

Protein Society Education Working Group Steering Committee

Report of activities through 02/05/02

I) Organization of the Working Group, Advisory Board and Steering Committee

- 1) As of 01/10/02 The Protein Society Education Working Group consists of 50 members (see list attached).
- 2) As of 01/10/02 The Advisory Board consists of 7 members (see attached).
- 3) The Protein Society Education Working Group Steering Committee consists of 8 members (vide infra).
- 4) Committee assignments:
 - **Robert Fairman:** Haverford College, Haverford, PA 19041, USA
Chair 2001-2004
 - **Ellis Bell:** University of Virginia, Richmond, VA 23173, USA
Committee Member 2001 – 2004
 - **Eva Czerwiec:** Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA 02543, USA
Committee Member 2001-2004
 - **Hung Le:** Schering-Plough Res. Inst., Kenilworth, NJ 20892, USA
Committee Member 2001-2004
 - **Leigh Plesniak:** USD, San Diego, CA 92110, USA
Committee Member 2001-2004
 - **Michael Przybylski:** Univ. Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany
Committee Member 2001-2004
 - **Scott Pesiridis:** U. Penn., Philadelphia, PA , USA
Graduate Student Representative 2001 - 2002
 - **Jeff Kearns:** Haverford College, Haverford, PA 19041, USA
Undergraduate Student Representative 2001 - 2002
- 5) The composition of the Committee was submitted to the Protein Society on 11/17/01 and accepted.

II) Operation of the Education Working Group and the Steering Committee

- 1) Members of the Committee are Officers of the Protein Society.
- 2) Upon the completion of the term of a current Chair of the Steering Committee, the current President of the Protein Society chooses a new chair. This choice is made based on the recommendations from the current members of this Committee. Preference should be given to current members of this Committee for this service, although any member of the Protein Society, who is in good standing, may be eligible to be recommended.
- 3) Members of the Committee (except for the Chair) will be chosen by the current Chair to serve with the approval of the President of the Protein Society. The term of the newly appointed member of the Committee will be 3 years, unless this appointment is for a student member, for which the term is 1 year. Preference should be given to current members who may wish to renew their term.

- 4) The commencement of the 2001 term of the Steering Committee was retroactively set at the Annual Meeting of the Protein Society in Philadelphia: **08/01/01**.
- 5) Communication within the Steering Committee will be by email. A bulletin board called PSEducation was created as part of the MSN communities at: <http://communities.msn.com/PSEducation>
This billboard will be part of the web page of the Protein Society Education Working Group to promote communication within the Working Group.
- 6) All members have equal vote on suggestions/topics brought forward by other Committee members. Not voting or responding before a set deadline will be considered as abstinence. The majority will be calculated accordingly. Identical rules apply for polls sent out to the whole Working Group.
- 7) Deadlines for receiving votes should be included in polls.
- 8) The Committee will submit a bimonthly report for review to the Protein Society. The accepted version will be posted as a pdf file on the web page of the Protein Society Education Working Group. Members of the Working Group and the Advisory Board will be notified by email of availability of the report.
- 9) Reports are written and reviewed by the Committee Members. Chair, Graduate and Undergraduate Representative are waived.
- 10) Schedule for 2001-2002: - Report 11/01 and 01/02: Eva Czerwiec
Following reports have to be assigned.

III) Organization of a Workshop at the Annual Meeting of the Protein Society in San Diego, August 17-21, 2002

- 1) The Protein Society has accepted to organize a Lunch Workshop on Tuesday August 20, 2002 from 11.45 am -1.15 p.m. at the Annual Meeting of the Protein Society in San Diego.
- 2) Results of the tally concerning topic preference:

Number of responses: 16

Proteomics	4	3	2	1	1	1	3		3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3
Bioinformatics	3	2	3	2	2	2		1	4	4	5	3	3	3	1	4
Biophysical chemistry	2	1	1	5	3	5	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	4	2
Biochem labs	5	4	5	4	5	4		1	5	5	4			4	5	5
Curriculum	1	5	5	3	4	6	2		2	2	1			4	3	1
Other						3								5		

Other= molecular modeling and uses in medicine

- 3) “New Course Design in Biophysical Chemistry” and “New Course Design in Proteomics” are ranked as the two preferred topics. After consultation within the Steering Committee and the Protein Society, “New Course Design in Proteomics” was chosen as the topic for the Lunch Workshop.

- 4) Announcement of the Workshop will preferably be included on first announcement of the Program of the Annual Meeting of the Protein Society in San Diego.
- 5) Number of attendees will be limited to 50.
- 6) A \$ 10 attendance reservation fee (refundable upon attending) is proposed.
- 7) Format of the Workshop remains to be defined.
- 8) Deadline for a final proposal is February 1, 2002.
- 9) A similar workshop will be organized at the European Symposium in Florence, March 29-April 2, 2003.

IV) Web page of the Protein Society Education Working Group

- 1) Jeff Kearns designed a preliminary webpage for the Protein Society Education Working Group. Schedule for launching the webpage as part of the Home Page of the Protein Society is end of January 2002.
- 2) Suggested items for posting on the web page:
 - Online course manual(s)
 - Online lab manual(s)
 - Online job postings

Various possibilities exist with regard to resources and links for these items. Several Members of the Steering Committee are in the process of exploration.

V) Miscellaneous

- 1) The Steering Committee responded positively to the initiative of organizing an undergraduate poster session at the Annual Meeting of the Protein Society in San Diego, August 17-21, 2002. As of 02/05/02 availability of funding is not determined yet.
- 2) Addresses of members of the Steering Committee, the Education Working Group and Advisory Board have been updated as of 02/05/02. Any changes with regard to this list should be sent to the members of the Working Group.
- 3) "Proteomics" is suggested as the topic of an educational poster to be designed by the Steering Committee.