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I&R Welcomes Four New Members

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Three new faculty members and a graduate student joined the NERDC Instruction and Research Users' Committee (I&R) recently. The committee meets monthly with NERDC management and other providers of campus computing services to discuss computing issues of interest to instructional and research users of the center. The chair of this committee sits as a member of the NERDC Policy Board.

Participation on this committee provides faculty, research staff, graduate students, and departmental computing representatives with a unique opportunity to stay apprised of large-scale computing facilities available to them, to provide direct input to those who set computing policy for our campus, and to influence enhancements to the computing environment according to their needs.

New faculty additions are Dr. Sumi Helal, Dr. Richard Kiltie, and Dr. Gloria Moore.

Helal, an associate professor for the Department of Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE), has been with the University of Florida since August 1998. His background is in computing instruction and research including C++, Information Systems, large-scale database systems, real-time transaction scheduling, and more. Helal has been in the field since 1991 in varying capacities.

Kiltie is the computer coordinator for the Zoology Department. He has served as chair of its computer committee since 1996. Articles he's published cover topics from the distribution of palm fruits on a rain forest floor to the evolution of vertebrate design. He's been teaching since 1981 at the University of Florida.

Moore, a faculty member in the Horticultural Sciences Department and the Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology Program, has been with IFAS for 18 years. She has a background in teaching plant genetics and metabolic engineering. Moore is also a member of the Alachua County Library District Board of Trustees and a member of the Legislative Committee of the Board and deals with Internet issues as they affect libraries.

The I&R Committee also welcomed aboard Robert Todd to fill a graduate student position. Todd is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering specializing in computer network hardware design and simulation. He has experience in High-Performance Computing and Simulation, system administration, and networking.

The Committee warmly welcomes these individuals and looks forward to their contributions. For more information about the I&R Committee, please see http://nersp.cns.ufl.edu/~ircomm.

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