Welcome to two new IRB committee members
The Institutional Review Board welcomes two incoming members to the committee: Gina Fitzmaurice and Satarupa Joardar. Ms. Fitzmaurice is an undergraduate student in the Health Administration & Policy Program and Ms. Joardar is a graduate student in Biological Sciences.

Questions participants should ask before enrolling in a study
The decision to participate in a research study should be made after careful consideration of the risks, benefits, and alternatives, and should involve input of many sources including friends and family members. When approaching potential participants, investigators ought to plenty of information about a study but also encourage them to ask questions. Full disclosure about the study and honest answers to questions will benefit both the investigator and the participant. Some questions participants should ask (courtesy of OHRP - http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/outreach/questions.html) include:

- Why is the research being done?
- How will I benefit from the research?
- What will the researcher do with my information?
- How long will the study last?
- What happens if I decide to leave the study early?
- Who should I call if I have a question about the research?

Compliance training slide show
The staff of HARPO has created an easy to view slide show to make a researcher’s introduction and registration with the compliance training programs with the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) a bit easier.

Currently, there are several compliance training programs to take, including Human Participant Use, Animal Care and Use and Responsible Conduct of Research.

Click on the http://www.umbc.edu/HARPO/training.htm to view the program that interests you or are required to review before conducting research. Select the slide show to view; additional registration instructions are available for download.

Use updated forms
Please use the most recent protocol forms when submitting applications for human and animal research. These updates forms record information about an investigator’s protocol and provide the review committees vital information about how one will conduct the activities of the research. Go to http://www.umbc.edu/irb/irbforms.htm for the current IRB forms; http://www.umbc.edu/iacuc/iacucforms.htm for the IACUC forms.

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Back issues of the Compliance Console are found at http://www.umbc.edu/HARPO/news.html
HARPO Staff Presentations
Staff from the office is available to meet with faculty at departmental meetings or speak to students in informal or formal (i.e. research methodology classes) to better educate and inform about research compliance issues. The current schedule may be found at http://www.umbc.edu/HARPO/presentHARPO.html. Contact the HARPO office at HARPO@umbc.edu or 410-455-2737 for more information or to schedule a time for your group or class.

HARPO Blog
Additional news, updates and information from the Human and Animal Research Protections Office can also be found on the HARPO blog at http://harponotes.blogspot.com/

References and future reading
See the list of current publications and multi-media resources in the HARPO Reading Library (http://www.umbc.edu/irb/harporeadingviewing.htm)