



STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR IT SUPPORT OF GRANT-FUNDED RESEARCH

BRIITE: Biomedical Research Institutions Information Technology Exchange

10-12 SEP 2003, Seattle, WA

BRIITE MISSION

BRIITE is an informal organization of research IT leaders from a number of biomedical research institutions. The mission of BRIITE is to facilitate the successful deployment of IT in support of research by:

- establishing personal contacts among those responsible for research computing activities at biomedical research institutions
- identifying and documenting common problems and interests
- seeking opportunities for partnership / consortium activities
- identifying common issues that should be brought to the attention of home institutions, of government agencies, and of funding or regulatory organizations

MEETING GOALS

Information technology plays an essential role in almost all biomedical research. To be competitive, biomedical research organizations must provide access to key information technology as part of the institutional infrastructure available to their researchers. At the same time, individual investigators must be allowed maximum flexibility in the pursuit of their research. Determining how best to accomplish these sometimes conflicting goals will be the topic of this meeting – *Strategic Planning for IT Support of Grant-Funded Research*.

We will begin with a general discussion of the overall challenge, then turn our attention to a few individual topics which will be discussed in plenary session. Smaller working groups will then convene to elaborate on individual topics. We expect that interest in these issues will continue beyond the meeting itself, and that some working groups will continue their assessments so that the analyses begun at the meeting can ultimately be summarized in a collection of white papers.

SCHEDULE – DAY 0

SEPTEMBER 10 (WED)

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| 2:00 pm | Steering Committee Meeting
<i>Room J4-102, Yale Building, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center</i> |
| 6:00 pm | Reception & Dinner
<i>Lowell-Hunt Catering, 1111 Fairview Ave, North</i> |

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SCHEDULE – DAY 1***SEPTEMBER 11 (THU)***

- 8:00 am Continental breakfast
Sze Conference Room, Thomas Building, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- 8:15 am Welcoming Comments – Introduction to BRIITE
- 8:30 am IT support for grant funded research: Strategic issues
Robert Robbins, VP/IT, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- 9:30 am PLENARY DISCUSSION: Who's using our systems: identity management, authorization, authentication, and usage logging
RL "Bob" Morgan, Sr. Technology Architect, C&C, University of Washington
- 10:30am BREAK
- 11:00 am PLENARY DISCUSSION: Digital publishing support (web site development, data distribution, information for patients, study results dissemination)
Robert Robbins, VP/IT, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- 12:15 pm LUNCH
- 1:30 pm PLENARY DISCUSSION: Scientific data management – why is it so hard?
Nat Goodman, Sr. Research Scientist, Institute for Systems Biology
- 2:30 pm PLENARY DISCUSSION: Research access to clinical data
William B. Lober, M.D., Division of Biomedical and Health Informatics, UW
- 3:30 pm BREAK
- 4:00 pm Working Group Sessions (self-organizing)
examples:
Identity Management
Digital Publishing Support
Scientific Data Management
Research Access to Clinical Data
- 6:00 pm Adjourn to hotel
- 6:30 pm walk to dinner location
- 7:00 pm Reception, Dinner
Daniel's Broiler, Seattle
- 8:15 pm PLENARY ADDRESS: caBIG, the Cancer Bioinformatics Informatics Grid
Ken Buetow, Director, NCICB, NCI, NIH

SCHEDULE – DAY 2***SEPTEMBER 12 (FRI)***

- 8:00 am Continental breakfast
Sze Conference Room, Thomas Building, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- 8:30 am Working Group Sessions (continued)
examples:
Identity Management
Digital Publishing Support
Scientific Data Management
Research Access to Clinical Data
- 10:00am BREAK
- 10:30 am Reports from the Working Group Sessions
speakers chosen by groups
- 12:15 pm LUNCH
- 1:30 pm Information Technology Exchange
(Identify things that worked/things that didn't - brief presentations)
- 3:00 pm BREAK
- 3:30 pm Brief tour of FHCRC core IT facilities
FHCRC staff
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

SCHEDULE – DAY 3***SEPTEMBER 13 (SAT) – OPTIONAL EVENTS***

- 9:00 am OPTIONAL: Business meeting; planning future BRIITE activities; continuation of strategic planning
Location to be Announced
- 10:30 am OPTIONAL: Walking tour of FHCRC IT facilities; visit server rooms, wiring closets, interstitial floors of research buildings; inspect new research building – 350,000 square-foot Public Health Sciences building (to be opened Jan 2004)
FHCRC staff
- 12:00 pm OPTIONAL: LUNCH