

# NIH Fellows Committee Agenda

Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Wilson Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Building 1

## Join by WebEx

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## Join by phone

1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)

1. **Welcome New Members**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Approval of March minutes**
4. **Remarks** (10 minutes):
  - a. FelCom Officers: Katherine Reding, Peter Demaria, Eric Gonzalez, Allison Cross
  - b. Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE): Lori Conlan
  - c. Office of Intramural Research (OIR): Charles Dearolf
5. **New Business** (25 minutes)
  - a. Introduction to the Green Labs Program at NIH, presented by program volunteer Minoos Shakoury-Elizeh
6. **Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements** (15 minutes)
7. **Any other business** (5 minutes)

Next meeting: May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

## MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order 4:03
2. Approval of March minutes – minutes approved 4:15
3. **Remarks** (10 minutes):
  - a. FelCom Officers: Katherine Reding, Peter Demaria, Eric Gonzalez, Allison Cross
    - 1) Katherine encourages everyone to fill out survey on FelCom picnic
  - b. Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE): Lori Conlan
    - 1) Thanks to those who volunteered to help judge postbac poster day (over 800 posters)
    - 2) May 10<sup>th</sup> career symposium –mark your calendar- also if clinical fellow wants to moderate clinical panel, let Lori know
    - 3) Summer students are coming – consider putting together a journal club for the students
  - c. Office of Intramural Research (OIR): Charles Dearolf
    - 1) Nothing new
4. **New Business** (25 minutes)
  - a. Introduction to the Green Labs Program at NIH, presented by program volunteer Minoos Shakoury-Elizeh (Daman Kumari) (Bani Bhattacharya)
    - 1) See attached slides for more information
    - 2) Purpose of Green lab program – encourage participation in NIH environmental initiatives and recognize outstanding labs and individuals for their achievements towards this effort
    - 3) Who can apply? Anyone in the lab can be a point person in the lab and apply by filling out green lab assessment on-line
    - 4) Tentative release of self-assessment is May 2018 – application open until Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019
    - 5) Some green lab practices used by labs at NIDDK
      - o Electronic laboratory Notebook
      - o Reduction of chemical waste and cost – reducing usage of film – transfer to digital imaging
      - o Safer chemical substitute for Ethidium Bromide and Xylene

- Use the NIH solvent recovery program- this program recovers used spent solvents and delivers them to you (free)
  - Controlling what goes down the drains at NIH (collect waste or get person to discharge to the drain)
- 6) How to encourage sustainable practices – positive communication, normalize behaviors and practices - sometimes incentives are needed when there are barriers facing implementation or adoption
  - 7) Summary
    - Online self-assessment form with links to policies, regulations – includes stuff that is required as well as stuff that is above and beyond
    - Assess participation in environmental programs; and address limitations to improve the programs throughout the year.
    - Recognize and acknowledge labs, Institutes and Centers for promoting environmental stewardship.
  - 8) Consider attending the Sustainable Laboratory Practices Working Group meetings - May 23<sup>rd</sup> is next meeting

