

**NIH Fellows Committee Agenda**  
**Thursday, August 1, 2013**  
**Wilson Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Building 1**  
**Call-in number: 1 866 772-5230, Passcode: 4413222**

1. Welcome New Members
2. Introductions of Committee At-Large
3. June minutes- approval
  - a. Minutes approved
4. Remarks:
  - a. FelCom Officers
  - b. Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE)
  - c. Office of Intramural Research (OIR)
5. New Business
  - a. FAES Report and Question/Answers: Christina Farias, Executive Director
  - b. WSA Liaison Election

**6. Subcommittees and Liaison Reports**

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| a. Animal Research Advisory Committee                 | <i>Lara el Touny</i>                            |
| b. Career Development Committee                       | <i>Sandip De &amp; Elyssa Monzack</i>           |
| c. Child Care Board Liaison                           | <i>Wendy Knosp and Anastasia Aksyuk</i>         |
| d. Clinical FelCom                                    | <i>Kenneth Remy &amp; Sid Kerkar</i>            |
| e. Committee on Scientific Conduct & Ethics Liaison   | <i>Peter Winter</i>                             |
| f. FAES Liaison                                       | <i>Jue Chen &amp; Ji Yan</i>                    |
| g. FARE Committee                                     | <i>Iain Scott &amp; Clarisa Buckner</i>         |
| h. Graduate Medical Education Committee               | <i>Joel Stoddard &amp; Ali Abbas Syed</i>       |
| i. Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee Liaison | <i>Jeanelle Spencer</i>                         |
| j. IPRWH Liaison                                      | <i>Ni Hong</i>                                  |
| k. Job Networking Committee                           | <i>Shekhar Jha &amp; Adeola Makinde</i>         |
| l. Medical Executive Committee Liaison                | <i>Sid Kerkar &amp; Kenneth Remy</i>            |
| m. National Postdoc Association Liaison               | <i>Monica Deshpande</i>                         |
| n. Recreation and Welfare Committee                   | <i>Jeanne Morin-Leisk</i>                       |
| o. Service Outreach Subcommittee                      | <i>Shu Chen &amp; Julien Senac</i>              |
| p. Social Committee                                   | <i>Anna Sundborger &amp; Christiane Kuschal</i> |
| q. Training Directors Committee Liaison               | <i>Cristina Rangel &amp; Julien Senac</i>       |
| r. Visiting Fellows Committee                         | <i>Vatsalya Vatsalya &amp; Jithesh Veetil</i>   |
| s. WALs Committee                                     | <i>Shan He &amp; James Keller</i>               |
| t. Women Scientist Advisors Committee Liaison         | <i>Clarisa Buckner &amp; Aimee Hollander</i>    |
| u. AFTR Liaison                                       | <i>Arunima Gosh &amp; Soumya Chatterjee</i>     |

**7. Adjournment**

**Next meeting: Thursday, September 5, 2013 in Building 1, Wilson Hall**

**Julien Senac will soon start his 5<sup>th</sup> year at the NIH and will be stepping down from his position as FelCom Co-Chair. We at FelCom thank Julien for his service and wish him luck in his next position.**

**Please keep an eye out for e-mails asking for fellows interested in running for the position of FelCom Co-Chair, Basic Science. Elections will be held next month in September.**

## **OITE**

OITE thanks Julien

The curriculum starts up again on August 6<sup>th</sup> with job search strategies.

The summer intern poster day will be August 8<sup>th</sup> in Natcher. Please stop by to support the summer students

Amanda Dumsch was recently hired as the new career counselor with OITE and will be starting next week (August 6<sup>th</sup>) – to make appointments with her please e-mail her

([amanda.dumsch@mail.nih.gov](mailto:amanda.dumsch@mail.nih.gov)) or go online to the OITE website

([https://www.training.nih.gov/career\\_services/appointments](https://www.training.nih.gov/career_services/appointments))

OITE now has four different career advisors and Amanda is a general counselor so she can cover any area.

## **OIR**

Nothing new

OIR also thanks Julien

## **FAES**

The executive director of FAES, Christina Farias, spoke to the FelCom members

FAES is a non-profit and separate entity from NIH but is closely attached to the NIH.

