

iGEM meeting minutes from 2/26/12

- We watched the first 13:00 min of this video about Imperial College of London <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ushmgPM7HT8>
 - o Please watch the rest of this video on your own- it's very inspiring!
 - o We are ahead of the schedule of ICL in their video; let's not waste our time!
- Angela suggests that we have two more meetings during the week in addition to Sunday for a total of 3 short meetings a week:
 - o One to discuss team operation, one with advisers, one journal club meeting; each would be one hour in length
 - o Multiple meetings would allow for more efficient use of team time and resources, we can solve problems from one meeting before the next meeting so we don't have to wait a whole week to get answers
- PLEASE FILL OUT THE "WHEN IS GOOD" SURVEY FROM UROS
 - o this will select times for the two additional weekly meetings and give Courtney a time to come talk to us about safety
- Safety Quizzes
 - o Please complete your quizzes this week, we cannot work in the lab on EOH projects until everyone completes the quizzes
 - o We are thinking of having a quiz party on Tuesday night this week to do all the online safety quizzes and have some food, check email/FB for a solid time
 - o Please stop by the IGB Gatehouse 2nd floor Monday-Friday 8-5 (except the noon lunch hour) to get your IGB email address which is necessary for one of the safety quizzes
- Journal Club
 - o No article was discussed today
 - o We are looking to get JC running during the week based on the results from the when is good survey- Anthony will lead first JC this week of 2/26
 - o Whoever will lead JC meeting of the week will create a small power point outlining the paper
 - o Other iGemmers will read paper and come ready to listen and discuss
- Adviser labs
 - o Please email your adviser to introduce yourself so that we can get working in lab
 - o Lab assignments:

Dr. Jin	Dr. Bhalerao	Brad	Dr. Rao
Bob	Isiah	Cara	Divya
Uros	Anthony		Asha
Adi			

- EOH
 - o Equipment: projector, camera, computer
 - IGB gatehouse, second floor, Melissa McKillip to obtain EOH presentation equipment
 - o Presentation committee- Cara has the practice poster for EOH, we should discuss what other presentation materials we want to have at EOH
 - o Lab: glowing bacteria (bright yellow/blue) as backup in case we all cannot get safety certified in time for EOH
- Social outing suggestion: visit another team such as Northwestern, U Michigan, Wash U, Purdue to network and have fun
- Discussed timeline for Spring and Summer
 - o This semester
 - learn lab techniques
 - Journal Club- once a week to familiarize ourselves with the Syn Bio field so that we can create a stellar, cutting edge project
 - o Summer
 - 1st week: identify the final project

- 2-4 week: design the gene circuit - <http://www.tinkercell.com/> will help you practice
 - 5-12 week: lab troubleshooting
 - Overall- no specific time
 - continue Journal Club
 - Human Practices
 - Wiki for the competition
 - Have some FUN!
- Announcements:
 - Publicity Director:
 - open houses- once we do all of our work we would like to present it to as many ears as possible raise awareness of iGEM
 - create flyers and brochures
 - events that we need to prepare for: EOH, Undergrad Symposium, IGB fellow, Quad Day, Welcome events
 - Corporate Director:
 - Talk with Melissa McKillip about funding sources: UIUC and industry
 - If we get good funding, we can commercially synthesize some DNA sequences and save time!
 - Web Master:
 - learn how to code iGEM Wiki now
 - Wiki is for the iGEM judges
 - start Illinois iGEM website for meeting times, latest updates, and a place where the general public will come to look at our iGEM work- therefore it needs to be broad and understandable to the general public
 - Treasurer:
 - needs to take RSO treasurer quiz
- Uros presented the Imperial College of London website- http://2011.igem.org/Team:Imperial_College_London
 - take away points:
 - liked the simplicity of their page
 - they readily showed the implications of their project
 - it was a global problem that had a wide area of impact
 - they defined terms/provided links for definitions
 - had lots of pictures and interactive features
- Take a look at the Yale University project from 2011 that identified a very simple problem in a very simple way
 - this is an example of the beauty of simplicity
 - this Yale project was in the final for the regional jamboree and advanced to the international competition- don't need to be intricate to win
 - we should take some hints from them!