**5. Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements (15 minutes)**

- a. Jennifer Groebner – WSA Liaison - Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> is 9<sup>th</sup> Annual NIH WSA Scholars Symposium - This symposium celebrates the outstanding research achievement of NIH's Intramural Women Fellows and is open to all interested
  - b. FARE committee - The FARE2020 application submission period closed on March 13th. We received >900 abstract submissions! We are now assigning abstracts to the registered judges, judges should have gotten abstract assignments already, judging goes on until end of April 4, 2019
    - 1) Question – should subcommittee meet? (from chief judge) –some groups meet in person or call teleconference, or sometimes it's obvious who top 25% are - depends on the judge's preference
  - c. Visiting Fellows Committee
    - 1) now have 2 new co-chairs - Vrushali Agashe and Michael Buch A
    - 2) have open positions in the Social Subcommittee and Communication team in the VFC
  - d. Child Care Board Liaison - reminder of free legal and financial resources available to fellows – see attachment for more information
  - e. Helena – NPA Liaison -NPA meeting happening next weekend –will be presenting a poster about FelCom– she will be reaching out two committees and want them to read what she has written
  - f. Cassie - Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee- Kathy- NIH HRPP is undergoing a major reorganization by centralizing IRB operations and transitioning the IC based IRBs to the NIH Intramural IRB. The HSRAC monthly meetings have been discontinued. In its place there will be monthly IC Liaison group meetings.
  - g. Guru – Animal Research Advisory Committee– Dr. Evan Shukan from the ARAC/OACU is proposing a new free coursework. He would like to get feedback from trainees (FelCom/postdocs) before implementing the coursework. There could be a survey sent to the trainee's listserv Fellows-L to get the coursework feedbacks.
  - h. Sarah – service and outreach subcommittee – several events coming up, see minutes for more details
- 6. Meeting adjourned 4:54pm**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

FelCom Subcommittee	Co-Chairs
<b>Career Development Committee</b>	Suna Gulay & Fany Messanvi
<b>Clinical FelCom</b>	Peter Demaria & Chris Pleyer
<b>FARE Committee</b>	Helen Michael & Sara Young
<b>Mentoring Committee</b>	Fei Mo & Anshika Jain
<b>Service and Outreach Subcommittee</b>	Sarah Hawes & Rosario Jaime
<b>Social Committee</b>	Yingxi Chen & Steven Brooks
<b>Visiting Fellows Committee</b>	Vrushali Agashe & Michael Buch
<b>Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series (WALS)</b>	Salina Gairhe & Valerie Darcey

FelCom Liaison Position	Liaison(s)
<b>American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR)</b>	Amit Dey
<b>Animal Research Advisory Committee</b>	Guru Nagarajan
<b>Child Care Board</b>	Eric Gonzalez & Cynthia Abou Zeid
<b>Committee on Scientific Conduct &amp; Ethics</b>	Christina Fang
<b>Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES)</b>	Patrick Wright & Katherine Reding
<b>Graduate Medical Education Committee</b>	Jessica Zolton
<b>Graduate Student Council (GSC)</b>	Assaf Magen
<b>Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee (HSRAC)</b>	Cassie Pattinson
<b>Medical Executive Committee</b>	Peter Demaria & Chris Pleyer
<b>National Postdoc Association</b>	Helena Farkasova
<b>Outreach Liaison</b>	Craig Myrum
<b>PRAT Liaison</b>	Abhi Subedi
<b>Recreation and Welfare Committee</b>	Nisha Nagarsheth
<b>Training Directors Committee</b>	David Borrego & Belinda Hauser
<b>Women Scientist Advisors Committee (WSA)</b>	Jennifer Groebner & Mona Orr

Institute/Center	Representative(s)	Institute/Center	Representative(s)
<b>CCR-FYI (NCI)</b>	Allison Cross	<b>NICHD</b>	Suna Gulay
<b>FDA</b>	Narayana Garimella & Fardokht Abulwerdi	<b>NIDA</b>	Andrew Wright
<b>NCATS</b>	Eric Gonzalez & Atena Farkhondeh Kalat	<b>NIDCD</b>	Matt Fishl
<b>NCCIH</b>	Eleni Frangos	<b>NIDCR</b>	Belinda Hauser
<b>NCI-CPFP</b>	Joe Shearer	<b>NIDDK</b>	Shyamala Jadhav
<b>NCI-Shady Grove</b>	David Borrego	<b>NIEHS</b>	David Crizer
<b>NEI</b>	Dinusha Rajapakse	<b>NIGMS</b>	Abhi Subedi
<b>NHGRI</b>	Xin Huang	<b>NIMH</b>	Kathy Reding
<b>NHLBI</b>	Fei Mo	<b>NIMHD</b>	Kristyn Kamke
<b>NIA</b>	Christina Banuelos & Rebecca McPherson & Maja Mustapic	<b>NINDS</b>	Brian Trummer (Clinical) & Patrick Wright (Basic)
<b>NIAAA</b>	Youngchan Kim	<b>NINR</b>	Cassandra Pattinson
<b>NIAID</b>	Steven Brooks	<b>NCBI/NLM</b>	Gurmeet Kaur
<b>NIAMS</b>	<i>VACANT</i>	<b>USUHS</b>	Faith Blum
<b>NIBIB</b>	Sumit Chaturvedi	<b>VRC (NIAID)</b>	Juan Moliva & Kizzmekia Corbett

# COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

## American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR)

*Amit Dey*

Nothing to report.

## Animal Research Advisory Committee

*Guru Nagarajan*

Below is a summary from Dr. Shukan about the upcoming seminars, webinars and workshops. Most of them are free and some offer free continuing education credits. For more information please contact Dr. Evan Shukan. Please feel free to distribute them.

- **April 10, 2019:** One Health Academy, “Communicable Disease Elimination in the Americas, Initiatives and Partnerships,” Dr. Steven Ault, American Society of Microbiology, 1752 N St NW, Washington, DC 20036. More details here: <http://www.onehealthacademy.org/rsvp.html>
- **April 14-17, 2019:** ACLAM Forum, New Orleans, LA. Information here: <https://www.aclam.org/forum>
- **April 23, 2019:** NABR Webinar, “Animal Law and the Animal Research Community,” 12:30-1:30pm EDT, Bldg. 40, rm 1201/1203
- **April 24, 2019:** AALAS webinar with free CE, “Right Numbers for Animal Protocols,” 1-2:30pm, Bldg 10, FAES classroom 4, Kelly Cole (NHLBI) hosting
- **April 25, 2019:** FDA CVM webinar, “Genome Editing in Animals,” 1-3pm EDT
  - Register here: [https://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm634029.htm?utm\\_campaign=3-21-2019-GenomeWebinar&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Eloqua&elqTrackId=062C3787CAE4BE6399FBE5EFA719EE43&elq=15d3db91423a48a19289c3d90275a514&elqaid=7276&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=5950](https://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm634029.htm?utm_campaign=3-21-2019-GenomeWebinar&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&elqTrackId=062C3787CAE4BE6399FBE5EFA719EE43&elq=15d3db91423a48a19289c3d90275a514&elqaid=7276&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=5950)
- **May 16-18, 2019:** North Carolina Workshop in Laboratory Animal Medicine
  - More information here: <https://cvm.ncsu.edu/education/continuing-education/forums-lectures-and-labs/wlam/>
  - Target Audience: veterinarians specializing in laboratory animal medicine, especially those preparing for ACLAM board certification.
- **May 22, 2019:** AALAS webinar with free CE, “Bioimaging Part I: Imaging Scientific Strategy,” 1-2:30pm, Bldg. 10, room B1D-55 (near the MIF), Dr. Brenda Klaunberg hosting
- **May 29-30, 2019:** IACUC Administrators Association (IAA) Best Practices Meeting, Denver, CO
  - Registration information here: <https://iacucaa.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=24>

**OACU spring and summer training courses: Still open. Register here: <https://oacutrainng.od.nih.gov/>**

- ACUC Member Training: Defining the Challenge of ACUC Membership:
  - 2019 dates are posted
- Mouse Workshop: Hands-On Animal Techniques:
  - May 7 and June 4, 2019 mouse classes posted
  - Next rat class is Sept 10, 2019 (to be posted ~July)
  - Future classes will be posted approximately 1-2 months ahead of class date

## Career Development Committee

*Suna Gulay & Fany Messanvi*

Our next meeting will be on April 4th at 3.30PM in Building 2, Room 2W-15.

Our next panel “Careers in Contract Research Organizations” will take place on April 16th, from 3 to 5pm, in Bldg 49 room 1A50.

Nothing to report.