Their mission is education (also provide insurance) and they will be expanding into wellness in the future

FAES offers 200 courses (from immunology and statistics to tango and acupuncture)

<http://www.faes.org/course-catalog>

NIH fellows can teach for FAES – they get teaching experience and \$\$\$

FAES is a non-degree granting organization and a lot of their credits will transfer to 4-year universities and they are working to expand on this

Their tech transfer courses are unique and they can be valuable for transferring to a career in business – they do not offer a certificate but the courses offered are the same and just as strenuous as those offered through certificate programs (the credits will transfer)

Their new academic center is opening with 8 classrooms, a new bookstore and a coffee bar

FAES only has evening classes so the classrooms will be available to NIH fellows during the day

FAES is now on Facebook and twitter

FAES is looking to add classes on science policy and health care policy

Their Enrolment dropping because of:

- economy
- competition

FAES wants to know how they can better serve the NIH community and improve their impact on the NIN, along with increasing enrolment.

## **Questions from Felcom members:**

In the future, if FAES credits can be transferred to Hopkins or other universities will the cost increase? Yes, but NIH fellows would get a 10% discount.

Can FAES look into adding courses on computer science, public health, global health, regulatory affairs, clinical trial management, patent law, science communication along with a teaching certificate? That is a good idea and they are currently looking into science policy classes.

Do you offer courses in pedagogy? No, However, OITE has a scientists teaching scientists pedagogies online course.

Fellows seem to agree that the greatest need is FAES's ability to grant certificates – OITE commented that in the U.S. having taken the class (and received no certificate) is usually sufficient for job applications but in other countries having a certificate is more important for job applications than in the U.S.

Is it worth the time and money to take a FAES class(es) in terms of increasing your chances of getting a job? Yes and no. for tech transfer it's a good ROI (FelCom members attested to this) but for the other classes its unknown. Also, FAES is a great opportunity for networking – you meet classmates outside of academia or with similar career goals and you meet the professionals who teach the classes

**FAES is looking for the best way to increase participation in a FAES survey. Please send your survey ideas to the FAES liaisons.**

Jue Chen ([chenj19@mail.nih.gov](mailto:chenj19@mail.nih.gov)) & Ji Yan ([jia.yan@nih.gov](mailto:jia.yan@nih.gov))

### **Fellows**

There will be a guest speaker at the next Felcom meeting talking about new volunteer opportunities  
The catalyst is looking for ideas for new articles

The FARE committee is looking for co-chairs for FARE 2015 (you would serve as co-chair from October 2013 – October 2014). They would like to get the new FARE Co-chairs by next month (September).

## FELCOM August 2013

### SUBCOMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

#### Animal Research Advisory Committee

Lara el-Touny (NCI)

During the July, 2013 meeting, two on-campus resources for animal research were discussed:

▪ **NIH Veterinary Resources Program:**

- Services provided:
  - Sterilization (autoclaving and ethylene oxide options)
  - Digital Radiography
  - Surgery (examples: Bone marrow collection, tracheostomy, catheter placement, splenectomy)
  - Fluoroscopy (examples: minimally invasive aortic aneurysm creation, renal angiogram following embolization, hepatic tumor visualization & catheterization of hepatic artery)
- Cost: At institute level, not through Principal Investigator CAN
- Contact Info: oddvrdir@mail.nih.gov, (301) 496-2527.

▪ **NHLBI Animal Surgery Program:**

- Services provided:
  - Model development (examples: *In vivo* thrombosis models, spinal cord injury, cerebral ischemia, myocardial infarcts)
  - Ultrasound
  - Fluoroscopy
  - cardiac catheterization
- Cost: Collaborative basis with a fee
  - Approved on a project by project basis
  - Co-authorship required for responsible staff
  - Barter for supplies in lieu of fee possible, case specific.
- **Training opportunities:**
  - **FREE Basic course: August 8 and August 22**
    - working under surgical microscope
    - proper use of micro-surgical instruments and equipment
    - Training in basic surgical procedures: laparotomy, vasectomy, splenectomy
    - 1 instructor for 2 students, 6-7 hrs lecture and wet lab, 20 ppl capacity
  - **FREE Advanced micro-surgical training:**
    - Basic course completion and a satisfactory rating by instructor is a prerequisite.
    - Lecture and wet lab, 10 ppl capacity
  - Contact Info: Buster Hawkins (HawkinsJ@nih.gov)

#### Career Development Committee

Sandip De (NICHD) & Elyssa Monzack (NIDCD)

