



Update

To inform the SURA Board of Trustees, Council of Presidents, and other stakeholders, here is our Quarterly Update for April-June 2009:

Jefferson Lab / Jefferson Science Associates, LLC

Last month, JSA issued a [Call for Proposals](#) for Initiatives Fund support for FY10. Members of the JLab user community, researchers and staff are invited to submit proposals that can make a unique contribution to the Lab's research, education, and development and technology transfer missions. The deadline for proposals is August 19, 2009 ...

Eight award [winners of JSA/JLab graduate fellowships](#) were announced in early May for 2009-10. Established by the SURA Board of Trustees in 1989, the program provides support for doctoral students at SURA member universities conducting research related to the theoretical and experimental programs at JLab ...

See the latest edition of [On Target](#) for news from Jefferson Lab, including an article on JLab's chief scientist receiving the Australian Laureate Fellowship ...

Information Technology

The annual election of new members to the [SURAGrid Governance Committee](#) was completed on May 29. The annual SURAGrid membership renewal process was also completed in May. [Membership](#) now stands at 22 Contributing Members and 9 Participating Members ...

A [SURAGrid All Hands meeting](#) was held April 29-May 1, with 20 representatives from 15 organizations participating in person, (and another 20 participants online.) Looking to shape future directions and program sustainability, the meeting spanned cloud computing discussions, a session with the Coalition for Academic Scientific Computation, and presentations on NIH's access management framework and NSF's Office of Cyber-infrastructure ...

A joint working group has been formed to explore options for interoperability between SURAGrid and Open Science Grid (OSG). The purpose of this effort is the joint development of a bi-directional gateway function that would allow SURAGrid and OSG users to access resources in both environments ...

Coastal Research

The CR team continues to review opportunities in the recently passed legislation, the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009. With this new authorization in place, the coastal informatics program imbedded in H.R. 146 should promote new opportunities for collaborative science ...

Philip Bogden will be taking an Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) assignment at the National Science Foundation (NSF) at the end of the summer. Philip has served as a vital part of the coastal research team at SURA since 2004, while continuing to serve as CEO of the Gulf of Maine Ocean Observing System (GoMOOS) ...

The coastal team currently has the following proposals under review: NOAA CSCOR submitted May, 2009 and NOAA/IOOS OOSTethys submitted February, 2009. Four additional proposals to NSF are in development ...

The latest [SCOOP update](#) highlights outreach, funding and planning activities of SURA's coastal research team ...

Development / Commercialization

SURA sponsored its 6th Annual [SURA Terahertz Symposium](#) on June 10-12, with over 60 attendees from seven countries. Two-thirds of our speakers were new to this year's event, with 30 percent of our participants from universities, 22 percent from federal labs, 10 percent from institutes or other organizations, and 38 percent from industry ...

SURA President & CEO Jerry Draayer moderated a panel on "New Technology Opportunities" at the Southern Growth Policies Board Annual Meeting in Biloxi last month. The conference, '[Southern Energy: Abundant, Affordable and American](#),' was attended by business, government, academic and community leaders, including five governors and representatives from several SURA member institutions ...

Relations & Communications

SURA continues its participation in the Task Force on American Innovation, which just published, [Basic Research: Tackling America's 21st Century Challenges](#). This thorough brochure details the benefits of research and development for the nation, and is targeted for general and Congressional audiences ...

The nomination deadline for the [SURA Distinguished Friend of Science Award](#) was May 22. The Executive Committee is considering nominees with an announcement expected early this summer. The award is to be presented at the Fall Board of Trustees meeting in October...

Governance & Administration

A Strategic/Business Plan Task Force was approved by the Executive Committee in March, consisting of Otis Brown, task force chair, (University of Miami), David Lee (University of Georgia), Richard Newman (Florida Tech), and Phil Parrish (University of Virginia). Jim Siedow (Duke University), new Board of Trustees Chair, and Jerry Draayer serve as ex-officio members. A report will be made at the October Board meeting ...

The Executive Committee approved a [Reduction in Force](#) policy (#212.03) as a part of the SURA Administrative Manual ...

The Beers + Cutler internal audit team has finalized a plan for their financial operations review – the next phase of their risk assessment for SURA. This phase

should be completed by mid-August and reviewed by the Executive Committee in September ...

Finance

The latest [financial report](#) for the end of May is available for Trustee review ...

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