**Committee on Scientific Conduct and Ethics***Christina Fang*

CSCE met on Friday Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> to finalize the 2019 case studies and begin discussions on the 2020 case studies. We went over the 2019 case on freedom of expression and civility in the laboratory, and suggestions were made for minor changes. There were some discussions over the policy regarding posting on social media as a NIH employee. We talked about developing new cases for 2020, which will be on recordkeeping and data management. Two case studies will be drafted for the next meeting, and they will include issues such as maintaining lab notebooks, PI oversight, postdoc responsibility and data cleaning. The next meeting will be on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**FAES Liaisons***Patrick Wright & Kathy Reding*

**FAES Lunch and Learn: Leadership Excellence: Day by Day**, Friday, April 12, 2019, 12-1 PM, NIH Clinical Center, Building 10, 2C116 second floor (FAES Education and Conference Suite), Bethesda, MD

- **Marilyn Lynk, PhD**, Executive Director at the Adventist HealthCare Center for Health Equity and Wellness.
  - Dr. Marilyn Lynk is a healthcare administration executive with extensive experience successfully incorporating system-level strategies and implementing programs that result in improved hospital and community health data collection, program evaluation, organizational cultural competence, diversity management, community health education, and collaboration across multidisciplinary sectors.
- **Register:** send email to [christina.farias@faes.org](mailto:christina.farias@faes.org) to reserve your seat (on-site only, not available by webcast). The event is FREE and we will be serving lunch. Seating is limited, so registration is first-come-first-serve.

**Health Insurance:**

- We are submitting a formal letter to Dr. Michael Gottesman, the NIH deputy director of intramural research, with our concerns about the recent loss of infertility treatment coverage. The goal is to have these issues brought up at the next scientific director meeting on the upcoming health insurance plan.

**FARE Committee***Helen Michael & Sara Young*

The FARE2020 application submission period closed on March 13th. We received >900 abstract submissions! The judge registration period ended today (April 2nd). We are now assigning abstracts to the registered judges, and will conduct evaluations of the abstracts over the next couple of months.

**Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee***Cassie Pattinson*

- As you know the NIH HRPP is undergoing a major reorganization by centralizing IRB operations and transitioning the IC based IRBs to the NIH Intramural IRB. The IRB Chairs under the direction of Dr. Green, Ms' Gommel and Grant, now meet on a frequent basis to share IRB best practices during the transition to the single NIH Intramural IRB. For that reason, the HSRAC monthly meetings have been discontinued. In its place there will be monthly IC Liaison group meetings. This forum will allow us to provide and exchange of information about what is happening with the consolidation of the IRBs and the reorganization, policy updates and other important information.
- New IRBO website is located at, make sure to check it out: <https://irbo.nih.gov/confluence/display/IRBO/Home>
- However, please note that the original OHSRP is still in the process of being decommissioned so you may still access trainings and other information from that site until further notice.

- OHSRP is updating the Education policy and simplifying the training requirements. The entire clinical research community and IRB community will be required to retake either **Biomedical 101** or **Social Behavioral 101** to satisfy the human subjects protections training requirements. The reason for this is to ensure that the research community is educated about the 2018 Common Rule requirements. For this reason, test-out will not be included in these two courses. However, test-out will continue to be available for the GCP course. If investigators have taken these courses on or after January 21, 2019, either here or at another institution then they will have satisfied this requirement
- One of the biggest changes is the NIH single IRB policy for multisite research. This policy went into effect last year for research approved on or after 1/25/2018. Because of the major changes to the IRB structure and the implementation of the 2018 Common Rule, NIH is generally requesting that new multisite research use a non-NIH IRB as the Reviewing IRB.
- Details about iRIS training can be found at;  
<https://irbo.nih.gov/confluence/display/IRBO/NIH+iRIS#NIHiRIS-Training>

### Medical Executive Committee

*Peter Demaria & Chris Pleyer*

- There will be a new nap room for clinical fellows to mitigate fatigue. Location pending.
- There were a few close calls regarding metal in the MRI room. No injuries, but this will be addressed with additional training.
- There have been some issues with access to campus by foreign nationals coming in for the day for lectures. Clinical center leadership is aware and is working with appropriate federal agency leads to try to mitigate this.
- New clinical fellow chair application is open... currently gathering applicant personal statements with new chairs to transition over the coming months.

