

Agilent iLab User Conference is Drawing Record Number of Core Lab Professionals



Dr. Kristin Cano utilizes the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Core to analyze sample parameters of various molecules.

The Office of the Vice President for Research is partnering with Agilent Technologies to host the annual iLab Operations Software User Group Conference. The multi-day event will be held on the Greehey campus March 27-29, and will feature a keynote address, core lab tours, informational presentations, and roundtable discussions focused on best practices to operate institutional research cores and new software features. Core lab tours will be hosted by Kristin Cano, Ph.D., Technical Director of the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Core; Exing Wang, Ph.D., Associate Director of the

Optical Imaging Core; and Nameer Kirma, Ph.D., Director of the Bioanalytics and Single-Cell Core. Karla M. Gorena, C.Cy. Assistant Director and Michael T. Berton, Ph.D., Scientific Director of the Flow Cytometry Core will deliver presentations along with Ramiro Ramirez-Solis, Ph.D., Director of the Institutional Core Facilities.



Agilent is excited to see a record number of registered participants coming from all over the globe this year. We attribute the higher registration response to a couple of reasons. First, San Antonio is an attractive destination for conferences, and second, strategically scheduling our conference to follow the day after a premier annual meeting being held downtown overlaps with our target audience and provides two professional development conferences in one great American city.”

-Michaele Preston, M.Ed., Manager of iLab Customer Experience

“When approached last summer by the Agilent planning team, I viewed hosting the conference as an excellent opportunity to cast a national spotlight on the administrators and the expert technical support staff who manage our 8 institutional core labs,” stated Dr. Ramirez-Solis. “In turn, we will also learn from expert attendees which will allow us to grow as professionals in the dynamic landscape that institutions face to sustain sophisticated core facilities portfolios.”



Dr. Ramiro Ramirez-Solis and the core lab directors met to discuss logistics for the Agilent conference.

Core facilities are a key component of the research infrastructure of academic institutions. These facilities provide state-of-the-art instrumentation, technologies, consultation, and deliver high-quality customer service to investigators at our institution and globally. Providing professional development to our team and staying at the forefront of web-enabled information systems remains vital to support the access to core services and their accurate financial management.