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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.879, Medical Library Assistance, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee.

Date: March 15-17, 2005.

Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: The Committee will review and discuss selected human gene transfer protocols as well as related data management activities. The meeting also includes an update on gene transfer clinical trials for X-SCID.

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

Contact Person: Laurie Lewallen, Advisory Committee Coordinator, Office of Biotechnology Activities, National Institutes of Health, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Room 750, Bethesda, MD 20892-7985, 301-496-9838, lewallla@od.nih.gov.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person. Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

OMB's "Mandatory Information Requirements for Federal Assistance Program Announcements" (45 FR 39592, June 11, 1980) requires a statement concerning the official government programs contained in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

Normally NIH lists in its announcements the number and title of affected individual programs for the guidance of the public. Because the guidance in this notice covers virtually every NIH and Federal research program in which DNA recombinant molecule techniques could be used, it has been determined not to be cost effective or in the public interest to attempt to list these programs. Such a list would likely require several additional pages. In addition, NIH could not be certain that every Federal program would be included as many Federal agencies, as well as private organizations, both national and international, have elected to follow the NIH Guidelines. In lieu of the individual program listing, NIH invites readers to direct questions to the information address above about whether individual programs listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance are affected.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 93.22, Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.232, Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally; 93.39, Academic Research Enhancement Award; 93.936, NIH Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Loan Repayment Program; 93.187, Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center For Scientific Review; 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.

The meetings 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: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Pharmacogenetics and Bioinformatics.

Date: February 14, 2005.

Time: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Barbara Whitmarsh, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2206, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301/435-4511, whitmarshb@csr.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.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 AED Member Conflict.

Date: February 15, 2005.

Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: David M. Armstrong, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5194, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301/435-1253, armstrada@csr.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Health of the Population Integrated Review Group, Nursing Science: Children and Families Study Section.

Date: February 17, 2005.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Karin F. Helmers, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3166, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301/435-1017 helmersk@csr.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Renal and Urological Studies Integrated Review Group, Pathobiology of Kidney Disease Study Section.

Date: February 22-23, 2005.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hilton Washington Embassy Row, 2015 Massachusetts Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Contact Person: M. Chris Langub, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4112, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-8551, langubm@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel Member Conflicts for HSOD.

Date: February 23, 2005.

Time: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel, 11200 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.
Contact Person: Karin F. Helmers, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3166, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1017, helmersk@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel DNA Damage and Carcinogenesis.

Date: February 25, 2005.

Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Hungyi Shau, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6214, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1720, shauhung@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1 ASG-01 Q: Aging Systems and Geriatrics: Quorum.

Date: February 28–March 1, 2005.

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Sherry L. Dupere, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5136, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1021, duperes@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel Alcohol and Behavior.

Date: February 28, 2005.

Time: 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Christine L. Melchior, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5176, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1713, melchioc@csr.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) Announces the Availability of the Report on Carcinogens, Eleventh Edition

The Department of Health and Human Services released the Report on Carcinogens, Eleventh Edition to the public on January 31, 2005. The report is available free-of-charge on the Internet from the NTP Web site at: <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov>. Printed copies of the Report on Carcinogens, Eleventh Edition can be obtained by contacting: Central Data Management (CDM), MD–EC–03, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, 79 T.W. Alexander Dr., Building 4401, Suite 100, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 USA; 919–541–3419 (phone), 919–541–3687 (fax), e-mail: cdm@niehs.nih.gov.

Background

The Report on Carcinogens (RoC) (previously known as the Annual Report on Carcinogens) is a Congressionally mandated listing of known human carcinogens and reasonably anticipated human carcinogens whose preparation is delegated to the NTP by the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Section 301(b)(4) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, provides that the Secretary, DHHS, shall publish a biennial report which contains a list of all substances (1) which either are known to be human carcinogens or may reasonably be anticipated to be human carcinogens; and (2) to which a significant number of persons residing in the United States are exposed. The law also states that the reports should provide available information on the nature of exposures, the estimated number of persons exposed, and the extent to which the implementation of federal regulations decreases the risk to public health from exposure to these chemicals.

The RoC is an informational, scientific, and public health document that identifies and discusses agents, substances, mixtures, or exposure circumstances that may pose a carcinogenic hazard to human health. It serves as a meaningful and useful compilation of data on the (1) carcinogenicity, genotoxicity, and biologic mechanisms of the listed substances in humans and/or animals, (2) the potential for exposure to these

substances, and (3) the regulations promulgated by Federal agencies to limit exposures. The report does not present quantitative assessments of carcinogenic risk, an assessment that defines the conditions under which the hazard may be unacceptable. Listing of substances in the report, therefore, does not establish that such substances present carcinogenic risks to individuals in their daily lives. Such formal risk assessments are the purview of the appropriate federal, state, and local health regulatory and research agencies.

New Listings to the RoC, Eleventh Edition

The RoC, Eleventh Edition, contains 246 entries, 17 of which have not appeared in earlier RoCs. The table below summarizes the actions taken for the substances or exposure circumstances reviewed for possible listing in the RoC, Eleventh Edition.

The review of the new entries to the RoC, Eleventh Edition followed a formal process that included many phases of scientific peer review and multiple opportunities for public comment. The process included three scientific peer reviews: two separate, internal reviews conducted by scientists within the federal government and an external review in a public forum conducted by both non-government and government scientists. The three scientific review committees evaluated all available data relevant to the criteria for inclusion of candidate nominations in the report. The criteria used to evaluate the nominations and a description of the review procedures used are available on the NTP Web site at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/> or by contacting: Dr. C. W. Jameson, Head—Report on Carcinogens, National Toxicology Program, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, MD EC–14, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; phone: (919) 541–4096, fax: (919) 541–0144, e-mail: jameson@niehs.nih.gov.

Questions or comments concerning the RoC, Eleventh Edition should be directed to: Dr. Mary Wolfe, NTP Liaison and Scientific Review Office, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, MD–A3, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; phone: (919) 541–0530, fax: (919) 541–0295, e-mail: wolfe@niehs.nih.gov.

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