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**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; 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 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, MDCN Member SEP: Synaptogenesis and Synaptic Transmission.

*Date:* July 23, 2004.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Carole L. Jelsema, PhD, Chief and Scientific Review Administrator, MDCN Science Review Group, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1248, [jelsemac@csr.nih.gov](mailto:jelsemac@csr.nih.gov).

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, Mechanism of Vascular Calcification.

*Date:* July 23, 2004.

*Time:* 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Larry Pinkus, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4132, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1214, [pinkusl@csr.nih.gov](mailto:pinkusl@csr.nih.gov).

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, Sensory Motor Integration.

*Date:* July 27, 2004.

*Time:* 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Daniel R. Kenshalo, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5176, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1255, [kenshalod@csr.nih.gov](mailto:kenshalod@csr.nih.gov).

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, ZRG1 Neurotechnology Developmental Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* July 28, 2004.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Carole L. Jelsema, PhD, Chief and Scientific Review Administrator, MDCN Scientific Review Group, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4146, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1248, [jelsemac@csr.nih.gov](mailto:jelsemac@csr.nih.gov).

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, Radioimmunotherapy.

*Date:* July 28, 2004.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Syed M. Quadri, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6210, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1211, [quadris@csr.nih.gov](mailto:quadris@csr.nih.gov).

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, Cardiomyocytes and Human Embryonic Stem Cells.

*Date:* July 29, 2004.

*Time:* 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Larry Pinkus, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4132, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1214, [pinkusl@csr.nih.gov](mailto:pinkusl@csr.nih.gov).

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, MDCN Member SEP: Synaptic Functions and Prions.

*Date:* July 29, 2004.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Carole L. Jelsema, PhD, Chief and Scientific Review Administrator, MDCN Scientific Review Group, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4146, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1248, [jelsemac@csr.nih.gov](mailto:jelsemac@csr.nih.gov).

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, DNA Replication and Repair.

*Date:* July 29, 2004.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Syed M. Quadri, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6210, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1211, [quadris@csr.nih.gov](mailto:quadris@csr.nih.gov).

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Cardiovascular Bioengineering.

*Date:* August 2, 2004.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Swissotel Washington, The Watergate, 2650 Virginia Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Delia Tang, MD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific

Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4126, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-2506, [tangd@csr.nih.gov](mailto:tangd@csr.nih.gov).

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, ZRG1:SBMI 14 B: Medical Imaging: MRI/PET.

*Date:* August 2, 2004.

*Time:* 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Robert J. Nordstrom PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5118, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1175, [nordstr@csr.nih.gov](mailto:nordstr@csr.nih.gov).

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, Vibrio Cholerae Porin Function and Modulation of Pathogenesis.

*Date:* August 9, 2004.

*Time:* 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Melody Mills, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3204, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-0903, [millsm@csr.nih.gov](mailto:millsm@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, NAED Reviewer Conflicts.

*Date:* August 9, 2004.

*Time:* 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Eduardo A. Montalvo, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5212, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1168, [montalve@csr.nih.gov](mailto:montalve@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Neuro-Tech Meeting.

*Date:* August 11, 2004.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Radisson Barcello, 2121 P Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Carl D. Banner, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4138, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1251, [bannerc@csr.nih.gov](mailto:bannerc@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Chemistry/Biophysics SBIR/STTR Panel.

*Date:* August 11, 2004.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Vonda K. Smith, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4172, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1789, [smithvo@csr.nih.gov](mailto:smithvo@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Ethanol, FAS, and Oxidative Stress.

*Date:* August 11, 2004.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Joseph G. Rudolph, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5186, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-2212, [josephru@csr.nih.gov](mailto:josephru@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, SEP to Review AIDS Applications.

*Date:* August 11, 2004.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Kenneth A. Roebuck, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5214, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1166, [roebuckk@csr.nih.gov](mailto:roebuckk@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, AIDS Clinical and Epidemiology Studies.

*Date:* August 12, 2004.

*Time:* 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Abraham P. Bautista, MS, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5102, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1506, [bautista@csr.nih.gov](mailto:bautista@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Melatonin Receptors and Cocaine Sensitization.

*Date:* August 12, 2004.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Joseph G. Rudolph, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for

Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5186, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-435-2212, [josephru@csr.nih.gov](mailto:josephru@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Dendritic Cell Tolerance.

*Date:* August 12, 2004.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Cathleen L. Cooper, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4208, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-435-3566, [cooper@csr.nih.gov](mailto:cooper@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, NAED Review Conflict 2.

*Date:* August 12, 2004.

*Time:* 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Eduardo A. Montalvo, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5212, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1168, [montalve@csr.nih.gov](mailto:montalve@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Tumor Immunology/Immunotherapy.

*Date:* August 16, 2004.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Cathleen L. Cooper, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4208, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-435-3566, [cooper@csr.nih.gov](mailto:cooper@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Transplantation Cell Biology.

*Date:* August 17, 2004.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Cathleen L. Cooper, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4208, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-435-3566, [cooperc@csr.nih.gov](mailto:cooperc@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, AMCB Member Conflicts.

