

PLAY BY THE RULES!

SUPERGENERAL:

- At any time (during group meetings especially) ask questions so that you can learn better and others can learn how to explain better. We're all friends.

GENERAL:

- When in doubt, about anything, ask!! So much better than accidentally breaking the microscope stage!!!!
- Keep colloids in the dark
- Back up your data. Don't put any data in your home directory on the computers
- The glass bins are not for plastic or paper. The paper bins are not for glass or plastic. And so on...
- Keep the lab doors locked at all times and ask questions if you see someone you don't know in the lab.
- If we run out of something, tell postoc 1, postdoc alpha or Eric "Professor" Weeks, write it on the whiteboard.
- Turn every light off if you are the last to leave the lab/Turn your light off when you leave.
- Make sure confocal laser is turned off at the end of the day (even if you did not use it!)
- Don't eat in chem lab / don't leave food out in microscope lab and preferably don't eat in microscope lab either
- if doing something for a long time (say, centrifuge overnight) leave a note with name and details (start time, expected finish time, can someone interrupt it, other instructions)

MAINLAB:

- Only use the red German screwdriver on the Leica's. If it does not fit, it's off limits.
- Clean lens with lens paper (\neq kimwipe) and always in straight lines
- As a very last resort, use only Ethyl Alcohol (ethanol) as a cleaning solvent!
- Keep the magnets away from screens and big metal objects such as optical tables.

CHEMLAB:

- Wear gloves when working with organic solvents
- Work in fume hood in most cases, except when using scales.
- Keep fume hood closed when not in operation
- Label all containers with name, date and content. No label means it can and will be thrown out!
- Label all slides too.
- Use standard colours and acronyms for labeling.
- Use appropriate syringe for filtering (they're labeled for your convenience :-))
- Use appropriate squirt bottle for solvents. We now have unlabeled bottles for more rare solvents/solutions.
- Keep pipettors vertical all the time. Don't overfill them.
- Keep boxes of tips, slides, coverslips and vials closed as much as possible
- Clean tip of epoxy bottles after you're done
- All chemical waste in waste jars. We treat all waste as halogenated waste.