

Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical and Transport Systems (#1190).
Date and Time: March 4, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 530, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1371.
Type of Meeting: Closed.
Contact Person: Dr. Raul Miranda, Program Director, Chemical Reaction Processes, Division of Chemical and Transport Systems (CTS), Room 525, (703) 306-1371.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate nominations for the FY97 Research Equipment Grant Panel proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: February 10, 1997.
 Linda Allen-Benton,
Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.
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Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (1756).
Date and Time: Monday, March 3-Wednesday March 5, 1997; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Place: Room 730, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.
Contact Person: Dr. Michael R. Reeve, Section Head, Division of Ocean Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 725, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/306-1582.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate OCE's FY 1997 Faculty Early Career (CAREER) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the

proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in The Sunshine Act.

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 Linda Allen-Benton,
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Special Emphasis Panel in Physics; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Physics (1208).
Date and Time: March 6-8, 1997, from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.
Place: Room 330, NSF 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.
Contact Person: Dr. J. W. Lightbody, Program Director for Nuclear Physics, Room 1015, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1806.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Experimental Nuclear Physics proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for closing: The project plans being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, information on personnel and proprietary data for present and future subcontracts. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection: Statements of Claimed Railroad Service and Earnings, OMB 3220-0025.

To qualify for unemployment or sickness benefits payable under Section 2 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), a railroad employee must have certain qualifying earnings in the applicable base year. In addition, to qualify for *extended* or *accelerated* benefits under Section 2 of the RUIA, a railroad employee who has exhausted his or her rights to normal benefits must have at least 10 years of railroad service (under certain conditions, military service may be credited as months of railroad service). Accelerated benefits are unemployment or sickness benefits that are payable to a railroad employee before the regular July 1 beginning date of a benefit year if an employee has 10 or more years of service and is *not* qualified for benefits in the current benefit year.

During the RUIA claims review process, the RRB may determine that unemployment or sickness benefits cannot be awarded because RRB records show insufficient qualifying service and/or compensation. When this occurs, the RRB allows the claimant the opportunity to provide additional information if they believe that the RRB service and compensation records are incorrect.

Depending on the circumstances, the RRP provides the following form(s) to obtain information needed to determine if a claimant has sufficient service or compensation to qualify for unemployment or sickness benefits.

Form No.	Annual re-sponses	Time (min.)	Burden (hours)
UI-9	800	10	133
UI-23	600	5	50
UI-44	150	5	13
ID-4F	25	5	2
ID-4U	150	5	13
ID-4X	100	5	8
ID-4Y	25	5	2
ID-20-1	50	5	4
ID-20-2	100	5	8
ID-20-4	10	5	1
Total ...	2,010	234

Minor non-burden impacting editorial changes which include the addition of language required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 are being proposed to all of the above forms. Completion of the forms is required to obtain a benefit. One response is required of each respondent.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection: Employer's Deemed Service Month Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0156. Under Section 3(i) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) may deem additional months of service in cases where an employee does not actually work in every month of the year. The RRB utilizes Form GL-99, Employers Deemed Services Month Questionnaire, to obtain service and compensation information from railroad employers needed to determine if an employee can be credited with additional deemed months of railroad service. Completion

is mandatory. One response is required for each RRB inquiry.

No changes are proposed to Form GL-99. The completion time for the GL-99 is estimated at 2 minutes per response. The RRB estimates that approximately 4,000 responses are received annually.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL(S):

(1) *Collection title:* Application for Spouse Annuity Under the Railroad Retirement Act.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* AA-3

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0042

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* May 31, 1997

(5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 10,800

(8) *Total annual responses:* 10,800

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 5,982

(10) *Collection description:* The Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) provides for the payment of annuities to spouses of railroad retirement annuitants who meet the requirements under the RRA. The application obtains information supporting the claim for benefits based on being a spouse of an annuitant.

The information is used in determining entitlement to and amount of the annuity applied for.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck

Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laura Oliven (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rel No. IC-22500; International Series Release No. 1050/812-7531].

The Emerging Germany Fund Inc.; Notice of Application

February 7, 1997.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

APPLICANTS: The Emerging Germany Fund Inc. (the "Fund") and each other registered investment company for which RCM Capital Management, L.L.C. ("RCM"), Dresdner Bank AG ("Dresdner Bank") or any of Dresdner Bank's other subsidiaries or affiliates may in the future serve as investment adviser or manager (the "Prospective Funds").

RELEVANT ACT SECTIONS: Order requested under section 10(f) for an exemption from that section.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants seek an order to permit them to purchase securities in underwritten public offerings in the Federal Republic of Germany ("Germany") in which Dresdner Bank or one of its affiliates acts as a principal underwriter.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on June 1, 1990, and amended on January 25, 1991 and November 13, 1996.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on March 4, 1997, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service.