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OFFICE OF RESEARCH & SPONSORED PROGRAMS

TO: The Campus Community

FROM: Al Russo, Director of Research Compliance
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SUBJECT: Introducing IRBNet

The Office of Research & Sponsored Programs (ORSP) is pleased to announce the adoption of the industry leading IRBNet suite of tools, bringing electronic protocol management, on-line submissions and many other important features to the CSULB research community. ORSP and the CSULB research community have long recognized the need to reduce manual and paper-based procedures, streamline protocol submission and review processes and leverage today's best technologies throughout the research lifecycle. As an important step toward these objectives, ORSP's adoption of IRBNet now brings the CSULB community a robust set of electronic tools supporting the management, submission, review and oversight of our research protocols. Some of IRBNet's many features include electronic document management, web-based protocol sharing and collaboration, automatic notifications, electronic submissions and reviews, and important audit capabilities including electronic revision histories, electronic signatures and event tracking.

ORSP has carefully chosen IRBNet not only for the important capabilities that it provides, but also because IRBNet is secure, web-based, and extremely intuitive and easy to use. You may access IRBNet from virtually any computer using a web browser by visiting www.irbnet.org.

Training Sessions will be offered in the ORSP Seminar Room (F05-116) on the following dates. Each session should last less than an hour.

Thursday, April 26	10am
Wednesday, May 2 nd	2pm
Friday, May 11 th	10am
Thursday, May 17 th	2pm
Friday, May 25 th	10am

Additional training sessions will be scheduled as needed.

ORSP will begin accepting electronic protocol submissions via IRBNet effective **July 2, 2012**. Beginning July 2, 2012, all protocols (including revisions and renewals) must be submitted electronically via IRBNet, and all review decision letters will be issued electronically via IRBNet.

Once again, ORSP is pleased to bring these robust new tools to the CSULB community. For additional information please contact Mary Walker (Mary.Walker@csulb.edu) at (562) 985-5314 who can assist you with any questions you may have as we move forward with this important initiative.