*Date:* August 18, 2004.

*Time:* 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Eduardo A. Montalvo, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5212, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1168, [montalve@csr.nih.gov](mailto:montalve@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Tumor Immunology.

*Date:* August 20, 2004.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Cathleen L. Cooper, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4208, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-435-3566, [cooperc@csr.nih.gov](mailto:cooperc@csr.nih.gov).

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Dated: July 16, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2316-04]

#### Supplemental Information Regarding the H-1B Numerical Limitation for Fiscal Year 2004 Affecting F and J Nonimmigrants

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On February 25, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) published a notice in the **Federal Register** informing the public of the procedures DHS would follow as the fiscal year 2004 (FY 2004) numerical cap for the H-1B nonimmigrant category would be reached. This notice supplements that information and informs the public that as part of those H-1B cap procedures the Secretary of Homeland Security will exercise his authority to extend the status of certain F and J nonimmigrant students if DHS has received from their prospective employer a timely filed

request for change of nonimmigrant status to that of an H-1B nonimmigrant no later than July 30, 2004 and the employment start date on the petition is no later than October 1, 2004.

**DATES:** This notice is effective July 23, 2004.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin J. Cummings, Business and Trade Services Branch/Program and Regulation Development, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 425 I Street, NW., ULLB 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20536, telephone (202) 305-3175.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 214(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act) provides that the total number of aliens who may be issued H-1B visas or otherwise granted H-1B status during FY 2004 may not exceed 65,000. On February 25, 2004, CIS published a notice in the **Federal Register** at 69 FR 8675 informing the public that the H-1B numerical limitation would be reached and that CIS would not process any additional petitions with an employment start date on or before September 30, 2004. The notice contained the procedures that CIS would follow as the cap was reached. This notice supplements the information in the February 25, 2004 notice and informs the public that the Secretary of Homeland Security is exercising his authority under 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5)(vi) and 8 CFR part 214.2(j)(1)(vi) for this fiscal year to extend the duration of status for certain F and J students if their prospective employer has timely filed a request for change of nonimmigrant status to that of an H-1B nonimmigrant alien that is received by DHS on or before July 30, 2004 and contains an employment start date of no later than October 1, 2004. This measure will prevent a lapse of status for aliens who have maintained their status and would otherwise be eligible for a change to H-1B status if the annual H-1B numerical limitation had not been reached.

#### Background

The former U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (Legacy INS) published an interim rule in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 1999, at 64 FR 32146, that amended its regulations to expand the definition of duration of status for an F and J nonimmigrant alien whose prospective employer timely files an application for change of status to H-1B nonimmigrant classification.

The rule, codified at 8 CFR part 214.2(f)(5)(vi) and 8 CFR part 214.2(j)(1)(vi), provides that the Secretary of Homeland Security may

extend the duration of status, by notice in the **Federal Register**, of an F or J nonimmigrant on whose behalf a prospective employer has timely filed a petition for change of nonimmigrant status to that of an H-1B nonimmigrant pursuant to 8 CFR part 248, provided the alien has not violated the terms of his or her admission to the United States. This extension can be accomplished at any time the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that the H-1B cap will be reached prior to the end of the fiscal year. The regulation provides that the extension shall continue for such time as is necessary to complete adjudication of an application for change of nonimmigrant status to H-1B. An alien whose duration of status has been extended by the Secretary of Homeland Security and who continues to adhere to the other terms of the alien's status is considered to be maintaining lawful nonimmigrant status for all purposes under the Act.

*Will the Secretary of Homeland Security exercise his authority to extend the status of F-1 and J-1 students on whose behalf employers have timely filed applications to change status to H-1B, but who are unable to obtain that status because the Fiscal Year 2004 H-1B numerical limitation has been reached?*

Yes, if the H-1B petition meets certain requirements. This notice informs the public that the Secretary of Homeland Security will exercise his discretionary authority under 8 CFR part 214.2(f)(5)(vi) and 8 CFR part 214.2(j)(1)(vi) for petitions affected by the reaching of the FY 2004 cap. Accordingly, any F-1 or J-1 student (as defined at 22 CFR part 62.4(a)) nonimmigrant continuing to maintain status whose prospective employer timely files an H-1B petition on his or her behalf prior to July 30, 2004, that contains an employment start date of no later than October 1, 2004, will continue to be in valid F-1 or J-1 status until October 1, 2004. Additionally, in the case of a J-1 student, the alien must not be subject to the two-year home residence requirement under section 212(e) of the Act. The duration of status for dependents of affected F-1 or J-1 nonimmigrant aliens is also extended under this notice until October 1, 2004. This notice applies only to J-1 exchange visitor students (defined at 22 CFR part 62.4(a)), and does not apply to other categories of exchange visitors.

Pursuant to 8 CFR 248.1(b) and 214.1(c)(4), the term "timely filed" refers to an application for a change of nonimmigrant status filed prior to the expiration of the alien's period of