UCONN HEALTH

♦ UConn Health researchers now have access to 100-Gbps connectivity through the Bioscience Connecticut Research Network. The new capabilities come via cooperation among The Connecticut Education Network (CEN), the State, the University, and Internet2. Click here for full story.

♦ The University is upgrading the online IACUC protocol to the latest platform at UCH, which introduces a number of enhancements to the current Topaz system. The new platform also creates a real-time interface for animal ordering and connects with the finance system for automatic and real time billing. There is also a new implementation at Storrs with similar functions as UCH. This is expected to go live later this year.

STORRS

♦ Effort reporting and commitment is the mechanism used to confirm that salaries and wages charged to each sponsored agreement are reasonable in relation to the actual work performed. Until now, effort reports and certification have used a paper-based and manual process. This will soon change. The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) has been working diligently on creating an electronic, paperless system to automate the process, which will improve accuracy of the reports, timeliness, and make it easier for research staff to review, amend, and certify their effort reports.

♦ The OVPR is implementing an electronic financial conflict of interest (FCOI) system using the InfoEd electronic system. The system configuration was completed in late February. We are currently creating awareness of the new system through visiting department and school meetings, and are also in the process of testing the system and creating training materials. We plan to start the training process in the near future, and the system is expected to go live in Summer/Fall 2015.

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