Members: Cory Lago (NHLBI), Hui Cheng (NIAID), Lori Conlan (OITE), Chao Jiang (NIAMS), Ashley Kennedy (NIDA), Kristina McLinden (NINDS), Amanda Melillo (FDA/CBER), Amarjit Mishra (FDA), Jairo Montezuma-Rusca (NHLBI), Jennifer Plank (NIDDK), Meghan Mott (NIAAA), Nadine Samara (NIDDK), Christina Schindler (NICHD), Pabak Sarkar (NIAAA), Oscar Vidal (NHLBI), Olga Pavlova (NIDDK) GSC Pathway Members: Vandana Sekhar (NIAID)

The Career Development committee last met on 7/11/13 and our next scheduled meeting is on 8/1/13. Our last seminar, <sup>3</sup>Careers in tech transfer<sup>2</sup> (6/17/13) was well attended. The seminar was videocast, link to the event will be available soon on the OITE website. Our next seminar will be <sup>3</sup>Careers in Clinical research/diagnostic labs<sup>2</sup> on 9/27/13 at Building 50, Room 1227 from 3:00-5:00 pm.

### **Childcare Board Liaison**

*Wendy Knosp (NIDCR) and Anastasia Aksyuk (NIAMS)*

No report submitted.

### **Clinical FelCom**

*Kenneth Remy (CC) and Sid Kerkar (CC)*

The Clinical Felcom is collecting nominations with the GME committee for the distinguished teacher award. We are also finalizing the first annual clinical fellows day for October 25, 2013. All clinical fellows are expected to attend. Agenda to be sent out in September. Our next meeting is September 30th at 4 :30 in the director's board room.

### **FAES Liaison** (NIAAA)

*Jue Chen (NHLBI) & Jia Yan*

There have been no FAES board meetings since the last report. Jue and Jia met with FAES Executive Director, Christina Farias, along with Administrative Officer (OD), Lisa Rogers, in July to discuss strategies for improving FAES services for fellows. Christina Farias, will be meeting with FelCom during the August meeting to discuss these strategies and ideas. Any questions from fellows are welcome at any time. There are two openings in the Technology Advisory Committee, which aims to discuss technology that can be used for teaching and learning opportunities. This committee meets quarterly. Please contact Jue or Jia if interested.

### **FARE Committee**

*Iain Scott (NHLBI) & Clarisa Buckner (NIAID)*

**Members:** Anastasia Aksyuk (NIAMS); Meghan O'Donoghue Altman (NIAID); Pere Puigbo Avalos (NLM/NCBI); Jordan Beach (NHLBI); King Leung Fung (NCI); Leah Matzat (NIDDK); Tiffany Nguyen (NHLBI); Jennifer Seedorff (NIAID); Jessica Smith (NCI); Joseph Tiano (NIDDK); Brajendra Tripathi (NCI); Janani Varadarajan (NCI).

Applicants to FARE 2014 have been notified of their winner/non-winner status. Winning abstracts have been posted online. The last task for the FARE 2014 committee is the FARE awards ceremony that will occur one afternoon during the NIH Research Festival (October 7-11, 2013).

The current co-chairs would like to pass the baton, therefore, co-chairs for FARE 2015 are needed. Recruitment for committee membership will begin in the fall.

## **Graduate Medical Education Committee**

*Ali Abbas Syed and Dawn Ionescu*

Call for nominations for the 2013 NIH Distinguished Clinical Teacher Award (DCTA).

The NIH DCTA is the highest honor bestowed collectively on an NIH senior clinician, staff clinician, or tenure-track/tenured clinical investigator by the NIH clinical fellows. The award recognizes excellence in mentoring health-care professionals, excellence in teaching on issues related to direct patient care, and outstanding contributions to the advancement of clinical research.

