

DATES: Written comments on the adoption and implementation of the eighth edition of the Guide must be received by NIH on or before May 24, 2011, in order to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Public comments may be entered at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/2011guidecomments/add.htm>. Character limits on the comment form fields have been removed. If the character limit previously in place prevented you from submitting your entire comment, please resubmit by the deadline in order to be considered. Comments will be made publicly available. Personally identifiable information (except organizational affiliations) will be removed prior to making comments publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, Office of Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health, RKL1, Suite 360, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7982; telephone 301-496-7163.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The *Guide*, first published in 1963, is a widely accepted primary reference on animal care and use. Recommendations in the *Guide* are based on published data, scientific principles, expert opinion, and experience with methods and practices that are determined to be consistent with high quality, humane animal care and use. The eighth edition of the *Guide* was published in January 2011 following a study by the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). The NAS study process began in 2008 and followed the requirements of Section 15 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The NAS study process is described at the NAS Web site: <http://www.nationalacademies.org/studyprocess/index.html>.

Since 1985, the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, authorized by Public Law 99-158, 42 U.S.C. 289d, and incorporated by reference at 42 CFR 52.8 and 42 CFR 52a.8, has required that institutions receiving PHS support for animal activities base their animal care and use programs on the current edition of the *Guide* and comply, as applicable, with the Animal Welfare Act and other Federal statutes and regulations relating to animal activities. The PHS Policy is applicable to all PHS-conducted or -supported activities (including research, research training, experimentation, biological testing, or related purposes) involving live vertebrate animals.

The eighth edition of the *Guide* contains substantive changes and additions from the previous edition. To gain insight from institutions on the impact of changes to the *Guide* on their animal care and use programs, NIH seeks comments on whether it should adopt the eighth edition of the *Guide*. NIH simultaneously proposes an implementation plan for the eighth edition of the *Guide* and seeks comments on the proposed plan.

The implementation plan proposed by NIH would require institutions to complete at least one semiannual program and facility evaluation, using the eighth edition of the *Guide* as the basis for evaluation, by March 31, 2012. For such an evaluation to be considered complete by NIH, it would need to include reasonable and specific plans and schedules for corrections of deficiencies where appropriate.

II. Electronic Access

The eighth edition of the *Guide* is available on the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare Web site at <http://olaw.nih.gov>.

Dated: May 4, 2011.

Francis S. Collins,

Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Aging; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIA.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, 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.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Institute on Aging, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators,

the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Board of Scientific Counselors, NIA.

Date: June 14-15, 2011.

Closed: June 14, 2011, 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Open: June 14, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: Committee discussion, individual presentations, laboratory overview.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Closed: June 14, 2011, 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Open: June 14, 2011, 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Agenda: Committee discussion, individual presentations, laboratory overview.

Agenda: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Closed: June 14, 2011, 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Open: June 14, 2011, 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Agenda: Committee discussion, individual presentations, laboratory overview.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Closed: June 14, 2011, 4:15 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Closed: June 15, 2011, 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Open: June 15, 2011, 8:30 p.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Agenda: Committee discussion, individual presentations, laboratory overview.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Closed: June 15, 2011, 11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Open: June 15, 2011, 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: Committee discussion, individual presentations, laboratory overview.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Closed: June 15, 2011, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Open: June 15, 2011, 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Agenda: Committee discussion, individual presentations, laboratory overview.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Closed: June 15, 2011, 2:45 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Open: June 15, 2011, 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Agenda: Committee discussion, individual presentations, laboratory overview.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Closed: June 15, 2011, 3:45 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Contact Person: Michele K Evans, MD, Acting Scientific Director, National Institute on Aging, 251 Bayview Boulevard, Suite 100, Room 04C221, Baltimore, MD 21224, 410-558-8110, me2v@nih.gov.

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

Dated: May 5, 2011.

Jennifer S. Spaeth,
Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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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. App.), 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, COBRE 1, Part 2.

Date: June 22-23, 2011.

Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hilton Washington/Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Lisa A. Newman, SCD, Scientific Review Officer, National Institutes of Health, National Center for Research Resources, Office of Review, Room 1074, 6701 Democracy Blvd. MSC 4874, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-435-0965. newmanla2@mail.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research; 93.371, Biomedical Technology; 93.389, Research Infrastructure, 93.306, 93.333; 93.702, ARRA Related Construction Awards, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: May 4, 2011.

Jennifer S. Spaeth,
Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2010-1116]

Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee

postponed its originally scheduled February 3, 2011, meeting due to inclement weather. The new meeting date is June 21, 2011, in Texas City, Texas, to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, area projects impacting safety on the Houston Ship Channel, and various other navigation safety matters in the Galveston Bay area. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, from 9 a.m. to noon. Please note that meeting may close early if the Committee has completed its business. Comments on the issues to be considered by the committee should reach the online docket or Docket Management Facility by June 7, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Building in Texas City, 3101 FM 2004, Texas City, Texas 77591. For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2010-1116 using any one of the following methods:

(1) *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

(3) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(4) *Hand delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329. To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the "Public Participation" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have any questions concerning the meeting, contact Lieutenant Junior Grade Margaret Brown, Waterways Management Branch, Coast Guard, telephone (713) 678-9001, e-mail Margaret.A.Brown@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 93-463). The