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TARP Steering Committee

Dear Committee,

I would like to thank the attendees, invited speakers and teaching staff for making the First NCI Angiogenesis Core Facility (ANGIO CORE) sponsored workshop on quantitative techniques for assessing neovascularization such a resounding success. This four day event (April 2-5, 2007) was held at the FAES facility located at the Cloisters building on the NIH main campus. The course was designed to have a lecture series component and hands-on wet laboratories covering both established assays and introducing new technologies in the field. Invited speakers targeted angiogenesis, lymphangiogenesis, commercial sources of angiogenic factors, primary endothelial cells (BEC/LEC), immortalized endothelial cells (SV40LT/hTERT), stably transfected GFP endothelial cells and their use, imaging techniques, ECIS and InCuCyte systems and introduced a new computer software for the quantitative assessment of tube formation. The laboratory session included a hands-on working knowledge of the: 1) chorioallantoic membrane assay (CAM), 2) rat aortic ring assay, 3) tube formation assay, 4) adhesion assay, 5) migration/wound repair assay and 6) directed in vivo angiogenesis assay (DIVAA). Attendees were encouraged to ask questions so as to take advantage of interacting with experts in the field during wet labs and lecture series. The participants' overall feedback response to the course was a collective "outstanding rating" and expressed extreme satisfaction in what they got out of the workshop. The CORE is planning on having this type of workshop four times a year in association with the FAES program.

Again, congratulations to the invited speakers, teaching staff and course director (Dr. Enrique Zudaire) for an extremely successful educational session and "job-well-done".

Sincerely,

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