Faculty eligible to receive this award include:

- NIH Senior Clinicians
- Staff Clinicians
- Tenure-track Clinical Investigators

However, previous award winners cannot be nominated. Previous winners include the following:

1985 - Lynn Loriaux, MD, PhD (NICHD)  
1986 - Joseph Parrillo, MD (CC)  
1987 - Alan Baker, MD (NCI)  
1988 - Anthony Fauci, MD (NIAID)  
1989 - James Shelhamer, MD (CC)  
1990 - John Klippel, MD (NIAMS)  
1991 - Fernando Cassorla, MD (NICHD)  
1992 - David Rubinow, MD (NIMH)  
1993 - Henry Masur, MD (CC)  
1994 - John Bennett, MD (NIAID)  
1995 - Maria Turner, MD (NCI)  
1996 - James Balow, MD (NIDDK)  
1997 - John Doppman, MD (CC)  
1998 - Dimitrios Boumpas, MD (NIAMS)  
1999 - Susan Leitman, MD (CC)  
2000 - Crystal Mackall, MD (NCI)  
2001 - Thomas Walsh, MD (NCI)  
2002 - Steven Holland, MD (NIAID)  
2003 - Michael Bishop, MD (NCI)  
2004 - David Goldstein, MD, PhD (NINDS)  
2005 - Lynnette Nieman, MD (NICHD)  
2006 - Elaine Jaffe, MD (NCI)  
2007 - John I. Gallin, MD (CC)  
2008 - Richard W. Childs, MD (NHLBI)  
2009 - Tara Palmore, MD (CC) (NIAID)  
2010 - Jeffrey Baron, MD, (NICHD)  
2011- Cynthia Dunbar, MD (NHLBI)  
2012- Antonio "Tito" Fojo, MD, PhD (NCI)

Eligible nominators for this award include:

- All current NIH Clinical Fellows
- NIH Research Fellows who have direct patient care responsibilities at the NIH
- Former Clinical Fellows who have completed their patient care roles at the NIH within the past 6 months

Please submit nominations either to Abbas Ali, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at [alisa2@mail.nih.gov](mailto:alisa2@mail.nih.gov), or to the co-chairs of ClinFelCom: Ken Remy at [kenneth.remy@nih.gov](mailto:kenneth.remy@nih.gov) or Sid Kerkar at [kerkars@mail.nih.gov](mailto:kerkars@mail.nih.gov), no later than August 9, 2013.

Nominations must include the following information:

- Name and Institute of the nominee
- A brief statement of support addressing the qualifications of the nominee as noted above

### **Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee**

*Jeanelle Spencer*

No report submitted.

### **IPRWH Liaison**

*Ni Hong*

No report submitted.

### **Job Networking Committee**

*Shekhar Jha & Adeola Makinde (NCI)*

No report submitted.

### **Medical Executive Committee**

*Kenneth E. Remy (CC) and Sid Kerkar (CC)*

Nothing to Report.

### **NPA Liaison**

*Monika Deshpande (NCI)*

No report submitted.

### **Recreation and Welfare Committee**

*Jeanne Morin-Leisk (NIDDK)*

No report submitted.

### **Service and Outreach Subcommittee**

*Shu Hui Chen (NIAID)*

**Committee Members (bold indicates present):** Ash, Jessica (NIH/NIA/IRP-Baltimore); Janelins, Brian (NIH/NIAID); Marino, Natascia (NIH/NCI); Reed, Tiffany (NIH/NCI); Yan, Jia (NIH/NIAAAA); Stephanie Petzing (USUHS); Sabrina Joseph (USUHS); **Sandip De, Yolonda Williams-Bey**

#### Current:

STEM outreach in Anne Arundel County. Learning Studios, sponsored by the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future (NCTAF), is a new concept in pedagogy that incorporates collaboration among experts in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields with teachers from local high schools and middle schools. Together, these teams devise curricula where students learn core concepts and skills in STEM areas by applying them in new and innovative ways.

Starting in August, there are new Learning Studio opportunities that would like to partner with us to explore theme-based projects that incorporate your own area of expertise for students in these schools. This is a

great opportunity to translate your expertise and research experience into learning opportunities for students and help inspire them to pursue STEM studies in high school and beyond. The specific details are as follows:

**Who is needed:** We need graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. There is a special request for individuals in Autism and/or Auditory research to help teachers at Central Middle School in Anne Arundel County develop projects centered around understanding how humans process noise and how noise impacts individuals with autism.

**Why should you become involved:** As researchers, we have a responsibility to inform the community at large about our research findings and become involved in ways that improve the quality of science and technology education. This collaboration is one opportunity to do just this and will add to your qualifications on your CV. Employers in academic and non-academic settings are interested in what you are doing OUTSIDE the lab, for which your participation in this program can be an asset to your marketability for future employment. Additionally this provides an opportunity to witness first hand the ways in which young students discover and advance in their understanding in these critical disciplines, and allows us to pay forward some of the time and attention our mentors have shown to us over the years.

