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To: Deans, Department Heads and Faculty

From: Kenneth J. Soprano, Ph.D.

Re: New IRB Courseware

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RE: New IRB Courseware in Human Subjects Protection

I am pleased to announce the availability of new courseware for IRB certification in human subjects protection – the CITI program. Started in 2000 by 10 collaborating institutions as the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative, the CITI Program offers comprehensive web-based courses not only in Human Subjects Protection, but also in Good Clinical Practice (GCP), Health Information Privacy and Security (HIPAA), and Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR). More than 700 institutions and organizations use the CITI program to satisfy their requirements for investigator education in the protection of human research subjects. We are pleased to become a subscriber to this program and make it available to Temple researchers.

The CITI Program in the protection of human subjects is customizable to meet the needs of our research community. In particular, there are separate “Basic” courses for investigators in biomedical research and in social and behavioral research. There also is a separate track for IRB members. The courseware is user-friendly, and offers a refresher program for investigators seeking re-certification. Users receive certificates upon satisfactory completion of the required modules.

Other features of the CITI Program include:

- ✓ A “user friendly” presentation with assessment tools
- ✓ Comprehensive institutionally driven course content
- ✓ Available 24/7/365 via the web
- ✓ Economy of time for the user
- ✓ Maintained by an organization committed to providing quality instructional resources to the research community.
- ✓ Help Desks for users and administrators.

To register and gain access to the CITI Program, please follow instructions given at Temple's IRB's web-site: www.research.temple.edu/irb/index.html

If you have any questions, or encounter any difficulty accessing the CITI Program, please call the Temple IRB office at: 2-8757.