### Mentoring Committee

*Fei Mo & Anshika Jain*

Nothing to report.

### NIAID

*Steven Brooks*

NIAID has formed a new Fellow's Advisory Committee, and has many events coming up sponsored by the new NIAID training office staff, headed by Dr. Sydella Blatch. The NIAID Fellow's Advisory Committee is currently helping to plan the 2019 and 2020 NIAID Annual Workshops. Any NIAID trainees interested in joining the Fellow's Advisory Committee meetings or attending any of the upcoming workshops should email Dr. Blatch (Sydella.Blatch@nih.gov).

### NCI-CCR

*Allison Cross*

Nothing to report.

### NCI Shady Grove – DCEG

*David Borrego*

Nothing to report.

### NPA Liaison

*Helena Fabryova (Farkasova)*

- The National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) has partnered with the Graduate Career Consortium (GCC) to support graduate students and postdoctoral scholars across the United States. This partnership will provide both organizations with opportunities to support the growing research community.
- **Registration for the 2019 NPA Annual Conference is closed.**
  - We will be presenting a poster about FelCom. Please let me know if you would like to have an activity you work on highlighted.

The March issue of the POSTDOCKET is now available and includes:

- Come Soar With us on the new NPA Website!
  - The new website has launched on March 14, and will be unveiled at the 2019 NPA Annual Conference on Friday, April 12.
- Many Lessons Learned from Mentoring the Right Way: A Profile of the 2019 NPA Garnett-Powers & Associates Mentor Award Recipient, Edward L. Krug
  - Professor Krug from the Department of Regenerative Medicine and Cell Biology at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) is the recipient of this year's NPA Garnett-Powers & Associates Mentor Award.
- 2019 Distinguished Service Award Recipient, Mary Anne With: The Heart and Soul of Los Alamos National Laboratories
  - Mary Anne With, program manager of the Postdoctoral Program at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). With has been a member of the NPA since its establishment in 2003, and in 28 years of service has influenced the careers of over 10,000 postdocs.
- Workshopping at the NPA Annual Conference
  - Accelerate to industry: cross-functional teamwork – a workshop for all participants
  - From here to independence: design thinking for postdoctoral development – PDO workshop
  - Imposter syndrome: confronting the career development ‘monster’ hiding under the bed – postdoc workshop
- An end to the Search for the Perfect Mentor
  - There is no “single guru-mentor,” for anyone. An important role that postdoctoral supervisors, and PDO staff and faculty can play in the career development of their postdocs is to provide a framework for mentoring and empower postdocs to develop their own mentoring network comprised of multiple mentors.
- Accelerate to Industry: A new Approach to Academic and Private Industry Collaboration to Improve the Career Readiness of Graduate Students and Postdocs
  - North Carolina State University's Graduate School (representing ~10,000 graduate students and 400+ postdocs) undertook this challenge by building the Accelerate to Industry (A2i)<sup>TM</sup> program.
- Why an Ex-Senate Chief of Staff Hosts a Science-focused Podcast
  - The characteristics of the most effective policy makers, advocates, and communicators are shared by scientists. Scientists just need to learn to re-calibrate these qualities in a realm that may be unfamiliar.

myPostdoc Monthly featured webinars:

1. Empowering Postdoctoral Scholars to Transform the Local Academic Community

myPDO monthly featured webinars:

1. Mentoring: exit surveys and postdoc tracking

Featured NPA resource:

- Sign up for E-ALERT from NPA! <https://www.nationalpostdoc.org/page/ealert>

- POSTDOCKET is open to submissions of articles about various topics concerning postdocs and research.
- <https://careers.nationalpostdoc.org/> continues to serve as a database of international talent. Please join!
- Shop at <https://lnkd.in/e9m-Xk6> AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the NPA

