We are making several changes to the Microbiology Research Discussion Group ("MicroSuperGroup") for the upcoming Fall 2013 semester. We are making these changes so that MicroSuperGroup can be incorporated into the new Plant and Microbial Biosciences Program (PMB), which will be officially launched at the beginning of the Fall semester. The PMB Program web sites are already up and running, if you would like to take a look (http://dbbs.wustl.edu/divprograms/PlantMicroBioSci/Pages/default.aspx OR http://pages.wustl.edu/pmb). If you are interested in becoming a member of the program, and were not previously a member of the Plant Program, please let DBBS know. Joe Jez and Petra Levin, the directors of the PMB Program will also be sending out a letter about joining the program in the near future.

Here is a brief summary of the changes to the discussion group:

• Starting with the Fall 2013 Semester, the MicroSupergroup discussion group will merge with the Plant Biology Program seminar series (aka “Plant Lunch”) and will be called “PMB SuperGroup”.
• The meeting time has been changed to Tuesday mornings at 9 am.
• PMB SuperGroup will meet every Tuesday, however the first Tuesday of the month will feature a lab working on microbe-related projects, so that the former Micro Supergroup folks who can’t commit to weekly meetings can still count on something relevant the first Tuesdays of the month.
• Location: Life Sciences 202
• Format: for the first month or two of the Fall semester, the PMB SuperGroup meetings will feature short overview talks from P.I.s affiliated with the PMB program. This will allow all faculty to introduce themselves to the new graduate students, as well as provide an opportunity for new members to the PMB program to introduce themselves to the group (and visa versa).
• A schedule for the Fall semester will be posted on the Biology Department website (see http://wubio.wustl.edu/events)

Thanks,

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PMB SuperGroup Organizers