invited to attend.

How do I register? Please complete and submit a registration form at (https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UTCoreDirectorsMeeting)

Is there a cost? There is no charge to attend the meeting. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Attendees must cover their own expenses for travel and accommodations.

Contact Sherry Cass (scass@utsystem.edu); 512-499-4529 for recommendations on local accommodations and questions about the conference logistics.