

Potential Changes to GU Proposal Review Panels (PRPs)

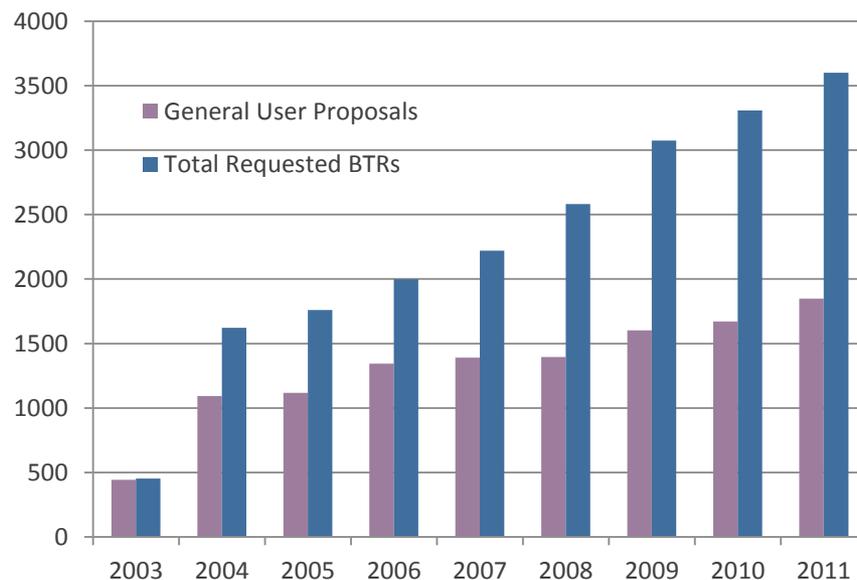
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General User Proposals Continue to Grow

- The number of GU proposals continues to grow but the number of PRP members has not kept pace.
- We have been discussing various options to ease the burden of the PRPs with both the PRP members and with our General User Advisory Committee (GUAC).
 - Keith Brister (NE-CAT)
 - Steve Sutton (GSE-CARS)
 - Eric Dufresne (XSD)
 - Matt Newville (GSE-CARS)
 - Jon Tischler (BAC)
 - Randy Winans (XSD)
 - Alex Sandy (XSD)



- Several improvements in the software/website were discussed.
- One of the proposed changes is to treat rapid-access mail-ins for powder diffraction (11-BM) as we do rapid access PX proposals, i.e. do a quick-turnaround mail review and not use the PRPs.

Current Proposal Review Panels

- The consensus of the GUAC was that not much, if anything, would be gained by a radical change in the make-up of the PRPs, but rather we needed more reviewers.

	Imaging	Applied Materials	Condensed Matter	ChemBio	SAXS	Spectros.	Instrument.	High Pressure
Proposals in 2011	286	244	317	176	158	282	26	271
11-BM Mail-In Proposals		41	44	17				
Proposals less mail-ins	286	203	273	159	158	282	26	271

- Imaging, Spectroscopy, and High-Pressure Panel members would like to:
 - Add several more members to each panel and have 2 sub-panels under the same name
 - PRP chair will split the proposals between the two sub-panels, sub-panels will review in parallel, and then meet to review (and normalize, if necessary) all the scores.
- Applied Materials would like to split (how to split up remains to be determined).
- Condensed Matter PRP is meeting today.....

Possible Expansion of PRPs

What the GU sees	Imaging		TBD	TBD	Condensed Matter		ChemBio	SAXS	Spectroscopy		Instrument.	High Pressure	
	Imaging 1	Imaging 2	Applied Materials 1	Applied Materials 2	Inelastic?	Elastic?	ChemBio	SAXS	Spectros. 1	Spectros. 2	Instrument.	High Pressure 1	High Pressure 2
Estim. Proposals	140 (est)	140 (est)	100 (est)	100 (est)	193 (FY10)	80	160	160	140 (est)	140 (est)	26	140 (est)	140 (est)

- Assuming that we move in this general direction of an expansion of the existing categories, we will have to recruit additional PRP members, make changes in the software, etc.
- It is likely that these changes would not go into affect until the call for the 2012-3 running cycle.

