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SDB Faculty Re-Boot Camp
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This professional development experience will consist of five workshops and a luncheon discussion focusing on leadership skills, mentoring, alternate career paths, scientific teaching, the balance between life issues and academic responsibilities, and sabbatical leaves. Re-Boot Camp will begin the day before the start of the annual meeting. A summary of the sessions and the individuals who have agreed to facilitate them follows: 1) Enhancing Leadership Skills Through Understanding Personality Preferences: Bill Lindsteadt of the UCSF Office of Career and Professional Development and Dr. Janice Morand of UC Santa Cruz will conduct a session analyzing the results of the Myers Briggs Type Indicator assay taken by the participants before Camp in relation to leading a laboratory team; 2) Dr. Elliot Meyerowitz will lead a discussion on mentoring, drawing from his experience in mentoring junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students at Cal Tech. The participants will also contribute their own case studies for the group to discuss during this workshop; 3) Dr. Matt Scott of Stanford and Dr. Susan Ernst of Tufts will lead the evening discussion on changing one’s scientific focus or taking on academic administrative roles; 4) Dr. Graciela Unguez of the U of New Mexico and PDEC chair Dr. William Wood from the U Colorado at Boulder will share their research and experiences with using new methods of scientific teaching; 5) Dr. Mary Ann Mason, professor of law at UC Berkeley, will present her analysis of “The Balancing Act” based on her studies of family life and academics; and 6) PDEC member Dr. Yolanda Cruz of Oberlin College will give advice regarding arranging a sabbatical leave.

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