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- If you are interested in volunteering with the NPA, start by joining one of the Committees of the Membership: Advocacy, Meetings, Outreach, The POSTDOCKET, or Resource Development, or working with the NPA Diversity and International Officers <http://ow.ly/XyAw5018EoN>

1. Please send me ideas for the *I am Intramural* blog! If you or someone you know recently published a cool study that others might want to know about, let me know so I can write something up about it. It's a great platform to gain attention to your research! Note that takes a couple weeks between submitting and posting since many people must approve them.

2. The Mar-Apr *Catalyst* Training Page, written by Allison Dennis and myself:

<https://irp.nih.gov/catalyst/v27i2/the-training-page>

3. The next *Catalyst* article will be about a postdoc-run training program and will be written by Autumn Hullings.

4. Be sure to join the LinkedIn page! [Fellows at the NIH - FelCom](#)

### Postdoctoral Research Associate Training (PRAT) Program

*Abhi Subedi*

Nothing to report.

### Recreation and Welfare/Health and Wellness Committees Liaison

*Nisha Nagarsheth*

Nothing to report.

### Service and Outreach Subcommittee

*Sarah Hawes & Rosario B. Jaime-Lara*

#### Announcements:

- New Baltimore-area regional co-chair Rosario B. Jaime-Lara.

#### Upcoming/ Ongoing Events:

- **NCI Scientists in the Community and Learning Undefeated (LU) are looking for volunteers to join LU's Mobile Lab** (laboratories to introduce hands-on lab experiences to middle/high school students in underserved areas across the country) working group! LU is in need of subject matter experts to assist on current labs in the pipeline, as well as help to generate new ideas for future labs. The working group will meet 3-6 times over the course of 6-months and will average around 10-12hrs of work. This opportunity is perfect for someone interested in science education and outreach! If you would like to join the group, please contact Chanelle Case Borden ([chanelle.case@nih.gov](mailto:chanelle.case@nih.gov)).
- **Learning Undefeated** (an organization that offers STEM education and career opportunities to underserved communities) is looking for judges for the Maryland BioGENEius Challenge. It is done **virtually and the commitment is 1-2 hours**. Support these high school students as they pursue their interest in STEM. More information is included below. If you have questions, please contact: Ali Main (Learning Undefeated Event and Travel Coordinator) [Ali@learningundefeated.org](mailto:Ali@learningundefeated.org); [www.learningundefeated.org](http://www.learningundefeated.org); @learningUNDFTD
  - *Date: Deadline to apply as a judge is April 5. Judging period is April 11-18*
  - Location: Virtual
  - Time commitment: 1-2 hours
  - BioGENEius is a rigorous international competition for talented high school students in grades 9-12 that provides them the opportunity to showcase their original research in biology. The Maryland finalist will have the chance to represent Maryland at the International BioGENEius Challenge during the annual BIO Convention in Philadelphia, PA. Judges will be reviewing student applications for content based on a rubric that will be provided.
  - Judges must have a PhD in biotechnology or a related field, or a masters' degree plus five years related work experience. Register to be a judge: <https://form.jotform.com/90094388764166>
- **Postbac Poster Day judges needed** A record number of NIH postbac registrants (over 800) means we need more judges than any prior year and have extended the registration deadline to **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
  - If you are able to help us, please REGISTER HERE: [https://www.training.nih.gov/sas/\\_20/1572/](https://www.training.nih.gov/sas/_20/1572/). This is your opportunity to mentor the next generation of scientists outside the classroom. Volunteering can also be added to your CV. We will hold three poster sessions (below), and are asking for your help at just one:



