Greetings RAMC:

We hope you are doing well. Our next RAMC will be scheduled soon, but in the meantime, here are some important updates and reminders as we prepare for the launch of IORA in January.

Some of this information will also be shared via ORPA L and other communication channels, but your help in communicating these updates and reminders to your departments is greatly appreciated!

Planned Funding Proposals in Q1 2021

We are still collecting planned funding proposal submissions that will occur during the first quarter of 2021. **Please use the survey link below** to let us know by December 1 of any submissions you are aware of between 1/1/21 and 3/31/21.

- **Survey link:** https://forms.gle/vnCtJLSYwfULaeuv6

We realize you may not know all the submissions now – please provide whatever you can. It may be worthwhile to poll your own faculty at this time.

IORA Training

Several instructor-led virtual trainings will be available in December 2020 and January 2021. If you will be submitting a Funding Proposal or will need to access an Award in the January – March 2021 timeframe, please register for the training you need. Reviewers, such as Department Chairs, ORACS, Dean's Offices, RSRB, etc. are encouraged to sign up for the training that is appropriate for them, as well. If you do not need training until after March, please wait for future sessions to be scheduled.

- **Everything you need to know about training can be found on the IORA Training page**.

Reminder: Freeze Period for Awards

In preparation for our go-live on January 11th, there will be a freeze period for **Awards and Award Modifications** from mid-December until go-live. Please send Awards and Award Modifications to ORPA before mid-December or hold them until after go-live. The freeze **does not apply** to Funding Proposals – only new Awards and Award modifications.

- Proposals will continue to be submitted and entered into COEUS until go-live
- COGNOS data will still be available during this freeze period

Clinical Trials Walkthrough – Last Call for Volunteers!

We are planning a walkthrough of the clinical trial process that will be in effect after go-live. This process has a lot of moving parts and will continue to evolve as the year progresses and the new systems align.

- **If you are interested in participating in this meeting** (some discussion and some demonstration) please send me (Anthony) a note and I'll add you (or whomever you recommend) to the invite. Thank you to those who have volunteered so far.

RARA, River Rats and PI Event

Finally, we wanted to thank everyone who was able to attend the November RARA and River Rats meetings and for encouraging PIs to attend the open house. The presentations for the meetings, as well as the recording for the PI Event, can be founded on the IORA website: IORA News

As always, **we are grateful** for your continued support and engagement. Please visit the IORA website for updated Questions and Answers, training information, IORA videos and more.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families,

IORA Team

IORA Agreements is LIVE: Introducing IORA, our new system for Grants and Agreements Management.

As of September 25, all unfunded agreements (MTAs, DUAs, CDAs) must be submitted using the IORA Agreements module. The IORA Grants module (which includes funded agreements) will be live in early 2021. Learn more on the IORA site and please contact me with questions!