

telephone (301) 496-2475, will furnish summaries of the meeting, rosters of committee members, and substantive program information.

Dated: September 2, 1997.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Division of Research Grants; 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 Division of Research Grants Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

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

*Name of SEP:* *Biological and Physiological Sciences.*

*Date:* October 5, 1997.

*Time:* 3:00 p.m.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, Bethesda, MD.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Sooja Kim, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4120, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1780.

*Name of SEP:* *Multidisciplinary Sciences.*

*Date:* October 22-24, 1997.

*Time:* 6:00 p.m.

*Place:* Omni Dallas Hotel-Park West, Dallas, TX.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Bill Bunnag, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5215, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1177.

*Name of SEP:* *Multidisciplinary Sciences.*

*Date:* October 27-28, 1997.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, MD.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Dharam Dhindsa, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5206, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1174.

*Name of SEP:* *Multidisciplinary Sciences.*

*Date:* October 29, 1997.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, MD.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Dharam Dhindsa, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 520-6, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1174.

*Name of SEP:* *Clinical Sciences.*

*Date:* December 10, 1997.

*Time:* 7:00 a.m.

*Place:* Doubletree Hotel, Rockville, MD.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Gertrude McFarland, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4110, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1784.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 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 Nos. 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part N, National Institutes of Health, of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (40 FR 22859, May 27, 1975, as amended most recently at 62 FR 37587, July 14, 1997, and redesignated from Part HN as Part N at 60 FR 56606, November 9, 1995), is amended as set forth below to reflect the reorganization of the Office of Intramural Research (OIR), Office of the Director, NIH, as follows: (1) Abolish the Office of Intramural Affairs, OIR, and transfer its functions to the OIR and (2) revise the functional statement of the OIR.

*Section N-B, Organization and Functions*, under the heading *Office of the Director (NA, formerly HNA), Office of Intramural Research (NA4, formerly HNA4)* is amended as follows:

(1) The title and functional statement of the *Office of Intramural Affairs (NA43, formerly HNA43)* are abolished in their entirety.

(2) The functional statement for the *Office of Intramural Research (NA4, formerly HNA4)* is replaced with the following:

*Office of Intramural Research (NA4, formerly HNA4).* (1) Coordinates, implements and provides scientific direction and authority over trans-NIH intramural research policy and programs, and (2) advises the Director, NIH, and executive staff on issues relating to the management of the NIH Intramural Research Program.

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**Harold Varmus,**

*Director, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegation of Authority

Part N, National Institutes of Health, of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services. (40 FR 22859, May 27, 1975, as amended most recently at 62 FR 37587, July 14, 1997, and redesignated from Part HN as Part N at 60 FR 56605, November 9, 1995), is amended as set forth below to reflect the reorganization of the Division of Research Grants as follows: (1) The name of the Division of Research Grants is changed to the Center for Scientific Review and the functional statement is revised; (2) the functional statement of the Office of the Director (OD) is revised; (3) within the OD, the Office of Policy and Analysis and the Office of Planning and Outreach are established; (4) the following division are established: Division of Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms, Division of Physiological Systems, Division of Clinical and Population-based Studies, Division of Receipt and Referral, and Division of Management Services; (5) the following organizations are abolished: Advanced Technology Branch, Referral and Review Branch, Office of Committee Management and Office of Administrative Management.

*Section N-B, Organization and Functions*, under the heading *Division of Research Grants (NG, formerly HNG)*, is revised as follows:

*Center for Scientific Review (NG, formerly HNG).* (1) Provides staff support to the Office of the Director, NIH, in the formulation of grant and award policies and procedures; (2) provides central receipt of all PHS applications for research and research training support, and makes initial referral to PHS components; (3) assigns NIH applications to supporting institutes, center, and divisions and to CSR initial review groups; and (4) provides for scientific review of NIH research grants, National Research Service Award, and research career development applications.

*Office of the Director (NG1, formerly HNG1).* (1) Plans, directs, and

coordinates the work of the Center; (2) provides advisory and consultative services on NIH grant and award programs to NIH components, advisory councils, and grantee institutions; (3) directs the evaluation of the status of support and accomplishments in selected research areas; (4) directs the development of the scientific review mission of the Center; (5) directs the search for the most qualified and representative individuals to serve as members of initial review groups; and (6) directs the Center's program to provide equal employment opportunities, upward mobility, and employee training.

