

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIAAA.

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 Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 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, NIAAA.

Date: September 23–24, 2009.

Open: September 23, 2009, 8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Agenda: Program reports and presentations.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5635 Fishers Lane, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: September 23, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate the Laboratory of Membrane Biochemistry and Biophysics (LMBB).

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5635 Fishers Lane, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: September 24, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate the Laboratory of Molecular Signaling and Metabolic Control.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5635 Fishers Lane, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Trish Scullion, Chief of Administrative Branch, National Institute of Health, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse, and Alcoholism, 5635 Fishers Lane, Room 3061, Rockville, MD 20852. 301–443–6076. (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.271, Alcohol Research Career Development Awards for Scientists and Clinicians; 93.272, Alcohol National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.273, Alcohol Research Programs; 93.891, Alcohol Research Center Grants;

93.701, ARRA Related Biomedical Research and Research Support Awards, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 6, 2009.

Jennifer Spaeth,

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. App.), 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: Brain Disorders and Clinical Neuroscience Integrated Review Group. Anterior Eye Disease Study Section.

Date: September 21–22, 2009.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Embassy Suites Washington DC, 1250 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Jerry L. Taylor, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5202, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1175, taylorje@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group. Neurobiology of Motivated Behavior Study Section.

Date: September 30–October 1, 2009.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: One Washington Circle Hotel, One Washington Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Edwin C. Clayton, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5095C, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402–1304, claytone@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience

Integrated Review Group. Auditory System Study Section.

Date: September 30–October 1, 2009.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hotel Monaco, 501 Geary Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Contact Person: Lynn E. Luethke, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5166, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1018, luethkel@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Endocrinology, Metabolism, Nutrition and Reproductive Sciences Integrated Review Group. Pregnancy and Neonatology Study Section.

Date: October 1–2, 2009.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: InterContinental Harbor Court Baltimore, 550 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Contact Person: Michael Knecht, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6176, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1046, knechtm@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group. Neurobiology of Learning and Memory Study Section.

Date: October 1–2, 2009.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Four Points by Sheraton Washington DC Downtown, 1201 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

Contact Person: Bernard F. Driscoll, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5184, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435–1242. driscolb@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Cardiovascular and Respiratory Sciences Integrated Review Group. Lung Injury, Repair, and Remodeling Study Section.

Date: October 1–2, 2009.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Ghenima Dirami, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4112, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301–594–1321. diramig@csr.nih.gov.

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

Date: October 1–2, 2009.

Time: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Bill Bunnag, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for

Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3156, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1177. bunnagb@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Cardiovascular and Respiratory Sciences Integrated Review Group. Myocardial Ischemia and Metabolism Study Section.

Date: October 1–2, 2009.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: St. Gregory Hotel, 2033 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Contact Person: Joseph Thomas Peterson, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4118, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-443-8130. petersonjt@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Brain Disorders and Clinical Neuroscience Integrated Review Group. Acute Neural Injury and Epilepsy Study Section.

Date: October 1–2, 2009.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Embassy Suites Washington DC, 1250 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Seetha Bhagavan, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5194, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1121. bhagavas@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies. Community-Level Health Promotion Study Section.

Date: October 1–2, 2009.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hotel Palomar, 2121 P Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: William N. Elwood, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3162, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301/435-1503. elwoodwi@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies. Biomedical Computing and Health Informatics Study Section.

Date: October 2, 2009.

Time: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Bill Bunnag, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5124, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1177. bunnagb@csr.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Rescission of February 4, 2004, Order and Subsequent Amendments Prohibiting the Importation of Birds and Bird Products From Specified Countries

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Final Notice.

SUMMARY: On January 21, 2009, CDC published a notice in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 3608) announcing its intent to rescind its February 4, 2004 order and subsequent amendments prohibiting the importation of birds and bird products from specified countries based on the threat that imports from such countries increases the risk that highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) may be introduced into the United States. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has implemented and continues to enforce regulations to prohibit or restrict the importation of birds, poultry, and unprocessed birds and poultry products from regions that have reported the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 in poultry. While USDA/APHIS actions are based primarily on protecting the U.S. commercial poultry industry from the introduction of highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1, these actions have the added benefit of mitigating the risk of human exposure to the virus. Because the USDA/APHIS import restrictions adequately address risks to human health, HHS/CDC is announcing, in this Notice, its decision to lift its embargo against imports of birds and unprocessed bird products from those same countries. All of the bird embargoes that are currently in force under USDA regulations remain in effect. HHS/CDC will work closely with USDA/APHIS to monitor the international situation regarding HPAI H5N1 outbreaks and if human health risks are not adequately contained by USDA regulatory actions, CDC will take

action to mitigate any human health risks associated with these outbreaks.

DATE: The decision is effective September 14, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert Mullan, Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, National Center for Preparedness, Detection, and Control of Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., MS E–03, Atlanta, Georgia 30333; telephone 404–498–1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Since late 2003, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has become established as a veterinary and human health threat throughout the world. As of April 1, 2009 HPAI has been confirmed by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) in birds from over 60 countries in Asia, Europe, and Africa. In addition, as of March 30, 2009, 413 human cases, including 256 deaths, have been confirmed by the World Health Organization (WHO). Birds imported into the United States from countries with HPAI could pose a risk for human infection or spread of virus to U.S. birds.

USDA Actions

To protect the U.S. commercial poultry industry, USDA/APHIS has taken specific actions to reduce the threat of importing birds or products with HPAI.

- USDA's authority for these actions is found at 9 CFR Parts 93, 94, and 95.

- USDA/APHIS issued an interim final rule on February 4, 2004, and a final rule on July 20, 2005, providing restrictions on the importation of birds and unprocessed bird products from countries confirmed to have HPAI in commercial birds.

- To date, USDA has placed import restrictions on 46 countries.

- Import restrictions allow US-origin pet birds and performing birds to return to the United States following a 30-day quarantine at a USDA facility. Importations of processed bird products that have been rendered noninfectious are also allowed provided such products are accompanied by a USDA Veterinary Services (VS) permit and a government certification confirming that the products were treated according to USDA requirements.

- Bird products that are potentially infectious may be imported for science and education purposes under a USDA/APHIS permit process, provided that the product can be safely transported.