



Good Laboratory Housekeeping for Environmental Improvement University College, London 16 June 2010, 1230 for 1300-1520 (approx)

Good laboratory housekeeping is essential to lab efficiency, and health and safety. Now environmental drivers are making it even more important, as experience shows that good housekeeping plays a vital role in achieving energy and water efficiency; minimising chemical purchases and spoilage; and minimising waste. These in turn create financial savings from hard pressed laboratory budgets, and can also reduce or eliminate potential hazards so that health and safety is improved. They assist too in the reductions in carbon emissions which universities are under pressure to achieve from the Carbon Reduction Commitment, and new HEFCE targets.

This free, interactive, workshop highlights the environmental benefits of good housekeeping, and has two components – lunchtime presentations, and the option of staying on for peer discussions on improvement opportunities and how they can be realised. (The latter have been very successful at previous S-Lab events). There should also be a post-event tour. The workshop content includes:

- Lessons from the **LabRats** environmental improvement programme at the University of California, e.g. on keeping fume cupboard sashes closed when not in use, recycling unwanted equipment and supplies.
- The value of, and experience in implementing, laboratory environmental audits, both in California and British universities
- Space for audience contributions on their own achievements, frustrations, Participants in clean room standards groups.

The event will also contribute to the development of public domain course materials which can be used as the basis of internal training sessions for laboratory managers and technicians. It is being organised by the **S-Lab** (Safe, Successful, Sustainable Laboratories) initiative of the Higher Education Environmental Performance Improvement project), in collaboration with the **HEATED** project (funded by HEFCE to support the professional development of technical staff in higher education) and the US **Labs21** initiative.

Associated links and sources for further exploration:

HEEPI/S-Lab www.goodcampus.org /HEATED www.heated.ac.uk /Labs21
www.labs21.org.uk /LabRATS <http://sustainability.ucsb.edu/LARS>

Good Laboratory Housekeeping

Room SB5, 188 Tottenham Court Road, London WC1

16/6/2010 - Programme

12.00 – 13.00	Registration & Sandwich Lunch
13.00 – 13.15	The Environmental Importance of Good Housekeeping - Welcome and Overview <i>Sandra Bond, Departmental Safety Officer, Institute of Archaeology, University College, London</i> <i>Lisa Hopkinson, S-Lab Project Officer, University of Bradford</i>
13.15 – 14.00	How the LabRats Programme Encourages Good Housekeeping in University of California Laboratories <i>Amorette Getty, LabRats co-ordinator, Institute of Energy Efficiency, University of California, Santa Barbara</i>
14.05 – 15.00	Small group discussions – good housekeeping opportunities, barriers and action points
15.00 – 15.20	Plenary feedback of small group points Minimising Laboratory Environmental Impacts: S-Lab Lessons <i>Peter James, Professor of Environmental Management, University of Bradford, and Director, S-Lab</i>

There is no problem with people with limited time, or not wishing to participate in small group discussions, just coming for the presentations between 1300 and 1400.

Please book at www.goodcampus.org Events section. The workshop is free but cancellations after 9th June, and no shows that are not due to illness, will be depriving others of a place and so will be charged £50.

Location details: Take entrance to 188 TCR at 1 - 19 Torrington Place.

See: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/maps/ucl-maps/map2_hi_res (square A5)