- Poster Session 1 (AM): 9:30 – 11:00 am
- Poster Session 2 (LCH): 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
- Poster Session 3 (PM): 1:30 – 3:00 pm
- If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Dr. Virginia Meyer at [virginia.meyer@nih.gov](mailto:virginia.meyer@nih.gov). You can also learn more at the Postbac Poster Day 2019 website, [https://www.training.nih.gov/postbac\\_poster\\_day](https://www.training.nih.gov/postbac_poster_day).
- **The Society for the Advancement of Chicano/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Diversity in STEM Conference is looking for conference application reviewers.**  
Questions: presentations@sacnas.org <https://www.2019sacnas.org/volunteer-reviewer>:
  - Research Presentation Reviewer
    - As a research presentation reviewer, you will receive: Approximately 15 abstracts in your discipline to review and guidelines to score the abstracts
    - Each abstract takes approximately 20 minutes to review. Total time = approximately **5 hours** between April 26 and May 10.
  - Travel Scholarship Reviewer
    - As travel scholarship reviewer, you will receive: Approximately 20 scholarship applications to review and guidelines to score the applications
    - Each application takes approximately 20 minutes to review. Total time = Approximately **6 hours** between April 26 and May 10.
- **Casey Trees Volunteer Event:** Space for 10 fellows has been reserved to participate in a Tree Inventory at the **Kalorama/Unity Park on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** from 10am to 12:30pm. Detailed information on how to register will be dispersed to Fellow-L and Felcom-L in April.
- **Helping Up Mission:** <https://helpingupmission.org/> (**Baltimore, ongoing**) You can volunteer in downtown Baltimore to help at a homeless shelter doing a variety of activities; GED prep, tutoring, and computer skills. Please contact Maria Wetherington ([maweth821@gmail.com](mailto:maweth821@gmail.com)) at the HUM for further information on training and participation, etc.

### **Social Committee**

*Yingxi Chen & Steven Brooks*

For the past month, the Social Committee has nothing new to report. We would encourage all FelCom members to please respond to our poll about a pot-luck social event: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KSGGKSF>.

### **Training Directors Committee**

*David Borrego & Belinda Hauser*

**No report submitted.**

### **Visiting Fellows Committee**

*Vrushali Agashe & Michael Buch*

Co-chairs: Vrushali AGASHE, Michael BUCH, Ulrike BÖHM and Daphnée VILLOING

Secretary: Elias PADILHA

Social subcommittee: Maja BUSZKO, Andrea CONTE, Subhasis RAY

Country rep. coordinator: Selami DEMIRCI

Sciences Voices from Home (SVH): Fany MESSANVI

Brown Bag seminars: Aude NICOLAS

Communication - Webpage: open position

OITE advisor: Uli KLENKE

#### **1. VFC Social**

Past events:

- *Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm. VFC Social Networking Event* – Location: World of Beer, Bethesda. Around 30-40 attendees
- *Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 am. Fellows into the Wild!* National Cherry Blossom Festival – Meetup at Metro Center Station, 13th and G St exit at 9:00 am. 11 participants

Future events:

- *Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm. VFC Social Networking Event* – Location TBD
- *Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:45 pm: Fellows into the Wild!* Exploring the Cherry trees in the Kenwood neighborhood of Bethesda

## 2. Science Voices from Home

- *Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 12-1pm.* Science Voices from Home hosts “EURAXESS North America – New Marie Curie Action, European Funding Opportunities for students, postdocs and researchers of all nationalities” Building 35, Room 620/630. 40 registered guests, both in-person and online.

Future events:

- Date and Location TBD (possibly end of April). Science Voices from Home: Japan

## 3. Country representatives

- Important avenues identified: Support new Visiting Fellows with their adaption to the USA, e.g. by connecting them to local country communities and linking them to suitable resources (e.g. support with information for housing, legal support, visa and tax issues).
- Daphnee introduced the VFC country reps coordinator Selami Demirci to the DIS immigration specialists to include a country reps list the VFC flyer. We hope to add contact information on country representatives on the flyer.

