



## **June 2012**

### **Lab co-hosts CUCSA meeting and meets with UC President Mark Yudof**

On June 8th, the Lab co-hosted the quarterly CUCSA meeting onsite and met with UC President Mark Yudof to discuss the vital leadership role UC plays in public education, its record of accomplishments and the need to safeguard its future during a time of fiscal challenge. Lab Director Paul Alivisatos and Chief Human Resources Officer Vera Potapenko gave updates on the Lab's current initiatives and organizational developments.

### **Discounts on California Shakespeare Shows for 10 or More Staff**

The Lab's Arts Council organized groups of 10 or more staff to see shows at the California Shakespeare Theater also known as CalShakes. Attending the shows in groups not only allow staff to spend off hours with each other on a social event but also allows each individual to get a discount of \$10 off the regular ticket price. This summer's offerings include "The Tempest," "Spunk," "Blithe Spirit," and "Hamlet."

### **The Interns are coming!!**

Interns arrived in early June for various Lab and Division internship programs ranging from high school juniors to post docs and they are assigned to various scientists and staff for mentoring. Each year, the Lab hosts approximately 200 interns throughout the Lab for 6 -10 weeks depending on the program. Information on Lab programs can be found at [csee.lbl.gov](http://csee.lbl.gov).

## **July 2012**

### **Summer Series of Conversations with Management starting on July 11**

In order to find information about other areas of the Lab not just your own Division, Jeff Miller, head of Public Affairs, will host a conversation with some of the Lab's movers and shakers with staff over the next three months. The first of these "powerpoint-free" talks takes place Wednesday, July 11, with Omar Yaghi, director of the Molecular Foundry, followed by Kathy Yelick, Associate Laboratory Director of Computing Sciences, on July 18, and Shashi Buluswar, Executive Director of the LBNO Institute for Globally Transformative Technologies, on August 1. All conversations begin at noon and take place in the Building 50 Auditorium. This activity gives staff a chance to have a personal conversation with management of areas of the Lab that are innovative and shaking up the scientific industry.



### **Emergency Preparedness Fair**

To help employees get better prepared for an emergency, be it earthquake, fire, or hazardous materials spill, the Lab's Emergency Services Program sponsored its 6th Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair for staff on Thursday, July 19 during the extended lunch hours of 11am - 2pm. Activities included rescue dog demonstrations, raffle prizes, giveaways, and honoring CERT program graduates. Alameda County Fire Department, UC Police Department, American Red Cross and LBNL Emergency Services had their response and communication vehicles on display. More than 500 staff attended various demonstrations and gathered information from the various vendor booths.

### **August 2012**

#### **Lab Staff represent their homeland**

The Lab's employee population represents numerous countries from around the world. To help recognize this rich community, the Lab hosted a cultural festival on Wednesday, August 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the cafeteria lawn. The festival brings staff together to share food, entertainment, and information about their homelands. Individuals and groups of staff represented their home countries with music, dance, games, demonstrations, traditional costumes, other activities. The Diversity and Inclusion Council sponsored the event.

#### **Director's Achievement Award**

A ceremony recognizing the recipients of the 2012 Director's Award for Exceptional Achievement and the Berkeley Lab Prize – Life Time Achievement Awards was held on Wednesday, August 29 at 9 a.m. in the Building 50 Auditorium with Laboratory Director Paul Alivisatos presiding. Director's Awards for Exceptional Achievement will be presented in the areas of Science, Early Scientific Career, Safety, Operations, Tech Transfer, Outreach, Diversity and Societal Impact. These awards are not only limited to scientists but are also available to staff. In addition to the ceremony, recipients will be honored at a reception given by the Lab Director.

#### **Lab Hosts Open House on Oct 13 - Registrations now open**

The Lab is once again opening its doors to the community on Saturday, Oct. 13 for the third annual Open House. This year's theme is "Adventures in Science With Berkeley Lab's Science Explorers" and highlights the research we have conducted all over the world. The event — this year located in the Bevatron parking lot — will feature exhibits, lectures, tours, a Family Adventure Zone, food for purchase, performers, and more. Staff and guests who would like to attend can visit the Open House <http://www.lbl.gov/openhouse/> for more information and to register. This event is mostly organized and run by LBNL staff who volunteer for this important outreach event. We expect close to 5000 visitors this year.

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