INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

As described in the first day handout, 25% of the total score for this course comes from student presentations. Here are the plans for the presentations. Please read and follow these directions carefully, and e-mail Dr. Ramu Ramachandran if you have questions.

1) The presentations will be made by a team of two graduate students. Each graduate student must identify a partner as early as possible so that preparations can begin.

2) Each team should consult one of the instructors and identify a suitable topic. You could bring us a topic for approval or we could suggest one. The topic and the names of the two team members need to be e-mailed to Dr. Ramu Ramachandran by April 15. There will be penalties for late submissions.

3) The instructors will meet one day after April 15 and determine the date and time for each presentation, probably by some random process, like drawing them out of a hat. This order will be established and announced by April 23.

4) By April 23, a one page summary of the presentation needs to be submitted to Dr. Ramu Ramachandran electronically, and a hard copy needs to be submitted with the signature of the instructor who recommended/approved the topic. Again, there will be penalties for late submissions. The electronic versions will be placed on the course web page.

5) Presentations will begin on April 30 and go on till the end of the quarter. Both members of the team need to do some of the talking. All the students (graduate and undergraduate) are required to attend and participate in the discussions.

6) The presentations should be planned for 10-15 minutes of talking, and 5 minutes for questions/discussions. Transparencies are the recommended visual-aid, but if PowerPoint is essential for a presentation, arrangements for it must be made in advance with Dr. Ramachandran so that no time is wasted during the class period.