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## IR-4 Training Committee News

This is the second in what hopefully will become a regular series of newsletter updates on IR-4 Training Committee activities. The "Purpose" for this committee, as established by IR-4 and written in the background information for the Training Session at the Annual IR-4 Meeting last October in D.C., is to "provide oversight for technical and GLP training matters regarding IR-4 research. The charge of the committee includes providing general curriculum guidelines for training, assisting in the development of educational materials, and serving as spokespersons for their respective components of IR-4." The committee welcomes constructive input from anyone in the IR-4 Project if at any time you feel the committee is not meeting its objectives.

In the Fall issue, a list was published of upcoming GLP training opportunities, several of which have already been completed. These venues are also available on the IR-4 website, where the list is updated as events are completed and when new opportunities are identified. If you ever learn of a GLP training event that might be useful for IR-4, please inform anyone on the committee and we'll update the list on the web site.

Speaking of the committee, it should be helpful to have a list of whom to contact about training issues. With some pending retirements by mid-2003, some new names/faces will join the committee this year. For now here is the list of current Training Committee members and the respective component of IR-4 that they represent: Regional Univ. FRD

reps - Marylee Ross, MD; John Wise, MI; Lori Gregg, TX; Bob McReynolds, OR; USDA/ARS FRD rep - Ben Fraelich, GA; FRD rep at-large - Bernie Zandstra, MI; QA rep - Martin Beran, CA; Regional Field Coordinator rep - Edith Lurvey, NY; Lab Director rep - Dick Leavitt, MI; National Outreach Specialist - Sandy Perry, MI; PMC & Regional Director rep - Marty Marshall, FL; HQ/Study Director reps - Dan Kunkel, Ken Samoil, Van Starner (Training Comm. Chair).

On Dec. 3-4, 2002, the Western Region completed a very successful 1 1/2-day GLP training session on the campus of the Univ. of CA, Davis. Debi Garvin of the West Coast Quality Training Institute provided the instruction "Application of GLPs to Field Studies" to a class of about 25, including trainees ranging from those new to GLPs to seasoned veteran contract researchers and Study Directors. Hats off to Becky Sisco and the entire Western Regional office for providing a quality training experience. Several new IR-4 FRDs participated, in preparation for their first ever GLP trials in 2003. A more advanced-level GLP training event is being planned by the Western Region for Fall 2003, in conjunction with their regional meeting.

The Training Committee is currently working on a number of "training projects" that were topics of discussion at a committee conference call meeting early in Jan. 2003. Progress in those areas will serve as food for thought in this newsletter corner next time.

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