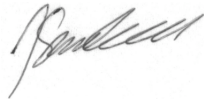


To: All Facility Users
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Date: September 14, 2006
Subject: 1) New Varian 200/300 Operating Procedures
2) New PINMRF Website

1) As part of our efforts to simplify and streamline user training and instrument operating procedures, I am pleased to announce that new operating and training procedures have been put in place for the Facility's Varian Mercury-200 and Inova-300 NMR spectrometers. These spectrometers now all share a common training scheme, so that it is no longer necessary to be checked out on the Mercury-200 prior to being trained on the Inova-300's (or other spectrometers), thus eliminating the "training bottleneck" that used to occur on the Mercury-200.

There are other items of note that are related to this new training procedure. First, current Varian users may continue to use the methods that they already know, however, current users may request an overview training session on the new methods. Second, we will now allow new Varian users to be trained by their fellow group members, provided that two conditions are met:

- a) the trainer is a checked-out user with a reasonable amount of experience, and
- b) the training follows the currently published PINMRF training methods.

This change will eliminate the need for new Varian users to have to schedule training meetings with PINMRF staff, however, PINMRF staff will still gladly provide new-user training if desired. All new Varian users, whether trained by PINMRF staff or by their fellow group members, must complete a safety briefing and pass both a written and a practical exam in order to get checked out for spectrometer operation.

The new training materials are printed and placed in a white binder adjacent to each spectrometer. These materials also will be available for download from the PINMRF website, and can be obtained from Donna Bertram (dbertram@purdue.edu, 4-7850).

2) I am also very pleased to announce that the new PINMRF website is now up and running. The URL for the new site is:

<http://www.pinmrf.purdue.edu>

We hope that you will find our new site to be both useful and easy-to-use. To access our new spectrometer training guides, use the "Training" link in the site's menubar.

In closing, I would like to thank Ian Henry and Paul Roberts for their help in setting up the new Varian training, and Kristian Skjervold for his work on our new website. If you have any questions or concerns that I may be able to address, please feel free to contact me.

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