

Pre-Collaboration questionnaire (1 being disagree strongly/ 6 being agree strongly)

Please answer all the questions. Thank you.

1. I think that collaboration is important to research productivity.	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6
2. I am receptive to the idea of collaboration.	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6
3. I have found other RCE researchers to be receptive to the idea of collaboration.	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6
4. Do you have access to any of the following forms of communication? (check all that apply)	videoconferencing <input type="checkbox"/> teleconferencing <input type="checkbox"/> internet <input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="text"/>
5. I am very comfortable using videoconferencing technology.	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6
6. I am very comfortable using teleconferencing technology.	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6
7. I am very comfortable using internet message board technology.	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6
8. I am very comfortable using internet chat room technology.	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6
9. I am very comfortable using email messaging technology.	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6
10. If you have initiated contact with another RCE researcher, how did you discover him/her and his/her contact information?	<input type="text"/>
11. Please briefly describe the resources available to help you locate a fellow researcher interested in a collaborative effort. (i.e. database, directory, meeting abstracts, RCE meetings, etc.)	<input type="text"/>
12. Have you tried to contact other researchers working on projects like yours?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
If no please go to question 24.	
13. How often do you attempt to contact researchers who might be working on similar projects?	once <input type="radio"/> Occasionally <input type="radio"/> only at RCE meetings <input type="radio"/>
14. Are the researchers whom you have contacted members of your region?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
15. Have you contacted members of other RCE regions?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
16. Was a collaboration formed after this contact?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
17. Was the experience worth the effort?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
18. Was something produced from the collaboration?	Not Yet <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Application <input type="checkbox"/> Interesting Science <input type="checkbox"/> Manuscript <input type="checkbox"/>
19. How did you contact this/these individual(s)? Check all that apply.	videoconferencing <input type="checkbox"/> teleconferencing <input type="checkbox"/> internet <input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="text"/>
20. Which method was most valuable?	videoconferencing <input type="checkbox"/> teleconferencing <input type="checkbox"/> internet <input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="text"/>
21. If you have ever made or attempted to make contact with any of these individuals (<i>Alison O'Brien, Alan Cross, Yi Xu, Ronald Crystal, Theresa Koehler, Arturo Casadevall, Erik Hewlett, John Collier, Rick Lyons, Jurgen Brojatsch, and/or Andrzej Joachimiak</i>), please answer the following questions:	
22. How often do you contact these individuals	<input type="radio"/> once <input type="radio"/> Occasionally <input type="radio"/> regularly <input type="radio"/> Only at RCE meetings
23. How do you most often contact this/these individuals? (check all that apply)	videoconferencing <input type="checkbox"/> teleconferencing <input type="checkbox"/> internet <input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> phone call <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="text"/>
24. What do you see as the most valuable thing you would get from a collaborative effort and why? (ie sharing reagents, sharing technology/cores, joint publications, ect)	<input type="text"/>

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Figure 4-1: Preliminary survey