

Report for Laboratory Managers Workshop (Tuesday May 22, 2012)

Title: Who Ran That? Guidelines for Authorship and Acknowledgement of Mass Spectrometrists and their Laboratories in Scientific Literature

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The laboratory managers' workshop commenced with approximately 50 people in attendance with a report on last year's proposal for an instrument database. The ASMS board approved the proposed database and request that it be housed on the laboratory managers forum.

The theme of this year's workshop was authorship and acknowledgement for service providers in core facilities. Crediting facilities and personnel plays a central role in core laboratory longevity and support along with providing a mechanism for career advancement for facility personnel. It was the general consensus of the group that payment for services does not alleviate the requirement for appropriately recognizing the scientific contributions provided by core laboratories. Facilities should always be acknowledged when data is generated by them. However, the components of scientific input and scope were considered by the group to be driving factors for inclusion as authors. To address these issues, the laboratory managers group intends to submit a proposal to the ASMS board for developing a position statement for rights of authorship for the society.

A topic for next year's workshop was proposed that would focus on incomplete methods in publications. Additional suggestions for next year's workshop were solicited.