Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #61 provides an update on important issues affecting researchers at UNSW. If you missed the previous bulletins – the contents are available at http://research.unsw.edu.au/deputy-vice-chancellor-research-bulletin.

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I. Research Using Genetically Modified Organisms

This is a reminder that ALL research at UNSW using Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) MUST be assessed by our Institutional BioSafety Committee (IBC).

For research which involves GMOs and animals, the following changes are being made:

- The Animal Care and Ethics Committee (ACEC) letter of approval for the use of animals in research has now been amended for applications involving GMO’s with a clear reminder that if the work involves GMOs it must not commence before it has the appropriate approval from the Institutional Biosafety Committee.

- None of the animal facilities across UNSW will order or accept delivery of animals for research involving GMOs unless both an approved ACEC protocol is in place AND the project has the appropriate IBC approval.

Further information on the use of GMO’s can be found on the UNSW Gene Technology Website and through the Gene Technology Procedure.

Failure to obtain an approved IBC assessment may be considered research misconduct.
2. Dr Ted Rohr – Director Research Ethics and Compliance Support Unit

I am pleased to announce that Dr Ted Rohr has commenced in his role as the Director of the UNSW Research Ethics and Compliance Support Unit (RECS). RECS will, amongst other things:

- Manage the ACEC, HREC, HREAPs, Radiation Safety (RSC) and Institutional Biosafety (IBC) Committees
- Provide training and advice to UNSW researchers on matters related to research ethics
- Monitor the governance of Clinical Trials approved by UNSW committees
- Monitor and report on compliance with approved protocols

For further information please go to the RECS website.

Ted can be contacted on 9385 4235 or t.rohr@unsw.edu.au.

3. New Associate Dean (Research) – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

I am pleased to announce that Associate Professor Duncan McDuie-Ra in the School of Social Sciences, has been appointed Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences from 1 January 2014. Associate Professor McDuie-Ra is also an Advisor in Research Integrity, providing advice on the UNSW Research Code of Conduct and matters of research integrity at UNSW. I look forward to working with Associate Professor McDuie-Ra in this role.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank Associate Professor Kristy Muir for her time as Associate Dean Research for the Faculty.

4. Changes to University Paid Outside Work Approval for Research Projects

A new approval process for University Paid Outside Work (UPOW) for research projects commenced on 25 November. The new process only applies to University paid outside work (e.g. contract research and/or consulting) that is:

- conducted using UNSW resources and/or facilities; AND
- is managed through the UNSW Division of Research; AND
- where the project is primarily for research.

Online approval via myUNSW is no longer required. Instead, approval from Heads of School will be obtained via the Acceptance form for research projects issued by the Grants Management Office prior to projects commencing. We have updated the Paid Outside Work policy, FAQs and relevant forms. If you need more information please contact Warwick Dawson x57929 or w.dawson@unsw.edu.au.

5. Email Alerts from UNSW Research Outputs System (ROS)

On 21 November 2013 the email alerts to researchers were switched on in ROS, the new system for capturing information on UNSW publications and other outputs.

The email alerts will only go out each time the system locates new publications for the researchers. Generally speaking this would only be if publications were found in the scheduled searches; if the researcher had changed their search settings and publications were found; or if a co-author manually added the researcher to a publication.
If you receive an email message, the main message is that you should log in to ROS and claim or reject pending publications. For further help, researchers can view the ROS online guide or contact their Outreach Librarian with any questions.

6. UNSW Open Access - Publisher requests for researchers to pay

Both the Australian Research Council (ARC) and National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) now have Open Access policies that require all ARC/NHMRC funded research (or partially funded research) to be made publicly available in an open access repository. This ensures that the research is disseminated freely and to as wide an audience as possible. UNSWorks is the UNSW repository.

Some publishers are still asking researchers to pay fees to be compliant with the Open Access Policy - Researchers should not pay additional fees to publishers to make material Open Access compliant. If the publisher does not permit open access free of charge, then there is no need to place a copy of the output in UNSWorks at this stage.

More information on UNSW Open Access can be found at: http://research.unsw.edu.au/open-access. Further information, including compliance flow-chart, can be found at: http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/open_access.htm.

7. Opportunities for Data Publication

UNSW academics interested in raising their research profile by citation of research data sets may be interested in a Scientific Data publication service offered through the journal Nature. Scientific Data is a new type of open access journal publishing a new type of content, the Data Descriptor, which provides detailed descriptions of datasets with the aim of making your data more discoverable, interpretable and reusable.

Scientific Data will launch in mid-2014. UNSW researchers interested in learning more can visit http://blogs.nature.com/scientificdata/ or contact the eResearch coordination committee (g.leslie@unsw.edu.au).

8. Do you know...the benefits of registering with ORCID?

ORCID (or Open Researcher and Contributor ID), is a free system that provides unique identifiers to authors and contributors so that outputs from those with similar names cannot be confused.

Publishers are starting to ask authors for their ‘ORCID’ when they submit articles for publication - the idea being that the ORCID number then travels with the paper. There are currently about 500 UNSW researchers with ORCIDs. If you do not have an ORCID, I encourage you to register and manage your ORCID record at: http://orcid.org/.

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