

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Initial program participant survey .....	16	1	0.5	8
Follow up survey of participant .....	60	1	0.5	30
Total .....	76	.....	.....	38

**Request for Comments:** Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for fulfillment of the NIDCD mission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed data collection, including the validity of the methodology; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the data collection and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including appropriate use of automated collection techniques and information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Ms. Kay Johnson Graham, EEO Officer, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, NIDCD, NIH, Building 31, Room 3C08, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, or call non-toll-free number (301) 496-3403 or E-mail your request, including your address to: [johnsonk@ms.nidcd.nih.gov](mailto:johnsonk@ms.nidcd.nih.gov).

**Comments Due Date:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60-days of the date of this publication.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA, (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning proposed collections of information before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, NIDCD is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

With respect to the following collection of information, NIDCD invites

comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for fulfillment of the NIDCD mission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed data collection, including the validity of the methodology; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the data collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including appropriate use of automated collection techniques and information technology.

The NIDCD Partnership Program was designed to maximize research and research training opportunities for undergraduates, graduate and professional students, and faculty from populations that are underrepresented in the biomedical professions. Participants are recruited from four academic institutions that developed partnerships with the NIDCD: The University of Alaska System, The Atlanta University Center, Gallaudet University, and the University of Puerto Rico.

Anecdotal feedback indicates that program participants, mentors, and liaisons find the program to provide interesting and unique opportunities. However, there is little systematic evidence evaluating the level of the Program's success or failure. The proposed surveys will attempt to assess how participants' experiences with the Partnership Program have influenced career and educational choices; current activities of participants (*e.g.*, courses of study, jobs); benefits and costs of program participation to the program participants, mentors, and liaisons; and suggestions for improving the Program. This information, will provide concrete evidence for continued funding of the Program.

Two separate surveys are proposed. The first survey will collect baseline information from participants as they enter the program. The baseline survey will explore participants' expectations and goals on entering the program, their current career and/or educational plans, and reasons for choosing to participate. The second survey will gather Follow up and tracking information of past participants and will be administered

annually. This survey will ask about current contact information, current career educational activities, satisfaction with the program, and whether expectations were met.

Potential respondents of either survey will be asked to participate in a telephone survey that should take less than 30 minutes to complete. Respondents who cannot schedule 30 minutes of time or have communications disorders which make telephone conversations difficult will be given the opportunity to respond by alternate means such as fax and e-mail. All participants from the inception of the program will be included in this evaluation process. Participants for 1999 have not yet been chosen, but it is anticipated that the total number of participants since 1994 will not exceed 70.

Dated: January 6, 2003.

**David Kerr,**

*Executive Officer, NIDCD.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Center for Research Resources; Notice of 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 meeting.

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

**Name of Committee:** National Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel, Clinical Research.

**Date:** January 14-15, 2003.

*Time:* January 14, 2003, 8 a.m. to Adjournment.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* The Inn Chase Park Plaza, 212–232 N. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108.

*Contact Person:* John L. Meyer, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Office of Review, National Center for Research Resources, National Institutes of Health, 6705 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7965, One Rockledge Centre, Room 6018, Bethesda, MD 20892–7965, 301–435–0806, meyerj@ncrr.nih.gov.

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

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine, 93.306; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.333; 93.371, Biomedical Technology; 93.389, Research Infrastructure, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**Anna Snouffer,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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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.

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel, Stem Cell.

*Date:* January 24, 2003.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate contract proposals.

*Place:* Scientific Review Office, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, 2C212, Bethesda, MD 21754, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Ramesh Vemuri, Ph.D., National Institute on Aging, The Bethesda Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue,

Suite 2C212, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496–9666.

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

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel, ACTIVE-PHASE II.

*Date:* January 29, 2003.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* 7201 Wisconsin Ave., Gateway, 7201 Wisconsin Ave., 2C212, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Ramesh Vemuri, Ph.D., National Institute on Aging, The Bethesda Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 2C212, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496–9666.

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

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel, Dysfunctional Mitochondria of Aging.

*Date:* January 30–31, 2003.

*Time:* 7 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Residence Inn Bethesda, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Arthur D. Schaerdel, DVM, The Bethesda Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue/Suite 2C212, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496–9666.

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.866, Aging Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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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 U.S.C. appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose

confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Deafness and Other Communications Disorders Special Emphasis Panel, Otitis Media.

*Date:* February 10, 2003.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contract Person:* Ali A. Azadegan DVM, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Research, NIDCD, NIH, EPS–400C, 6120 Executive Blvd MSC 7180, Bethesda, MD, 20892–7180, (301) 496–8683, azadegan@nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.173, Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communicative Disorders, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of 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 meeting.

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

*Name of Committee:* Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research Committee,

*Date:* January 28–30, 2003.

*Time:* January 28, 2003, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.