



Informatics Institute

University of Missouri

Informatics Updates September 23, 2016

I hope you have been enjoying the warm September at Mizzou! After 2 years and 4 months of service as Electrical and Computer Engineering chair, I am happy to report to the informatics community that I am now focusing all my efforts on campus-wide interdisciplinary informatics/Big Data activities and continual work on developing external collaborations with other prominent informatics programs, both in US and internationally. Here are the latest updates from MUII.

Chi-Ren Shyu, MUII Director

Missouri Informatics Symposium 2017

Please mark your calendar on 4/17-4/18/2017 for next year's Missouri Informatics Symposium. The MUII Graduate Student Organization has suggested the theme of the symposium to be "*Finding pearls in a sea of data.*"

New Grant Awarded to MUII Faculty

Congratulations to Dr. Elizabeth (Libby) King for her new NIH R01 grant entitled "Coordinating nutrition and energy allocation: mechanisms and evolution" from NIGMS in the amount of \$1,590,597 over 5 years.

Green Light for NSF NRT Proposal and Status of T15 Proposal

A pre-proposal led by Dr. Blake Meyers has been approved to proceed as one of MU's two applicants for the **NSF Research Traineeship (NRT) Program** funding opportunity under the **Traineeship Track**. This training proposal will focus on "Plant Informatics" with a tentative title on "*Predicting and engineering agricultural solutions to food and energy issues in the 21st century.*" This is a collaborative training program between two interdisciplinary programs - MUII and IPG. More information will be distributed for the proposal preparation. (LOI: 12/9/2016 and full proposal deadline 2/9/2017)

The NLM T15 proposal had a Council Review on 9/13/2016. MUII responded to

concerns listed in the review summary statement. According to Dr. Valerie Florance, Associate Director for Extramural Programs, the response letter will be shared with NLM leadership when decisions are being made.

Journal Club

The next journal club will be on 10/3/2016 from Noon to 1:00 pm (Student Center 2205A&B), right after the MUII seminar. We will discuss "***Natural language processing: State of the art and prospects for significant progress, a workshop sponsored by the National Library of Medicine***" by C. Friedman, T. C. Rindflesch, and Milton Corn. Please download the reading materials and sign up [here](#) so we may get an accurate head count for pizza and soft drinks.

MUII Seminar Series Presents Dr. Alan Christoffels

Join us on **Monday, September 26th from 11:00-12:00pm in 2206A Student Center** as we welcome Dr. Alan Christoffels from the University of the Southern Cape. Dr. Christoffels will give a lecture entitled "Creating Biobanking Infrastructure across Africa".

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