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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; 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 the following meeting.

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 in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552(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: Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Review Committee

Date: March 2–3, 2000.

Open: March 2, 2000, 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

Agenda: Open for discussion of administrative details relating to committee business and program review.

Place: Georgetown Holiday Inn, Fortune Room, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20007.

Closed: March 2, 2000, 10:00 am to adjournment.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Georgetown Holiday Inn, Fortune Room, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20007.

Contact Person: Paula S. Strickland, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, NIAID, NIH, Room 2156, 6700–B Rockledge Drive, MSC 7610, Bethesda, MD 20892–7610, 301–496–2550.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Notice of Closed 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 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 clear unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: March 2–3, 2000.

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Madison Hotel, Fifteenth & M Streets NW, Washington, DC 20055.

Contact Person: Alan L. Willard, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892–9529, 301–496–9223.

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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 the following meeting.

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 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: Biomedical Library Review Committee

Date: March 1-2, 2000

Closed: To review and evaluate grant applications

Place: National Library of Medicine Board Room Bldg 38, 2E–09), Bethesda, MD 20894

Open: March 1, 2000, 11:30 am to 12:00 pm

Agenda: Administrative Reports and Program Developments

Place: National Library of Medicine, Board Room Bldg 38, 2E–09, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894

Closed: March 1, 2000, 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

Agenda: To review and evaluate fellowship grant applications

Place: National Library of Medicine, Board Room Bldg 38, 2E–09), 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894

Closed: March 1, 2000, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications

Place: National Library of Medicine, Board Room Bldg 38, 2E–09, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894

Open: March 2, 2000, 8:30 am to 9:00 am

Agenda: Administrative Reports and Program Development

Place: National Library of Medicine, Board Room Bldg 38, 2E–09), 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894

Closed: March 2, 2000, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications

Place: National Library of Medicine, Board Room Bldg 38, 2E–09, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894

Closed: March 2, 2000, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Agenda: To review and evaluate resource grant applications

Place: National Library of Medicine, Board Room Bldg 38, 2E–09), 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894

Contact Person: Sharee Pepper, Scientific Review Administrator, Health Scientist Administrator, Office of Extramural Programs, National Library of Medicine, 6705 Rockledge Drive Suite 301, Bethesda, MD 20892

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program; Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods

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 National Toxicological Program (NTP) Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods, U.S. Public Health Service. The meeting will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2000 and from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on March 8, 2000 in the Conference Center, Building 101, South Campus, NIEHS, 111 Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, 27709. The entire meeting is open to the public and time is planned for persons who would like to make public comments. Preregistration is not required and attendance is limited only by the space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations are asked to notify the contact person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Background

Under authority of 42 U.S.C. 217a, Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, the Department of Health and Human Services has established an Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods. The Committee functions to provide advice on the activities and priorities of the National Toxicological Program (NTP) Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (Center) and the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) and to provide advice on ways to foster partnership activities and productive interactions among all stakeholders. The Advisory Committee is composed of knowledgeable representatives drawn from academia, industry, public interest organizations, other state and Federal agencies, and the international community.

The NTP established the Center and ICCVAM to fulfill specific mandates provides to the National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) by Public Law 103–43, Section 1301. The NIEHS was directed to (1) develop and validate toxicological testing methods including alternative methods that can reduce or eliminate the use of animals in acute or chronic toxicity testing, (2) establish criteria for the validation and regulatory acceptance of alternative testing methods, and (3) 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 No. 97–3981, March 1997, that is available on the internet at *http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/htdocs/ICCVAM/iccvam.html* or by request to the Center at the address provided below.

As a standing committee, ICCVAM was subsequently established as a collaborative effort by the NIEHS and 13 Federal regulatory and research agencies and programs. The ICCVAM provides cross-agency coordination and communications on issues relating to validation, acceptance, and national/international harmonization of toxicological test methods. The ICCVAM works with the Center to carry out the scientific review of proposed methods of multi-agency interest and provides recommendations regarding their usefulness to appropriate agencies. The ICCVAM also provides a mechanism for interagency 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/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- National Institutes of Health
- Nationl 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 Center was established to provide operational support for the ICCVAM and to assist Federal agencies by coordinating and facilitating (1) the interagency review and adoption of toxicolical test methods of multi-agency interest and (2) the participation and communication with other stakeholders throughout the process of test method development and validation. The Center organizes, in collaboration with ICCVAM, independent scientific peer reviews and workshops for test methods of interest to Federal agencies. Peer review panels are convened to develop scientific consensus on the usefulness of test methods and to generate information for specific human health and/or ecological risk assessment purposes. Expert workshops and panel meetings are convened to evaluate the adequacy of current test methods for assessing specific toxicities, to identify areas in need of improved or new methods, to evaluate proposed validation studies, to evaluate the status of methods at various stages of validation, and to develop recommendations and priorities for related test method research, development, and validation. The Center provides an opportunity for partnerships with other agencies and organizations to facilitate the development, validation, and review of alternative testing methods. The Center and ICCVAM seek to promote the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological test methods that will enhance agencies' ability to assist risks and make decisions and that