

JLab Users Group News

Updates from the User Office

By Lorelei Chopard

Just a quick update with upcoming changes and reminders:

-MIS is working on merging the visit form (link for returning foreign national users)

with the current registration form. This should allow certain information to prefill on the form for quicker completion.

- Professors, mentors and students please remember to send student updates (graduation, field change or dropped program) to: lorelei@jlab.org

-Have an old computer or broken chair you want to get rid of? Submit a work order here: <https://misportal.jlab.org/work/index.jsf> and a member of Facilities will arrange pickup (JLab username required).

- Office clean-up is still ongoing. If at any time you have questions on

how to properly remove property or trash, please contact the appropriate person below:

Property- Lawrence Ferbee x6297 or ferbee@jlab.org
Janitorial- Mike Lewellen x7169 or lewellen@jlab.org

-Office trash is collected once per week on Fridays (be mindful of food sitting all week).

-For the F wing, larger items (trash/recycle) can be left in the kitchen areas for nightly pickup.

Please visit the link below for further information regarding trash pick-up, recycling and excessing furniture:

www.jlab.org/fm/recycle.pdf

-Don't forget to notify the User Office when you are vacating or changing offices.



Special points of interest:

- New User Checklists
- [UG Wiki](#)
- [Graduate Student & Post-Doc Association Wiki](#)
- 2014 Users Group Meeting– June 2-4
- [ARC Reservation System](#) (reserve office space online)
- [CUGA archive](#)
- [IAG Page](#)

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The Visitor Business Visa (B1 or WB)

The "visitor" visa is a nonimmigrant visa for persons desiring to enter the United States temporarily for business (B-1/WB), for pleasure or medical treatment (B-2/WT), or combination of both (B-1/B-2) purposes.

Business Visitor Visas (B-1/WB) - If the purpose of the visitor is to consult with

business associates, travel for a scientific, educational, professional or business convention, or conference on specific dates, settle an estate, or negotiate a contract, then a business visitor visa (B-1/WB) would be the appropriate type of visa. Further information on the B1/WB activities can be found at <http://www.jlab.org/hr/iris/>

[BusinessVisa%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf](#)

If coming to the US for research purposes then a B1/WB visa is appropriate:

- For Independent research;
 - If no salary/income from a US based source;
 - and/or no benefit to U.S. institution.
- Local expenses (lodging and per diem) may be received by B1/WB holders.

Jefferson Lab Users Group-the past 12 months

By Sebastian Kuhn

Like every year shortly before the start of summer, Jefferson Lab users and guests convened at the lab for the Annual Users Group Meeting, held May 29-31 this year. The three-day program offered a detailed snapshot of physics in “all 6 halls” (including halls A-D, the accelerator and the FEL) as well as feature presentations on physics beyond Jefferson Lab by invited speakers like F. Halzen, F. Maas and E. Aschenauer (M. Grosse Perdekamp unfortunately was prevented from coming). We heard from the funding agencies (NSF and DOE) as well as the Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSAC). Jefferson Lab and Users Group news was discussed by lab management and during our Business Meeting. Last but not least, we celebrated newly elected APS fellows, thesis and postdoctoral prize winners, and the winners of the 2nd JSA Outstanding Nuclear Physicist Award. As usual, we had a poster presentation (and three poster prizes) and a reception on the first day, and a small celebration in the new user space in the ARC building library at the end of the meeting. The program with links to all of the talks can be found at: <http://www.jlab.org/conferences/ugm/program.html>. I encourage those of you who couldn't come (or follow the proceedings through the web simulcast) to take a look.

The end of this meeting also signified the end of my time as chair of the Users Group Board of Directors (UGBoD) after two years, and the ascendance of John Arrington (Argonne National Lab) to this position. (I will continue to serve on UGBoD as “past chair” for another year). Three other members of UGBoD completed their two-year terms (Mark Ito, Kent Paschke and Anatoly Radyushkin) – we owe them all a great amount of gratitude for their service to the Jefferson Lab community. In their stead, newly elected members Steffen Strauch, Dipankar Dutta and Jose Goity began their terms.

