Greetings Purdue Nexus members, happy post-workshop, and happy back-to-class!

I am proud to say that the feedback we are getting from the UNSA attendees and the UNSA administration is one of great appreciation for our efforts and extreme satisfaction for the content we delivered. They also expressed gratitude for all of the social activities and opportunities to develop team comradery. In terms of team development, technical content, number of faculty and students engaged, social media reach, visibility at Purdue, and visibility at the Embassy of Peru and the Consulate of Peru in Chicago, we achieved new milestones (of course we have only done this twice). Soon we will be releasing the actual results of the surveys our UNSA participants completed about the workshop modules.

The photo above is a great reminder how we are doing something truly amazing and unique in the 150 years of Purdue history – we are making our own giant leap.

I also am writing to introduce you to our new bimonthly Nexus newsletter – this being the inaugural Purdue edition. Ultimately, the newsletter will be our bi-lateral vehicle to share with all the Nexus members the latest news about the projects, logistics related travel, committee updates and scheduling,
new and exciting products like apps and manuscripts, and reminders about Nexus functions and requirements. Each of the committees will be providing updates about their activities and any recommendations as well. If you have some suggestions for regular content or a special issue please do not hesitate to contact us. I am looking forward to another amazing year of research and development in the Arequipa Nexus.

All the Best,

Tim Filley

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Information for New Hires
Please make sure all new hires complete the New Nexus Hire Survey and other required documents. Our support team will grant access to the Community Hub (our main portal to the Nexus resource and data management system) and include them in the membership directory after they complete the survey and other required documents. Please make sure all your Purdue Nexus team members are listed in our web directory page in the Nexus Website as well. Soon there will be a portal on the Nexus webpage to access data resources - currently reached through the Community Hub.

Nexus Website Update
We are striving to update the Nexus website with the most recent information. Please let us know of any changes on your team's composition or other recommendations you have for content. Also, if you don't see your photo or someone in your team is missing a headshot in the Nexus webpage, please email Renata Ximenes (rximenes@purdue.edu), our Arequipa Nexus Administrative Assistant at Purdue with the image.

Nexus Projects Ongoing Deliverables
We are collecting information regarding significant project achievements (including conference abstracts submitted, apps created, manuscripts published, national meetings attended, invited presentations about the Nexus, etc.) from all Nexus teams. Please complete the Google Spreadsheet: Purdue Nexus Ongoing Deliverables with this information.

Procedural Ethics Document
Each member of the Nexus (at Purdue and UNSA) is expected to complete and sign the Procedural Ethics Document that discusses the expected conduct of all Arequipa Nexus participants. This document was developed during the first year of the Nexus by the Procedural Ethics Committee which included both Purdue and UNSA members. The link to the document along with the request to read and sign has been made available to all Nexus members several times. To date, less than half of the Purdue participants have signed the document. Any participant (including technical staff, postdoctoral scholars, students, and faculty) working in the Nexus must read and sign it. We ask that all PIs discuss the document with their teams and the importance of the principles outlined therein. Monday September 9, 2019 will be the deadline to complete the document for existing Nexus participants – access to Nexus resources will be tied to completion of this request.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nexus Committee Meetings
The Fieldwork and the Safety and Sample Processing Committee members will resume fall meetings in September - dates to be scheduled.

- Data Committee members will have their first meeting on Wednesday, September 4th.
The Executive Committee meets Friday, August 23rd.

If you are not on one of the Nexus committees but would like to address the group or volunteer to join, please contact the chair of the committee listed below:

- Executive Committee - Tim Filley (filley@purdue.edu)
- Technical Training and Workshop Committee - Tim Filley (filley@purdue.edu)
- Postdoctoral Scholar Committee – (temp. chair) Emad Elwakil (eelwakil@purdue.edu)
- Data Committee – Keith Cherkauer (cherkaue@purdue.edu)
- Safety and Sample Processing Committee – Lori Hoagland (lhoaglan@purdue.edu)
- Field Work Committee – Chad Jafvert (jafvert@purdue.edu)
- Procedural Ethics Committee – Zhao Ma (zhaoma@purdue.edu)

**SOCIAL CLIMATE IN AREQUIPA**

In mid-July, when the Peruvian Ministry of Energy and Mines granted a license to the Tia Maria mining project located in Arequipa, a series of protests began, which unfortunately devolved into violent strikes at the beginning of August. News outlets in Peru have reported acts of vandalism, blocking of roads and highways, and people marching in the streets of Arequipa. On Thursday August 22, protesters in Arequipa called an indefinite strike and groups blocked the Panamericana Sur highway - the main road between Arequipa and Lima. Fortunately, activities inside Arequipa are continuing more or less as normal, despite protesters marching through different avenues. We do not currently know of any road blockages in the Colca and Majes regions.

A general assessment at this moment appears to be that of "back to normal" with a few sporadic demonstrations in different parts of the city. However, all Nexus affiliated personnel should exercise the utmost caution and awareness of their surroundings when traveling in the Arequipa region. Please follow the travel recommendations in the Nexus travel protocol document (outlined in both the Community Hub and SLACK). This was an important topic of discussion during the most recent joint UNSA-Purdue Executive Committee meeting. The Nexus Safety Committee has also been meeting recently and will be distributing revised travel guidelines soon.

More information about the strikes in Arequipa:

**THE PURDUE NEXUS OFFICE TEAM**

We endeavor to assist in any way we can with the function of the overall Nexus Institute and individual projects. If you require assistance for issues related to travel and travel reimbursement, scheduling, meeting room scheduling, workshop logistics and certificates, communication with counterparts at UNSA,
website updates, or new hires and associated paper work, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you do not know who to contact for a particular issue, please email Renata Ximenes and she can direct you to the right person. Please also note we are in the process of replacing our data manager.

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