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Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

General Information

Q. Where can I find additional information about the EFRC PI meeting?

A. The “[2015 EFRC PI Meeting](#)” group on the <http://energyfrontier.us> members website is the primary shared space for EFRC PI Meeting related information. The current version of this FAQ document (*FAQ EFRC PI Meeting YYYY-MM-DD.pdf*) will be maintained there.

Q. Where can I ask questions about the EFRC PI meeting?

A. Questions that may be of interest to the entire EFRC community should be submitted using “Add A Post” in the “[2015 EFRC PI Meeting](#)” group on the <http://energyfrontier.us> members website.

- In the title, use the format: “Question: [SHORT DESCRIPTION OF QUESTION]” (i.e. “Question: How should I submit FAQs?”).
- Responses will be also answered under “Posts” with the title “Answer: [SHORT DESCRIPTION OF QUESTION]” (i.e. “Answer: How should I submit FAQs?”).
- Frequently asked questions will be added to the “*FAQ EFRC PI Meeting YYYY-MM-DD.pdf*” document (i.e. this document) and posted under “Files” in the same “2015 EFRC PI Meeting” group.
- The content of this group can be searched on the “[Search](#)” tab.

Q. When is the EFRC PI meeting?

A. On October 26 – 27, 2015.

Q. Where is the EFRC PI meeting?

A. At the Marriott Wardman Park (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasdt-washington-marriott-wardman-park/>) in Washington, D.C.

Q. Is the Marriott Wardman Park metro accessible?

A. Yes, it is on the Red line, just steps from the Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan metro stop. Both Reagan National Airport (DCA) and Union Station are metro accessible. Maps and transportation directions are available on the hotel website (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/wasdt-washington-marriottwardman>) and the WMATA website (<http://www.wmata.com/>).

Attendance and Registration

Q. Is the EFRC PI Meeting open to the public?

A. Unlike the 2011 EFRC Summit & Forum, the EFRC PI Meeting is by invitation only. In addition to the 13 people per EFRC, a limited number of staff from across DOE headquarter program offices will be invited to attend.

Q. Is each EFRC required to bring 13 people or are fewer acceptable?

A. Thirteen attendees per EFRC were chosen as an upper bound to ensure that the EFRC PI meeting stays within the budget allowed by DOE for PI meetings. We would like each EFRC to bring a sufficient number of people to fully represent their EFRC's achievements, but 13 is not an absolute requirement.

If you plan to bring fewer than 13 people, please let Robin Hayes (robin.hayes@science.doe.gov) and your PM know so that BES can plan accordingly.

Q. If a grad student or post-doc from our EFRC is selected by BES for a talk, does the attendance of that selected speaker count against the maximum of 13 attendees per EFRC?

A: Yes, the total attendees from each EFRC may not exceed 13 for any reason.

Q. May personnel not directly involved in an EFRC (e.g. laboratory management or university administrators) attend the EFRC PI Meeting?

A: Due to federal government rules regarding cost and attendance at meetings, BES cannot invite additional participants to the EFRC PI meeting beyond the allocation of 13 per EFRC. Any personnel from institutions involved in an EFRC are welcome to attend the meeting, provided that they are included as one of the 13 EFRC participants.

Q. Where is the EFRC registration website?

A. The EFRC registration website will be available starting September 1, 2015.

Q. Is the registration fee required if I don't want to eat or drink?

A. All EFRC members are required to pay the registration fee. Due to changes in the federal rules for government sponsored meetings, we cannot pay for any food/beverages directly with DOE funds. The registration fee defrays the cost for the food and beverages.

Q. When can I pick up my badge and registration materials?

A. There will be on-site registration on the afternoon/evening of Sunday, October 26 and from 7:30 – 8:30 am on Monday and Tuesday morning.

Talks and Posters

Q. How many posters per EFRC?

A. Each EFRC will present five research posters and one overview poster.

Q. What size are the posters?

A. Four EFRC posters will be displayed on the front and back of each 4'x8' display board. Each individual EFRC poster can be up to 4'x4'. DOE will provide tacks to pin your posters to the boards.

Q. Is there a template for the posters?

A. No, you may use whatever format you choose.

Q. Is it possible to have our posters located next to each other?

A. No, we cannot guarantee that the posters from a given EFRC will be located next to each other. We plan to group posters by topic and will also likely split each EFRC's posters between the two poster sessions.

Q. How many talks per EFRC?

A. Each EFRC will present four talks. In addition, graduate student and postdoctoral researcher finalists will present talks during the technical sessions. We anticipate selecting about sixteen finalists, so half the EFRCs will present more than four talks.

Q. How long are the talks?

A. Each talk is 15 minutes of presentation followed by 5 minutes for questions.

Q. Is there a preference for whether the four research talks are given by faculty, scientific staff, students or postdocs?

A. No, we leave the speakers up to the discretion of the EFRCs.

Q. Can there be more than one speaker per talk?

A. Yes

Q. Can two talks be combined into one longer talk?

A. Most EFRC talks will not be scheduled back to back, so it is not possible to present a single 40 minute talk instead of two 20 minute talks.

Q. What should be the focus of the talks and posters?

The talks and posters are strongly encouraged to focus on multi-investigator, interdisciplinary research projects, not single investigator efforts.

Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Researcher Competition

Q. Who can be considered a graduate student or postdoctoral researcher?

A. Our intention is that EFRC research done as a graduate student (postdoctoral researcher) would be entered in the graduate student (postdoctoral researcher) track. As a general rule, the status of the applicant on the nomination deadline (August 3) determines eligibility. If the applicant's status will change close to the PI meeting and they wish to be considered in a different category, you may contact robin.hayes@science.doe.gov to request an individual determination of eligibility.