Future Events:

- Next country representative meeting: late summer 2019 (end of August)

## 4. Open Positions at VFC

- **Elections of the new co-chair position on March 13th, 2019**
  - Candidates (applications to read in Appendix):
    - Vrushali AGASHE, NEI, India – 8 votes
    - Michael BUCH, NIAMS, Germany – 8 votes
    - Brittney HARRINGTON, NCI, Australia – 4 votes
  - Congratulations to Vrushali AGASHE and Michael BUCH, the newly elected Co-chairs for the Visiting Fellows Committee
- A position is open in the **Social Subcommittee** in the VFC.
- A position is still open in the **Communication team**, as the new VFC website admin.
- Both positions will be discussed, and an email sent out for applications.

## 5. Next VFC meeting

4/10/2019, 1:00 - 2:00 pm; Main campus, Building 2, Room 2W15.

Call in No: 1-(866)-556-1965. Participant code: 2706089

## WALS Subcommittee

*Salina Gairhe & Valerie Darcey*

Date	Speaker	Home Institute	Title of the Talk
April 3	Julie Segre, Ph.D.	National Human Genome Research Institute	Microbiome: friend and foe
April 10	Shizuo Akira, M.D., Ph.D.	Osaka University	RNA degradation controls inflammation
April 24	Eric Betzig, Ph.D.	University of California, Berkeley	The secret lives of cells

## Women Scientist Advisors Committee

*Jennifer Groebner & Mona Orr*

CCR WSA hosted a brown bag discussion forum about the recently-announced NIH Anti-Harassment Program on March 21<sup>st</sup> at NCI-Frederick. Jessica Hawkins, MS, from the NIH Civil Program described the program and answered questions, such as, who to consult if incidences of bullying or other forms of harassment are experienced or observed, who is required to report such incidences, how your confidentiality will be protected, how the policy extends to the extramural community, etc.

If FelCom is interested, we could see if Jessica or one of her staff would be available to attend one of our future meetings for a similar Q&A type forum.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
<b>Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup></b>	1-3 pm	Wilson Hall, BLDG 1	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Annual NIH WSA Scholars Symposium</b> This symposium celebrates the outstanding research achievement of NIH's Intramural Women Fellows and is open to all interested. This year's award winners and speakers are: <b>Aleksandra Iovic, NIAMS; Dr. Navdeep Malik, NCI; Dr. Yu-Ting Su, NCI</b>  All are invited to a reception following the seminar.
<b>Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm	RM 2014/2107, BLDG 37 (VTC to BLDG 549 Auditorium, Frederick campus)	<b>CCR WSA's Women Leaders in Biotech and Pharma Seminar</b> series will host <b>Dr. Kristen M. Hege, VP Translational Development, at Celgene</b> . All are invited to attend and ask questions about careers in industry. An open discussion will follow the seminar. For more information, please see: <a href="https://ccrod.cancer.gov/confluence/display/CCRWSA">https://ccrod.cancer.gov/confluence/display/CCRWSA</a>
<b>Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm	Lipsett Auditorium, BLDG 10	<b>Dr. Karen Berman, Chief, Clinical &amp; Translational Neuroscience Branch, NIMH</b> , is the honored speaker for the <b>Anita B. Roberts Lecture: Distinguished Women Scientists at NIH</b> . This lecture series highlights the outstanding research achievements of women scientists at the NIH and is dedicated to Dr. Anita B. Roberts, honoring her roles as an exceptional mentor and scientist. All are invited to attend.
<b>Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm	BLDG 549 Auditorium, Frederick campus (VTC to RM 2014/2107, BLDG 37)	<b>CCR WSA's Women Leaders in Biotech and Pharma Seminar</b> series will host <b>Dr. Payal Sheth, Executive Director, Mass Spectrometry &amp; Biophysics at Merck Research Laboratories</b> . All are invited to attend and ask questions about careers in industry. An open discussion will follow the seminar. For more information, please see: <a href="https://ccrod.cancer.gov/confluence/display/CCRWSA">https://ccrod.cancer.gov/confluence/display/CCRWSA</a>