

Facilitating and linking up communities - Kurt

- Scribe/s: Kurt A.
- Suggested discussion starter points:
 - What are the main reasons for linking up **local** communities?
 - Local network minimizes staff costs, time, availability issues.
 - Get to make personal connections, referral of methods and expertise, find people you can talk to (cant talk to unknown people from RMS database)
 - Helping new people learn the ropes, get settled in and oriented
 - Apply local community pressure on vendors / service providers over shared problems
 - Phil (BBSRC): community voices are important source of info/feedback
 - How can we identify and maximise community interactions where they are needed the most?
 - Each network has to have its purpose, diff network purposes might dominate in different environments, esp in smaller environments with fewer people, need broader topics to unite them.
 - Would local groups, instrument groups, people directories or niche meetings on imaging modalities assist?
 - People were not well aware of RMS FIGs and other topics of committees
 - No functional use of RMS facilities database
 - There is a general need for image analysis resources
 - Eg: challenge uniting people working across different diamond beamlines
 - Eg: challenge uniting people working on image analysis across the Crick
 - Which areas have an under-developed community?
 - Summer school for facility managers, what are the skills needed as a facility manager, focus on them, especially important to build networks and community through dinners, pub trips, events, etc as part of the summer school.

- Which career stage or track have the least developed communities? Can we learn from areas where this already works well (e.g.: RSEs etc)?
 - We discussed need across all career stages, not just junior.
- Identify at least 1 obstacle to try and overcome (don't just say lack of funding, be specific) and 1 action point to address it
- Generate a WIBGI (Wouldn't It Be Great If) wishlist (don't say more funding, be specific)
- Names of willing helpers (from this group or to approach after meeting) to form a WG to progress identified actions
 - Ann Wheeler and some from the 'Edinburgh BioImaging' network group. Perhaps Jon Moss as well?