**What is involved:** The commitment involves attending one of the following webinars to introduce you to the goals of this collaboration. Here are the next dates for webinars:

1. Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:00 am
2. Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00 pm
3. Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:00 am
4. Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00 pm

After attending one of these webinar dates, you will need to attend one design session for at least 1 hr where you will be paired with a team of 4-6 teachers from a local school and work with that team to develop these projects based on aspects of your research and STEM knowledge and their curriculum needs in the classroom. After this session, it is up to you to decide the frequency and depth of your involvement: you may visit the schools to work directly with students, or you may limit your involvement to remote support via e-mail. Thus, **your commitment is completely decided by you!**

Importantly, participation depends on permission of your supervisor if you have to leave work to go to one of the STEM Learning Studio Sessions. You may NOT participate during the workday unless given permission by your supervisor. Participation also depends on your ability to provide your own transportation.

**Where do Learning Studios take place:** There are several counties in Maryland with active Learning Studios for which you can become involved. Please email me and we can find a school for you that is a good fit.

**Themes this year:** Schools throughout Maryland are exploring a variety of themes, for which I can elaborate via email. In addition, there is a special request for individuals in Autism and/or Auditory research to help teachers at Central Middle School in Anne Arundel County develop projects centered around understanding how humans process noise and how noise impacts individuals with autism.

**Who to contact if interested:** Please e-mail **Jessica Ash (jessica.ash@nih.gov)** asap and include your research focus, and which learning webinar date you can attend. Thanks for your interest!

#### Still in the Works:

We have been in touch with Sarah Marsten, the volunteer recruiter for Science Olympiad.

- There are volunteer opportunities available in Maryland and Virginia.
- We have invited Sarah to come talk to the FelCom at the next meeting for an informational about the Science Olympiad and the volunteer needs.



Safra Lodge Food drive: Tentative dates will be for Fall (August or September). Jia is contacting R&W to find out the information.

We are looking into having an outreach Girl Scouts science day with the troop we worked with last year. We had a phone conference with Camillea Graham coordinate dates and time.

- They are also wanting to participate with a hosted event again at the Family Lodge
  - We need dates and times and celebratory ideas to do with the Lodgers.
    - Tentative dates are weekends during the summer.
      - Labour Day celebration?
      - Back to school?
      - Kick off to the food drive when we find dates that do not overlap with other food drives
    - Alternatively, we are welcome to contact the Clinical Center Events Coordinator to set up the science outreach for patient families.
      - Work with the Girls on DNA extractions
      - Have the girls lead DNA extractions at the clinical center for demonstrations
        - Give a short presentation on genetics and SNPs, etc.
        - Q&A
    - We will also seek Visitor's Center opportunities in the future.

**Co-chairs: Shu Hui Chen – NIAID  
Janelsins, Brian – NIAID**

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#### Current Events:

##### **Science Olympiad:**

We have been in touch with Sarah Marsten, the volunteer recruiter for Science Olympiad in the area

- There are volunteer opportunities available in Maryland and Virginia.
- Sarah has come to talk to us today for an informational about the Science Olympiad and the volunteer needs.

##### **ReSET:**

A local non-profit organization, ReSET, has IN classroom volunteer outreach opportunities available in the area for those who are interested in teaching.

ReSET places volunteers in D.C. Metro area pre-kindergarten centers and elementary school classrooms to lead students in hands-on science experiments to promote STEM outreach and spark interest in science and engineering in young students. The link provided shows ReSET presence in schools as of 2012

<<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msa=0&msid=214161005037603278926.00049f3f90b593a4b6ea8&hl=en&ie=UTF8&t=m&z=10&vpsrc=1>>

No educational training or certification is required, and you will always be in the presence of the classroom teacher. A background check is required. Please be advised that participation depends on permission of your supervisor, if you have to leave work in order to get to the school on time, etc. You may NOT participate during the workday unless given permission by your supervisor. Participation depends on your ability to provide your own transportation or use metro. Saturday or after school opportunities may be available depending on the needs of the school.

The Felcom Service and Outreach Subcommittee (SOS) invites you to join us for a ReSET informational meeting August 27, 2013, Building 10 Room 11N230 at 10:30AM. We have invited Mr. John Meagher ([johnmeagher@cox.net](mailto:johnmeagher@cox.net)<<mailto:johnmeagher@cox.net>>), ReSET Executive Director, to join us to answer questions about the program.

