

## **INBRE-Communication**      *An Introduction to Linda Liou*



Linda Liou joined Idaho INBRE on October 21, 2008 as Program Coordinator. Linda will be working closely with Leslie Thompson to assist her in implementing and monitoring INBRE Program initiatives in the State of Idaho. Her specific responsibilities will include budget tracking, program evaluation, and development of an expanded, user-friendly Idaho INBRE website.

Linda has a diverse background. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA) with a double major in Music and German. After moving to Moscow she completed the coursework for a Master of Science in Microbiology. Now, Linda comes to INBRE after spending nearly 20 years as a technician and lab manager in the Department of Microbiology, Molecular Biology, and Biochemistry at the University of Idaho. Her supervisors have included current and former INBRE mentors Dr. Greg Bohach, Dr. Ken Bayles, Dr. Kurt Gustin, and Dr. Carolyn Bohach(!). She has also spent several summers working with INBRE Summer Fellows in the lab. She has been responsible for monitoring and training graduate and undergraduate students, spending budgets wisely, and purchasing and maintaining lab equipment and computers. At the same time she has worked on independent research projects including the invasion of *S. aureus* into bovine mammary epithelial cells (MAC-T) and the role of poliovirus protease 2A during infection. Linda is an author on several papers resulting from the research on *S. aureus* and she has presented posters on her work at national and regional American Society for Microbiology meetings. The scientific knowledge and skills she has developed in her years at the University of Idaho should nicely complement Leslie's expertise to enhance our service to all Idaho INBRE program participants.

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