Looking back over the past 12 months, I think one can fairly state that there has been a subtle shift in the emphasis of the activities of the Users Group and its Board of Directors. True, our core mission is and remains to represent all users to Lab management, improve life (and science) at the lab, and follow up on the many suggestions (and even complaints) we receive from the users. We worked on issues like user space (see, e.g., the new ARC library work stations), health insurance, computing and on streamlining the paperwork for users coming to the lab. We also held the traditional competitions (thesis and postdoc prize), satellite meetings (at the DNP Fall and APS April meetings) and advised JLab management and JSA/SURA on a range of

issues. Finally, the chair of UGBoD serves on the JLab PAC and other panels (JSA programs committee). However, at the same time we increased our activities in the areas of outreach and science advocacy – as many of you will have noticed (in the form of repeated email alerts and requests for action). Several of us have visited Congress, contacted legislators, and participated in outreach efforts, including the annual NUFO science exhibit on the hill (check nufo.org). We also played a role in the community input phase leading to the recent NSAC report on the “implementation of the long-range plan,” which was very favorable to the Jefferson Lab 12 GeV upgrade. I believe that these kinds of activities will become ever more important as we continue to live in an era of great uncertainty regarding funding of the science we love and the facilities, including Jefferson Lab, that make this science possible. In this endeavor, I wish all of us – and especially my successor, John Arrington – good fortune and fortitude. We will need it!

- Sebastian Kuhn

Recent PhDs Awarded

January-August 2013

Islam Bedir- Old Dominion University
Rakitha Beminiwattha- Ohio University
Nandakarthik Govindarajan- Hampton University
Baptiste Guegan - IPN-Orsay / RPI
Eric Jensen- The College of William & Mary
Myriam Johnson– Northwestern University
Anusha Habarakada Liyanage- Hampton University

Michael Mayer- Old Dominion University
Yoomin Oh- Seoul National University
Kiadtisak Saenboonruang- University of Virginia
Mukesh Saini- Florida State University
Nicholas Saylor- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Buddhini Waidyawansa- Ohio University
Chen Xu- The College of William & Mary
If your name is not listed, email: lorelei@jlab.org

A Vision from the UGBOD Chair

By John Arrington

Hi! I'm very happy to be taking over as the chair of the JLab Users' Group, despite Sebastian's warning that this happiness may be short-lived. I hope to be able to live up to the accomplishments of Sebastian and our previous chairs and have many things I would like to accomplish over the next two years. But I know that I can't be successful without the active involvement and input of the JLab User Community. So if there's one thing I hope to get across today, it's the following: johna@anl.gov

I included some discussion of what I hope we can accomplish in the summary of the last Users' Group Board meeting:

(https://wiki.jlab.org/cugwiki/index.php/UGBoD_Meetings). To my mind, it all depends on communication and participation. It's a busy time, with the upgrade activities going on and people looking forward to the first data taking in the 12 GeV era, all against a backdrop of difficult budgets, tight schedules and ambitious plans. With so much going on, it can be difficult to keep up with the immense progress and the occasional setback. From installation schedules to software development to office space, things are changing that will impact the entire user community.

I hope to encourage improved communication so that those who aren't able to be at JLab regularly can still be aware of lab progress and planning, and so that more and simpler mechanisms are available for user questions and feedback. I want to start by sending out brief updates on important activities, through both the Users Group and the Executive Committees for all the Halls, and hope to encourage more feedback to both the Users Board and the Executive Committees. The Executive Committees (and leadership for individual experiments) meet more often and can be more in touch with what's going on, and I think it will be beneficial if these groups and the users' board keep each other up to date on their activities and their concerns.

Finally, as someone who was a student here the first time we went from nearly empty halls to a brand new physics, I know how important it is for students who

spend significant time away from their home institutions to have a strong local support system and good mentoring. I hope to find people who are willing to act as mentors and provide information and resources to students and postdocs who have questions. More importantly, I need individual students and postdocs to bring their concerns, suggestions and questions to me, the graduate student or postdoc representatives on the Users' Board, or to the Grad Student and Post-Doc Association (GSPDA), so that we can find out what people need and what the user community and lab can do help.

