

## EMSL Associate Director Featured as Great Laboratory Manager

Gordon Anderson, serving in a dual role of Acting Associate Director for Science Computational and User Resources and EMSL Instrument Development Laboratory (IDL) Technical Group Lead, was featured as a “Great Laboratory Manager” in the [February 2005 issue](#) of Reed Business Information’s *Laboratory Equipment*.

In the issue, Anderson is honored for his leadership of a team that manages data produced by in-house and visiting researchers using 15 state-of-the-art instruments in EMSL’s High-Performance Mass Spectrometry Facility. So far, 200 million separate spectra have been archived in EMSL’s data management system by Anderson’s eight-member Proteomics Analysis Support Team—which often works cohesively with his 15-member IDL group that is responsible for instrument development. That translates into 30 terabytes of raw data from sample injections that generate about 10,000 spectra each, depending on the experiment.



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According to the article, Anderson’s philosophy is that transparency of his team is required to keep activities in the mass spectrometry facility operating smoothly.

“If nobody knows we’re here, then we’re doing our job,” he says. “The idea is to make sure the research staff don’t spend their research and development time worrying about the data.”

Anderson stands in good company with past Great Laboratory Manager honorees from industry, academia, and the national laboratory system, including fellow EMSL staff member David Hoyt, Technical Group Lead of the cutting-edge High-Field Magnetic Resonance Facility.

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