

necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### Direct Comments to OMB

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Andrew S. Rowland, Ph.D., Senior Staff Fellow, Epidemiology Branch A3-05, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709 or call non-toll-free number (919) 541-7886 or E-mail your request, including your address to: Rowland@NIEHS.NIH.GOV.

*Comments due date:* Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before February 13, 1998.

Dated: December 23, 1997.

**Charles Leasure,**

*Associate Director for Management, NIEHS.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### John E. Fogarty International Center for Advanced Study in the Health Sciences Advisory Board Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of the thirty-eighth meeting of the Fogarty International Center (FIC) Advisory Board, February 3, 1998, in the Lawton Chiles International House (Building 16) at the National Institutes of Health. The Research Awards Subcommittee will meet on February 2 in the FIC Conference Room, Building 31, Room

B2C07, from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m., and will be closed to the public.

The meeting of the Board will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 12:00 noon.

The agenda will include a report by the Director, FIC; a report of the Long Range Planning Panel on National Library of Medicine international programs; a presentation on the International Training Program in Medical Informatics; a report on the state of science in the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union; and a presentation on cooperation and reform in the biomedical research system in the Republic of Georgia.

In accordance with the provisions of sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, United States Code and section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, the entire meeting of the Research Awards Subcommittee on February 2 will be closed to the public from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m., and the Board meeting on February 3 will be closed to the public from 1:00 p.m. to adjournment for the review of applications for awards under the Senior International Fellowship and International Fellowship Programs; and the Fogarty International Research Collaboration Awards and HIV, AIDS and Related Illnesses Collaboration Awards.

Paula Cohen, Committee Management Officer, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room B2C08, 31 CENTER DR MSC 2220, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-2220, telephone 301-496-1491, will provide a summary of the meeting and a roster of the committee members upon request.

Irene Edwards, Executive Secretary, Fogarty International Center Advisory Board, Building 31, Room B2C08, telephone: 301-496-1491, will provide substantive program information.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ms. Cohen at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.989, Senior International Fellowship Awards Programs; and 93.934, Fogarty International Research Collaboration Award)

Dated: January 8, 1998.

**LaVerne Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; National Advisory Council; Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council, February 2, 1998, Building 101 Conference Room, South Campus, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

This meeting will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2:20 p.m. on February 2 for the report of the Director, NIEHS, and for discussion of the NIEHS budget, program policies and issues, recent legislation, and other items of interest. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. and section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the meeting will be closed to the public from approximately 2:35 p.m. on February 2 to adjournment at 5:00 p.m., for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual grant applications. These applications and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Executive Secretary in advance of the meeting.

Dr. Anne Sussaman, Director, Division of Extramural Research and Training, and Executive Secretary, National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709, (919) 541-7723, will furnish substantive program information.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.113, Biological Response to Environmental Agents; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing; 93.115, Biometry and Risk Estimation; 93.894, Resource and Manpower Development, National Institutes of Health)

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**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Eye Institute; Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Eye Institute Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting:

*Name of SEP:* Clinical Research.

*Date:* January 15, 1998.

*Time:* 2:00 p.m.

*Place:* Telephone Conference, Executive Plaza South, Suite 350.

*Contact Person:* Andrew P. Mariani, Ph.D., Executive Plaza South, Room 350, 6120 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892-7164, (301) 496-5561.

*Purpose/Agenda:* Review of Grant Applications.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the above meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the grant review and funding cycle.

The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.867, Vision Research: National Institutes of Health)

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**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Closed Meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK),

February 9, 1998, National Institutes of Health, Building 1, 1550 East Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85014.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. and section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the meeting will be closed to the public on February 9 from 8:30 a.m. to adjournment for the review, discussion and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the NIDDK, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

A summary of the meeting and roster of members will be provided, upon request by the Committee Management Office, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Room 6AS-37J, Bethesda, Maryland 20892 (301) 594-8892. For any further information, please contact Dr. Allen Spiegel, Scientific Review Administrator, Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Building 10, Room 9N-222, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 496-4128, at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.847-849, Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolic Diseases; Digestive Diseases and Nutrition; and Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health)

Dated: January 7, 1998.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 United States Code, Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, Communication Disorders Review Committee.

*Date:* February 6, 1998.

*Time:* 1:00-3:30 p.m.

*Place:* Executive Plaza South, Suite 400C, Bethesda, MD 20892, (telephone conference call).

*Contact Person:* Melissa Stick, Ph.D., M.P.H., Scientific Review Administrator, NIDCD/DEA/SRB, EPS Room 400C, 6120 Executive Boulevard, MSC 7180, Bethesda MD 20892-7180, 301-496-8683.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review and evaluate a grant application. The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, United States Code. The applications and/or proposals and the discussion could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.173 Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communication Disorders)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Aging; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

*Name of SEP:* National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel HRCA/Harvard Research Nursing Home.

*Dates of Meeting:* January 25-26, 1998.

*Times of Meeting:* January 25-6:00 p.m. to recess; January 26-8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Place of Meeting:* Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review a proposed grant.

*Contact Person:* Dr. William Kachadorian, Scientific Review Administrator, Gateway Building, Room 2C212, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-9205, (301) 496-9666.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Aging Initial Review Group Clinical Aging Review Committee.

*Date of Meeting:* March 3, 1998.

*Time of Meeting:* 8:00 a.m. to adjournment.

*Place of Meeting:* Holiday Inn Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review various grant applications.

*Contact Person:* Dr. William Kachadorian, Scientific Review Administrator, Gateway Building, Room 2C212, National Institutes of