*Office of Policy and Analysis (NG12, formerly HNG12).* (1) Serves as principal advisor to the Center Director, IC Associate Director for Extramural Programs, and the NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research on matters pertaining to the disposition of applications for research grants and manpower development programs; (2) participates in and contributes to NIH top level policy planning, development and coordination of policy and procedures for the extramural programs of NIH; (3) monitors broad policy issues surrounding the field of scientific review; (4) develops and analyzes scientific review policy of significance to the NIH; (5) conducts legislative analyses; and (6) prepares reports and develops responses to congressional inquiries.

*Office of Planning and Outreach (NG13, formerly HNG13).* (1) Formulates and coordinates the Center's strategic planning activities and participates in the development of Center-wide goals and program plans; (2) analyzes Center goals and program plans and recommends appropriate allocation of resources to realize these goals; (3) conducts relevant public affairs activities, deals with the press, media, and other communications organizations, collaborates with a variety of entities (within and outside NIH) to enhance knowledge and awareness of CSR's mission; (4) provides liaison with other IC staff, other Federal agencies, and scientific and professional groups within the extramural research community; and (5) provides liaison with international groups and develops requested training programs for them.

*Division of Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms (NG2, formerly HNG2).* (1) Conducts the scientific merit review of biochemistry, biophysics, chemistry, cell development and function, genetics, immunology, infectious diseases, and microbiology research grant applications submitted to NIH; (2)

coordinates with the Division of Receipt and Referral to assure the appropriate assignment of applications to the Initial Review Groups of the Division; (3) administers the scientific review groups that provide scientific review of research grant, fellowship, and research career development applications; (4) recommends policies and procedures governing NIH extramural activities related to the scientific and technical review of applications within the purview of the Division; (5) provides recommendations on each application to the appropriate Institute and/or National Advisory Council; (6) reviews the state-of-the-art and identifies research needs in the scientific disciplines represented by the Division; and (7) performs on-site assessments of the research capabilities of applicants.

*Division of Physiological Systems (NG4, formerly HNG4).* (1) Conducts the scientific merit review of cardiovascular, endocrinology and reproductive, musculoskeletal and dental, nutritional and metabolic, neurological, pathophysiological, and sensory sciences research grant applications submitted to NIH; (2) coordinates with the Division of Receipt and Referral to assure the appropriate assignment of applications to the Initial Review Groups of the Division; (3) administers the scientific review groups that provide scientific review of research grant, fellowship, and research career development applications; (4) recommends policies and procedures governing NIH extramural activities related to the scientific and technical review of applications within the purview of the Division; (5) provides recommendations on each application to the appropriate Institute and/or National Advisory Council; (6) reviews the state-of-the-art and identifies research needs in the scientific disciplines represented by the Division; and (7) performs on-site assessments of the research capabilities of applicants.

*Division of Clinical and Population-Based Studies (NG5, formerly HNG5).* (1) Conducts the scientific merit review of AIDS and related research, biobehavioral and social sciences, health promotion and disease prevention, oncology, surgery, radiology and bioengineering research grant applications submitted to NIH; (2) coordinates with the Division of Receipt and Referral to assure the appropriate assignment of applications to the Initial Review Groups of the Division; (3) administers the scientific review groups that provide scientific review of research grant, fellowship, and research career development applications; (4) recommends policies and procedures

governing NIH extramural activities related to the scientific and technical review of applications within the purview of the Division; (5) provides recommendations on each application to the appropriate Institute and/or National Advisory Council; (6) reviews the state-of-the-art and identifies research needs in the scientific disciplines represented by the Division; and (7) performs on-site assessments of the research capabilities of applicants.

*Division of Receipt and Referral (NG7, formerly HNG7).* (1) Receives and reviews applications for PHS research and training support to determine referral to the appropriate PHS health agencies and to the appropriate NIH initial review groups; (2) develops criteria for determining appropriate assignment of grant applications within the PHS by program areas and by competencies of review groups; (3) proposes uniform instructions to applicants for proper preparation of applications; and (4) extracts and records preliminary data from such applications and serves as information center for applications pending review.

*Division of Management Services (NG8, formerly HNG8).* (1) Advises the Director, CSR, on administrative matters; (2) plans and directs management functions of the Center including administrative services, personnel management, financial management, committee management, information technology services, procurement, management analysis, and preparation of reports and statistics related to Center activities; (3) evaluates developments in administrative management and their implications on the Center's mission; (4) develops policies on administrative management and prepares and issues procedures and guidelines for implementation of administrative policies; and (5) serves as the Center focal point for coordination of activities with NIH and DHHS offices and other Federal agencies.

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**Harold Varmus,**

*Director, National Institutes of Health.*

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