I'm looking forward to meeting more of you over the next few months, and to a productive year for our User community.

Reporting a Change of Address

All non-US citizens are required to keep the USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) informed of their current address, within 10 days of changing the address.

It is especially important when you have an application or petition pending with USCIS and are waiting to get notification of a decision.

Additionally, USCIS may need to contact you to provide other issued documents

or return original copies of evidence you submitted.

You can file Form AR-11 online at the following url:

<https://egov.uscis.gov/crisgwigo?action=coa.Terms>

This is the easiest and most convenient way to file. You get the confirmation immediately to keep for your records as proof of filing.

Visitor/Student Insurance

Jefferson Lab continues to offer health insurance while visiting the Lab if you are not eligible for medical insurance coverage from any other source (home institution, family, etc.). In particular, if you are a qualifying individual affiliated with a domestic (U.S.) institution, Jefferson Science Associates can pay up to 50 percent of visitor medical insurance premiums if you elect to sign up for the Jefferson Lab health insurance plan while at the Lab. You would be responsible for payment of the remaining 50 percent monthly premium cost before each monthly premium due date. For specific inquiries on this matter, please contact Sue Ewing (ewing@jlab.org) or Tara Wilkerson (wilker-so@jlab.org).

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Feature Recipe From: Hari Areti

Chickpeas with tomatoes and broccoli

Ingredients:

1 tsp cumin seeds
1/2 tsp coriander seeds
1/2 tsp mustard seeds
15 Oz. can of Chickpeas (drained) or (1 cup of dry chickpeas, soaked overnight and cooked till tender)
4 Medium ripe tomatoes, chopped fine (equivalent can of crushed tomatoes)
6-8 broccoli or cauliflower florets
1 medium onion, cubed
1 clove of garlic, crushed
1-2 tbsp. of extra virgin olive oil



Image from: <http://runonsunshine.com>

Heat a heavy pan over medium heat. Add the seasoning. Cook until the mustard seeds splutter. Add onions and cook till they are almost transparent. Add garlic and cook for 1-2 mins. Add the tomatoes and cook until most of the water has evaporated. Add chickpeas. Cover the pan and cook for 15-20 mins. Add the broccoli or cauliflower florets. Cover the pan and cook for another 5-10 mins, depending on how much you want the broccoli or cauliflower cooked. Depending on the moisture content, you may want to reduce the heat to low or add a bit of water. Turn off the heat. Stir in the olive oil. Adjust the salt to taste. Serve over rice or with soft pita bread.

Possible Delays at the US Ports of Entry

Due to heightened security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers are verifying the status of F-1 and J-1 nonimmigrants in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) before admission at port of entry. As a result, it has been reported that many students and exchange visitors are referred to secondary inspection, where their SEVIS record will be reviewed.

Due to these new entry procedures, F-1 students and J-1 exchange visitors entering the United States should plan to spend potentially a couple of hours in the secondary inspection process and plan flight connections accordingly. CBP officers must now verify the status of each F-1, M-1 and J-1 nonimmigrant in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) before admission. Not all border officers are equipped with access to SEVIS, however, so after preliminary processing, most students and

exchange visitors are referred to secondary inspection, where their SEVIS record is re-viewed and where they may be questioned further about their U.S. activities.

There are reports that CBP may use airline manifests to verify SEVIS records in advance of a foreign national's travel to the United States, but it is not yet known whether or to what extent this practice is in use.

Our J-1 Users have currently reported experiencing this type of delay. All Exchange Visitors should be prepared for the new entry procedures and for the possibility of long waits at U.S. ports of entry. You should be patient, be sure you have all documents (passport, visa paperwork, invitation letter, etc.) and answer all questions clearly and fully.

For complete details, please visit [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 3-5-GlueX Coll. Mtg.
- Oct. 16- TEDF Dedication
- Oct. 21-22- QCD Frontier Wksp.
- Oct. 23-26- Fall DNP
- Oct. 24- Users Satellite Mtg.
- Nov. 20-23- CLAS Coll. Mtg.
- Dec. 16-18- Hall A Coll. Mtg.

