

Dr. Jeffrey Kowalak

Robert A. Welch Outstanding Research Group/Committee Member of the Year 2011



Jeff has been an ABRF member since 1995, and was on the Proteomics Research Group ([PRG](#)) from 2003-2006. After attending the first NIH sponsored meeting on peptide fragmentation with Bill Lane (the PRG EB liaison at the time) and realizing the need for standards in proteomics, at Bill's encouragement Jeff proposed to the EB to start a new RG in proteomics standards (sPRG). Jeff soon found himself at the helm of the [sPRG](#), and along with fellow sPRGers Dave Arnott, Kathryn Lilley, Mary Ann Gawinowicz, Phil Andrews and Steve Stein, the sPRG developed a 49 protein mix that was later developed into the commercial Sigma UPS1 Universal Proteomics Standard. Jeff was also a part of an sPRG bioinformatics sub-committee established to analyze the rich dataset obtained from the development of this standard, which later evolved into the proteomics informatics research group ([iPRG](#)), of which Jeff was a co-founding member. During Jeff's tenure on the ABRF executive board, Jeff served as liaison to both sPRG and iPRG, but in all practicalities he was an integral member and driving force of both RGs. Jeff is currently an active member of the Nominations committee.

Congratulations Jeff!

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