

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****National Library of Medicine; Notice of 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 a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Library of Medicine.

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 Library of Medicine, 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, National Library of Medicine.

Date: May 13–14, 1999.

Open: May 13, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: Review of research and development programs and preparation of reports of the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communication.

Place: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Board Room, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Closed: May 13, 1999, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Place: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Board Room, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Open: May 13, 1999, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: Review of research and development programs and preparation of reports of the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications.

Place: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Board Room, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Open: May 14, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Agenda: Review of research and development programs and preparation of reports of the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications.

Place: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Board Room, Bethesda, MD 10894.

Contact Person: Alexa McCray, PhD, Director, Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications, National Library of Medicine, Bldg. 38A, Room 7N-707, Bethesda, MD 20894. (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.879, Medical Library Assistance, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: March 15, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institute of Health****Center For Scientific Review; 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.

Date: March 19, 1999.

Time: 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hotel Sofitel, 1914 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Contact Person: Chhanda L. Ganguly, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5156, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1739.

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.

Date: March 24–25, 1999.

Time: 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn, 1775 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Rita K. Anand, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4188,

MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1151.

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.

Date: March 24, 1999.

Time: 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Governor's House Hotel, Washington, DC 20036.

Contact Person: John Bishop, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5180, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1250.

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

Date: March 24, 1999.

Time: 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Samuel Rawlings, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5160, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1243.

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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.

Date: March 25–26, 1999.

Time: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Sally Ann Amero, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 60461, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1159.

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.

Date: March 25, 1999.

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Alec S. Liacouras, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5154, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1740.

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

Date: March 25, 1999.

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Gopal C. Sharma, DVM, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4112, MSC 7816, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1783.

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

Date: March 25, 1999.

Time: 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Eugene Zimmerman, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4202, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1220.

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

Date: March 25, 1999.

Time: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Chhanda L. Ganguly, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5156, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1739.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1-SSS-X (14).

Date: March 25-27, 1999.

Time: 7:00 pm to 11:00 am.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Ramada Palo Verde, 5251 S. Julian Drive, Palo Verde & 1-10, Tucson, AZ 85706.

Contact Person: Lee Rosen, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5116, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1171.

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Dated: March 12, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); The Murine Local Lymph Node Assay: A Test Method for Assessing the Allergic Contact Dermatitis Potential of Chemicals/Compounds, Report Now Available

SUMMARY: The report entitled "The Murine Local Lymph Node Assay: A Test Method for Assessing the Allergic Contact Dermatitis Potential of Chemicals/Compounds," NIH Publication 99-4494, is now available and may be obtained as described in this notice. The report describes the results of an independent peer review evaluation of the validation status of the Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA) that was conducted on September 17, 1998 (**Federal Register** 63 FR 37405-6, July 10, 1998). The (LLNA) was proposed as an alternative toxicological test method for assessing the allergic contact dermatitis (contact hypersensitivity) potential of chemicals and products. The review was coordinated by the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) and the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM). The review was sponsored by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the NTP.

Background

Pub. L. 103-43 directed the NEIHS to develop and validate alternative methods that can reduce or eliminate the use of animals in acute or chronic toxicity testing, establish criteria for the validation and regulatory acceptance of alternative testing methods, and recommend a process through which scientifically validated alternative methods can be accepted for regulatory use. Criteria and processes for validation and regulatory acceptance were developed in conjunction with 14 other Federal agencies and programs with broad input from the public. These are described in the document "Validation and Regulatory Acceptance of Toxicological Test Methods: A Report of the Ad Hoc Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods" NIH publication 97-3981, March 1997, which is available on the internet at <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov.htdocs/ICCVAM/iccvam.html>. ICCVAM was subsequently established in a collaborative effort by NIEHS and 13 other Federal regulatory and research agencies and programs. The Committee's functions include the coordination of interagency reviews of toxicological test methods and communication with stakeholders throughout the process of test method development and validation. The following Federal regulatory and research agencies and organizations are participating in this effort:

Consumer Product Safety Commission
 Department of Defense
 Department of Energy
 Department of Health and Human Services
 Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
 Food and Drug Administration
 National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health/CDC
 National Institutes of Health
 National Cancer Institute
 National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
 National Library of Medicine
 Department of the Interior
 Department of Labor
 Occupational Safety and Health Administration
 Department of Transportation
 Research and Special Programs Administration
 Environmental Protection Agency

The LLNA was proposed to ICCVAM for consideration as a stand-alone test to identify chemicals that have a potential to cause allergic contact dermatitis. The ICCVAM determined that there was sufficient information available to merit an independent scientific peer review evaluation of the LLNA test method. Peer review is an essential prerequisite