

**Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Institutional Biosafety Committee**

July 20, 2006

Minutes

Present: Drs. Wetmur, Calfee, Daepler, Miller and Moline; Mr. Hauck; Mss. Erlitz and Sadock

Also Present: Drs. Palese, Basler, García-Sastre, Lowen and Martinez; Mr. Tranchina; Ms. Barnett

1. **Mr. Sal Tranchina**, newly appointed Senior Director of Environmental Health and Safety, was introduced to the Committee and will be appointed to its membership.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the April 27, 2006 meeting were approved.
3. **Emerging Pathogens Unit Update.**
 - a. FBI applications for users are filed and in process of clearance.
 - b. Effluent treatment unit is undergoing shakedown operations.
 - c. Because the CDC is re-evaluating management of 1918 flu virus, we are requesting certification for *Francisella tularensis* in a submission separate from that for the 1918 flu fragments.
4. **Certificate of Registration.**
 - a. With the implementation of the InfoEd, the Biosafety Office will be notified simultaneously with IACUC; approval will be simultaneous.
 - b. Experiments without animals will have a biosafety link through InfoEd.
 - c. Routine projects will be approved administratively and reported in the minutes of the quarterly IBC meetings.
 - d. Biosafety records will be managed by GCO#.
5. **Microbiology Projects**
 - a. To streamline reporting, the IBC will require only the GCO number, the name of the PI, the agent (or vector if different from the agent), the insert (if any) and the host. Detailed descriptions of protocols do not add information that affects approval.
 - b. One BSL3 application was approved at the April IBC meeting. Similar SOP materials will be required for all subsequent BSL3 applications.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.
The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2006