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HARPO has established a presence on Facebook to assist the research community with compliance on human and animal research issues. Join in or start a discussion, plan your calendar by RSVPing to an event or sign up to be fan. Go to http://www.facebook.com/pages/Baltimore-MD/UMBC-Human-and-Animal-Research-Protections-Office/7943994794.

New IRB members
The IRB will welcome three new members this fall. New members include:

John Borrero, Assistant Professor, Psychology
Leigh Dalton, graduate student, Public Policy
Kelley Gurley, graduate student, Human-Centered Computing

The IRB also wishes to thank student members Gina Fitzmaurice and Satarupa Joardar for their service this past academic year.

Updated forms and documents on the HARPO web site
Please use the most up to date forms and applications when submitting for compliance committee review and approval. Using older forms may delay the processing of your application (and causing minor headaches for the HARPO staff!).

Click on these links (and add to your shortcuts) to get to the most up to date versions:
IRB - http://www.umbc.edu/research/Resources/irb_forms.htm
IACUC - http://www.umbc.edu/research/Resources/iacuc_forms.htm
Biosafety - http://www.umbc.edu/research/HARPO/Biosafety/Biosafetyforms.html
**Modifications made to IRB protocols**
Any proposed change to an already approved human subject research protocol, measures, or informed consent document during the period of IRB approval must be submitted to the IRB for review and approval before that change commences.

We in HARPO, on the behalf of our reviewers, ask that you highlight any proposed wording changes in the application form, consent documents, recruitment fliers, etc. in yellow and underline and attach those changed documents to this form. This will assist the reviewer with understanding the changes investigators are planning to make.

See [http://www.umbc.edu/research/HARPO/IRB/IRBpostapproval.html#modifications](http://www.umbc.edu/research/HARPO/IRB/IRBpostapproval.html#modifications) for more information.

**How can institutions and their IACUCs best prepare for a pandemic?**
The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) posted a reminder on its website to grantee institutions that the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals requires PHS Assured institutions to “have a disaster plan that takes into account both personnel and animals.”

Look at the OLAW website in the [Frequently Asked Questions section](http://www.cep.fh.gov/iraques/Resources/FAQs.html), under Institutional Responsibilities or see more information about the H1N1 Influenza at [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/).

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