If you have interest in participating please come to the informational or contact me directly at [shuhui.chen@nih.gov](mailto:shuhui.chen@nih.gov). Please note that this opportunity is open to the community at large and not limited to fellows.

#### Planning updates:

Safra Lodge Food drive: Tentative dates will be for October. Jia is contacting R&W to find out the information.

- Feds Feed Families goes on till end of August.
- Kick off to the food drive by hosting a luncheon at the Lodge? Maybe a Halloween or Thanksgiving theme.

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#### New topics:

Dates for Casey Tree planting?

Dates for Capitol Area Food Bank Packing?

Dates for Food and Friends-Thanksgiving deliveries?

FAES partnership/opportunities

- Segway to branch Outreach to local Universities?
- Advertise teaching opportunities within FAES for fellows?

### **Social Committee**

*Anna Sundborger (NIDDK) & Christiane Kuschal (NCI)*

No report submitted.

### **Training Directors Committee**

*Cristina Rangel (NCI) & Julien Senac (NHGRI)*

No report submitted.

### **Visiting Fellows Committee**

*David, Sanchez-Martin and Jithesh Veetil (NIAAA)*

**VFC is currently recruiting** interested visiting fellows to join various other projects at VFC like SVH, and webpage development. All visiting fellows who are **VFC has a new Co-chair:** VFC had completed the election for one of the two co-chair position on Monday July 8<sup>th</sup>. **Dr. David Sanchez-Martin, PhD**, post-doctoral fellow in Laboratory of Cellular Oncology at NCI has been elected by majority votes. Dr. Sanchez-Martin and Dr. Jithesh Velichamthotu-veetil are co-chairs for the VFC with effect from July 8, 2013. Dr. Sanchez-Martin succeeds Dr. Vatsalya Vatsalya who was the co-chair for VFC for past 2 years.

**"Immigration-101" mini-symposium** for the visiting fellows at NIH. VFC is organizing a mini symposium addressing various immigration related topics for the fellows at NIH. It will be held on: Sep 13th, 9am-12pm, bldg.45, Bethesda campus. Additional details of the event and link for registering will be announced through OITE website & various listserves soon.

**VFC FLYER:** VFC is drafting a flyer, about various resources available (mainly through OITE/Felcom/VFC) for professional & social activities for newly arriving fellows at NIH. The flyer is intended to circulate to the fellows during DIS orientation event. The main aim of the flyer is to direct the fellows to respective websites by providing a precise & concise description & thereby facilitate the integration of new Visiting Fellows into the NIH community.

**VFC organizes and hosts the Science Voices from Home (SVH)** program for fellows interested in careers abroad. The NIH's Visiting Fellows Committee (VFC), in collaboration with NIH-INDIA, the Fogarty International Center, and the Office of Intramural Training and Education, organized a 'Science Voices from Home' event featuring Prof. Shinjini Bhatnagar on July 18, 2013; 11.30 am- 1.00pm on Bldg 10; Room3-B1C207. This event was targeted to all NIH Visiting Fellows, and was open to all others interested. Professor Shinjini Bhatnagar is currently the Head of the Pediatric Biology Centre within India's Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI). In addition to serving in various leadership and teaching roles, Dr. Bhatnagar continues to lead an active research portfolio at THSTI, focused on bridging the gap between clinical/population epidemiology and mechanistic biology, with the ultimate mission of developing robust sustainable interventions for reducing neonatal and child morbidity & mortality. Dr. Bhatnagar's talk included a discussion on the role/mandate/vision of the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), one of India's newest and most promising biomedical research institutions. Her talk also focused on general opportunities for researchers to come (back) to India, and specific new career opportunities at THSTI.

On July 25, 2013, VFC organized a SVH event focusing research career in Austria. The event was held at OITE conference Room in Bldg 2. Philipp Marxgut, Director and Attaché for Science and Technology at the Embassy of Austria in Washington outlined science career opportunities and resources for science funding in Austria. Fellows had an informal networking opportunity with Philipp Marxgut during this event.

**International Expo 2014:** Based on the highly successful International Expo 2012, VFC has initiated the preliminary groundwork for international expo. Please await for e-mail announcements recruiting volunteers for the expo.

