



## Life and Environmental Sciences Cluster Minutes Mote Aquaculture Park, April 26, 2005

Welcome and introductions were made by Meg Lowman, Co-Chair and Dr. Kevan Main of Mote Aquaculture Park was thanked for hosting the group at the Park.

Diane Andrews gave an EDC update which included funding proposal deadlines for the sub groups, ED ROCKS 05 which will be held at Serendipity Country Club on June 23, 2005. The new Cluster 2005 Update Brochures along with the EDC Annual Report were handed out to attendees. Business expansions and relocation inquiries are keeping EDC very busy. Nick Ladikos who was hired a recently as the new EDC Project Manager was introduced.

Ken Shelin introduced the speaker, Dr. Pamela Tenaerts who is the Director of Clinical Research at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. The CRC identifies the placement of clinical studies at SMH. They have qualified physician investigators who have research experience and they have access to patient population. They do mostly Phase 11 and 111 clinical trials for cardiology, pulmonology, neurology, vascular surgery. The community benefits from their studies with drugs, medical devices and genes. SMH benefits from their department also. There were many questions form the group and many from the CRO sub group who were very pleased to meet Dr. Tenaerts and she them.

### Sub Group Reports:

CRO, Irwin Katz said they have narrowed the Market Feasibility RFP to two groups and will have a meeting with EDC to review both with them.

Healthy Sarasota, Sudakoff Auditorium will be the place for this two day workshop in Jan/March 2006. They group is working with Rocky Mountain Institute who has conducted workshops like this they hope to get a speaker from the Institute as keynote.

Center for Ecological Assessment conference on Satellite Imaging will be September 14-17 at Mote Marine. Raymond Kaiser has speakers from NASA and Cornell University lined up for this conference.

Aquaculture/Horticulture Sub Group has had two meetings and they are focusing on a pilot program at Mote Aquaculture Park. The project will center on opportunities in horticulture that will clean up and absorb the aquaponics used at the Park for farming shrimp and sturgeon caviar.

Biological Research Station is chaired by Meg Lowman and will be a field station for science researchers to meet and study. National experts will be coming to Sarasota in September to meet with the regional experts about the ecological opportunities in Sarasota County.

Bob Hueter recommended the new Cluster 2005 Update booklet to learn all of the new initiatives from all of the Cluster groups. Doug Ross asked everyone to keep recruiting in mind for the group at large and for the sub groups. It is vital for new people to attend the Cluster activities.

Next meeting is on June 8, 2005 from 9:00 to 11:00. Place TBD