



CUCSA Campus Update – LBNL December 2008 - February 2009

December

- PEOPLE

- Miguel Salmeron (Material Sciences Researcher) was named the Director of the Materials Sciences Division, replacing acting Director Paul Alivisatos.
- Anita Gursahani was named the new Deputy Chief Operating Officer, replacing Sandy Merola, will work with Chief Operating Officer Jim Krupnick.
- Mid December, “rumors” begin regarding the nomination of **Dr. Chu**, by President-Elect Barack Obama, as **Department of Energy Secretary**. By December 15, the announcement is made to an ecstatic group of scientists and upper management when President-Elect used the words, “Science...as a priority.” <http://www.lbl.gov/publicinfo/newscenter/tab1/december/12-15-08SE/12-15-08SE.html>

- SAFETY

- In preparation for the Health, Safety, and Security (HSS), scoping visit, the Lab issued free non-prescription safety glasses to nearly 1,600 employees.
- HSS auditors arrive early December to discuss scope of the audit. (See January). LBNL is forthcoming with what our safety issues are and welcome feedback and ways to improvement as a result of this audit.
- Subcontractors, Vendors, and Guests must go through a new Job Hazards Analysis process and formal work authorizations.

- **Joint BioEnergy Institute (JBEI)** (Emeryville, CA), the DOE Bioenergy Research Center operated by a six-institutional partnership under the leadership of Berkeley Lab was **officially dedicated** with DOE Secretary (former) Samuel Bodman, Congressman Jerry McNerney, representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, other VIP guests. <http://newscenter.lbl.gov/feature-stories/2008/12/03/joint-bioenergy-institute-is-officially-dedicated/>

- **Lab Directed Research & Development** awards are announced for FY09 (order of \$10M is distributed).
- Annual LBNL Craft Fair
- Holiday Shut Down (saves on energy and other facilities costs)

January

- After Senate confirmation of Dr. Chu as DOE Secretary, **Alivisatos is named Interim Director** of LBNL by the UC Regents. <http://www.lbl.gov/Publications/Director/>
- Call for volunteers for the Center of Science and Engineering Education to select and host summer student interns. <http://csee.lbl.gov/index.html>



- **DOE HSS** audit is held (2 weeks) to review the Advanced Light Source, Physical Biosciences Division, Chemical Sciences Division, Life Sciences Division, Maintenance and Fabrication, Construction.
 - o Feedback and Improvement
 - o Work Planning and Control in the following focus areas; Chemical Management, Waste Management, Worker Rights and Responsibilities, Injury and Illness Reporting.
- **LBNL Operations Divisions from Downtown Berkeley (nearly 200 employees) begin to move back up “the hill.”** LBNL save on leased building costs and will **standardize office/work space** sizes for optimization.

February

- **Science at the Theater** talk: Carolyn Bertozzi (Director of the Molecular Foundry), “Sugars Can Actually be Good for Your Health.” http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBwNMR3C0Ys&feature=channel_page
- **DOE National Lab Report Cards** are released. For FY08, the Lab received an A for Scientific Facilities, A- for Mission Accomplishment, Leadership/Stewardship, and Business Systems, B+ for Program Management and Safeguards/Security, B for Infrastructure, and a B- for Environment, Safety and Health. http://www.science.doe.gov/News_Information/News_Room/2008/ReportCards/Lawrence.html
- **LBNL Hosts the DOE Science Bowl.** More than 120 students and 20 coaches will visit Berkeley Lab tomorrow to test the limits of their scientific acumen as part of the Department of Energy’s Regional Science Bowl. The winning team will earn a spot at the National Science Bowl in Washington D.C. April 30 – May 5.
- **Facilities Division (FAC) Open House Showcase:** FAC consolidates from various locations into one building. B76 was converted to offices from carpenter, machining, and lock shops spaces with the new size standards for offices. Everyone is in a cubicle with enclosed offices utilized as meeting/conference rooms. Optimized shared printing and other computer support needs. Meets energy efficiency, and more...Facilities reduced their space use by 32 percent (21,000 sf). And releases use for other institutional needs. <http://www.lbl.gov/publicinfo/newscenter/tab1/2009/february/02-09-09/bldg76-jump.html>

Additional Resources:

NEWSCENTER – <http://newscenter.lbl.gov/>

Today At Berkeley Lab (TABL) – <http://www.lbl.gov/publicinfo/newscenter/tab1/index.html>

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