Acceptable Computer & Network Use Policy for BLI

✦ Beckman Laser Institute (BLI) network and internet access is a privilege and continued access requires users to use it responsibly.

✦ All BLI computers are under the control of the IT support staff.

✦ BLI’s IT support staff may access user files or suspend services on the computer systems they manage without notice as required to protect the integrity of the network.

✦ Users may not run or install on any computer, or give to another user, any program that will damage or place excessive load on BLI’s computers or network. This includes, but is not limited to, computer viruses, Trojan horses, or worms.

✦ Users may not utilize computers or email to abuse, harass, or to provoke a violent reaction, such as stalking, acts of bigotry or threats of violence. Such words include those terms widely recognized to victimize or stigmatize individuals on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, and other protected characteristics.

✦ Users may not post information that is slanderous or defamatory in nature or display graphically disturbing or sexually harassing images or text using BLI’s computers or network.

✦ Users are not to use the network to gain, or attempt to gain, unauthorized access to any computer system.

✦ Using a computer for any commercial activity that is not related to work at BLI, such as consulting services, advertising products, and/or other commercial enterprises for personal financial gain is not allowed.

✦ Deliberately abusing computing resources by playing games, sending chain letters, spamming, storing or moving large files that could compromise system integrity or preclude other users’ right of access to disk storage, etc. are prohibited. Use of BLI’s computers and/or network to download copyrighted or protected material like music and videos is strictly prohibited.

✦ When accessing computing resources, users are responsible for obeying both the policies described above and the policies of the University of California Irvine, which can be found at the following url: 

http://www.policies.uci.edu/adm/pols/714-18.html

Student responsibilities are also described in the UC Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students: http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/coordrev/ucpolicies/aos/toc.html

In addition, all users are responsible for obeying policies of off-campus network services accessed using UCI resources.