

ERA-Instruments workshop:

“Management of mid-size facilities in the life sciences”

14th of April 2011, Berlin

Venue: Harnack Haus, Berlin-Dahlem; Meeting Room: Voss-Saal

Aim:

This workshop aims at exploring potential issues in the management of life science RIs. This can be seen as a preparatory activity for future support schemes in aid of RI management.

The questions to be discussed with RI managers from the life sciences will follow the lines:

- What are the critical issues and specific problems in managing mid-size RIs in the life sciences?
 - Career pathways?
 - How to become a (professional) facility manager?
 - Standards for managing facilities? What is required?
 - How to set up a core facility? How to become visible?
 - Open access? Free access?
 - Accounting? Legal structure of the facility?
- What possibilities exist for supporting/training/networking of RI managers?
 - European programmes in FP-6/FP-7?
 - National schemes?
 - Local support? Support groups (“self-help”)?
- What actions/programmes/services could funding organisations provide?

Agenda:

10.30 Arrival, Coffee

11:00 Welcome, Introduction

11:20 Presentations from representatives of large scale facilities / initiatives:

- RAMIRI

- ERF

- ESRF

12:15 Collection of statements from facility managers in the life science

13:00 lunch break

13:45 Summary of views in relation to the European Commission’s plans
(Hervé Péro, DG Research)

14.00 Round table discussion

16:30 Closure/Coffee

17.15 Site visit (until about 18.30)

20:00 Dinner