**VFC Newsletter:** After the successful spring release, the newsletter team including many writers and editors are giving final touch the summer edition of VFC newsletter. This will be scheduled to release this week.

**Interested in a science writing career? Looking to add to your science writing portfolio?** The Visiting Fellows Committee is looking for fellows who are interested in writers and editors for the VFC-Newsletter. The Newsletter is dedicated to providing the NIH Fellow community with news from home, information about overseas funding and research opportunities, sharing success stories, and providing relevant career and professional information. Being a part of the VFC-Newsletter production is an excellent opportunity for fellows interested in science writing and editing careers to gain valuable experience, develop transferable skills, and add to their science writing portfolio. If you are interested in being a part of the VFC-Newsletter team, please submit a statement of intent, not greater than 150 words, to Dr. Anne interested in participating and bringing fresh ideas of activities to promote international community and career development are encourage joining the VFC monthly held at at 4:00pm in Bld 2, Rm 2W15

*Reporting for the Aug 2013 meeting: David, Sanchez-Martin, and Jithesh Veetil, Co-chairs, VFC.*

### **WALS Committee**

*Shan He (NIDCD) & Pere Puigbo (NCBI)*

Members:

Sally Davis (NIAID), Panpan Yu (NHLBI), Meghan Drummond (NIDCD), Weili Cai(NICHHD), Shuxi Liu(NINDS)

Nothing to report.

### **Women Scientist Advisors Committee** *Clarisa Buckner (NIAID)*

The WSA held their quarterly meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the fall Anita B Roberts Lecture, WSA Scholars Symposium and new FelCom co-liaison.

a) The Anita B Roberts seminar: [Sept 17th 2013 1-2pm](#) in Lipsett Auditorium. Dr. Wei Yang, section chief of NIDDK's Laboratory of Molecular Biology will give the seminar titled, "Seeing is believing: functional biology at atomic resolution." This seminar highlights outstanding research achievements of women scientists in the Intramural Research Program. The planning for the Anita B Roberts seminar is going well. The Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH, directed by Dr. Janine Clayton) has agreed to continue to support the lecture series by funding posters to advertise the seminar. The Stadtman steering committee has agreed to pay for videocasting in exchange for a brief presentation by Dr. Roland Owens advertising the Stadtman search for tenure track investigators.

b) A committee of 9 WSA representatives has been formed to select 2-3 WSA Scholars from the FARE 2014 female winners. The winners will be recognized at the NIH Research Festival in October, as well as present their work during a WSA/ORWH reception during Women's History Month in Wilson Hall. The WSA Scholars program is another way the organization recognizes the achievements of women scientists in the Intramural Research Program.

c) Aimee Hollander has moved on from the NIH, thus the WSA is looking to fill this position. Dr. Buchanan has submitted a request to the FelCom co-chairs.

**Next meeting: October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

### **NIA- Baltimore**

*Irene Avila & Peter Sykora*

The first Friday of June & July, we had a joint social event with NIDA. Plans for Post-doc appreciation day and the NIH Baltimore Fellows Day have begun.

### **NIEHS-North Carolina**

*Sonika Patial & Jim Aloor*

No report submitted.

### **NCI-Frederick**

*Cristina Rangel (NCI)*

**Social**

- August 4th, Tubing on the Shenandoah River - Frederick: we will meet at 11:00am for carpool in the parking lot of the Fitness Center; Bethesda: we will meet at 10:15am for carpool in the metro parking lot of the main entrance. We will all meet at 11:30 in the parking lot of River & Trail Outfitters - 604 Valley Road, Knoxville, MD 21758 - Phone: 301-695-5177 Price: \$30/unlimited time. <http://www.rivertrail.com/tubing-shenandoah-river.php>
- August 22nd, Social Networking - Rock Bottom, Bethesda, 5:30pm

**Outreach**

- Children's Science Center science education outreach event on August 4th at Tyson's corner. Activity involves helping children learn more about the Ladybug. Steven Cuss and Ingold Huang have volunteered to help out with this activity.

**Scientific Interest Groups (SIG)**

- Updated list of Scientific Interest Groups containing information of 47 active groups at NIH. Please check the attached list. These groups sponsor symposia, poster sessions and lectures; offer mentoring and career guidance for early stage investigators; help researchers share the latest techniques and information; some SIGs are looking for moderators to help in preparing a symposium or all day long events.