

NIH Fellows Committee Agenda
Thursday, May 2, 2013
Wilson Hall, 3rd Floor, Building 1
Call-in number: 1 866 772-5230, Passcode: 4413222

- 1. Welcome New Members**
- 2. Introductions of Committee At-Large**
- 3. April 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. Elections:
 - Child Care Board Liaisons (2),
 - Elected Wendy Knosp
 - Elected Anastasia Aktsyuk
 - IPRWH liaison (1).
 - Elected Ni Hong
 - HSRAC liaison (1)
 - Elected Jeanelle Spencer

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 & Elyssa Monzack</i> |
| c. Child Care Board Liaison | |
| d. Clinical FelCom | <i>Kenneth Remy & Srinivas Vourganti</i> |
| e. Committee on Scientific Conduct & Ethics Liaison | <i>Peter Winter</i> |
| f. FAES Liaison | <i>Jue Chen & Ji Yan</i> |
| g. FARE Committee | <i>Iain Scott & Clarisa Buckner</i> |
| h. Graduate Medical Education Committee | <i>Joel Stoddard & Ali Abbas Syed</i> |
| i. Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee Liaison | |
| j. IPRWH Liaison | |
| k. Job Networking Committee | <i>Shekhar Jha & Adeola Makinde</i> |
| l. Medical Executive Committee Liaison | <i>Srinivas Vourganti & 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 & Julien Senac</i> |
| p. Social Committee | <i>Anna Sundborger & Christiane Kuschal</i> |
| q. Training Directors Committee Liaison | <i>Cristina Rangel, Kenneth Remy & Julien Senac</i> |
| r. Visiting Fellows Committee | <i>Vatsalya Vatsalya & Jithesh Veetil</i> |
| s. WALs Committee | <i>Shan He & James Keller</i> |
| t. Women Scientist Advisors Committee Liaison | <i>Clarisa Buckner & Aimee Hollander</i> |
| u. AFTR Liaison | <i>Arunima Gosh & Soumya Chatterjee</i> |

7. Adjournment

Next meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2013 in Building 1, Wilson Hall – Potluck !!!!!

Graduate student committee:

Graduate students give seminars once a month – they are looking for postdocs to attend the seminars and give them feedback on their data and presentation. Please e-mail Julien or Kenneth if you are interested.

OITE:

The career symposium was May 14th. Each of us should have told five people to register. There were new sessions on management and new skills workshops in balancing careers and life and finding your career path (how fellows can get active while at the NIH).

OITE is hiring a new career counselor and they want a few fellows to help participate in the hiring process – please send Lori an e-mail and let her know why you want to participate. Note: the interviews have already taken place, more info to come at the next meeting.

Graduate professional school day will be in July – more to come at the next meeting.

OIR:

A message on travel was sent to the NIH community by Michael Gottesman in April. Since then the scientific directors and AO's are meeting to try and figure a way to reduce the burden of these travel restrictions. No specifics details are available yet.

Felcom members:

Looking for members of the SOS committee – the meeting is in two weeks at 10:30am in building 10 room 11N230 right next to the elevators. An e-mail will be sent to the listserve or you can e-mail Shu Chen.

Committee on scientific ethics and responsible conduct of research:

They would like feedback from Felcom on the current state of scientific ethics and responsible conduct of research training here at the NIH. This is because extramural funding requires mandatory 8 hour training while intramural funding requires an online module with no enforcement. The NIH is moving to change the intramural training to make it more stringent – keep the online module but add to it. Questions they have are: How do they accommodate the rolling hiring of postdocs? How do you incentivize attendance – why not just make it mandatory? Any comments are appreciated and should be directed to Peter Winter.

FAES:

Please keep an eye out for a survey from FAES about improving the current teaching methods. See the FAES report below for more information.

The new FAES space in building 10 is opening soon!!

The June 6th Felcom meeting will be a potluck!!!!!!

FELCOM May 2013

SUBCOMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Animal Research Advisory Committee

Lara el-Touny (NCI)

Nothing to report.

Career Development Committee

Sandip De (NICHD) & Elyssa Monzack (NIDCD)

Co-chairs: Sandip De (NICHD) & Elyssa Monzack (NIDCD)

Members: Cory Lago (NHLBI), Hui Cheng (NIAID), Lori Conlan (OITE), Chao Jiang (NIAMS), Paul Keller (NIAMS), Ashley Kennedy (NIDA), Kristina McLinden (NINDS), Amanda Melillo (FDA/CBER), Amarjit Mishra (FDA), J 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 3/27/13 and our next scheduled meeting is on 4/2/13. Our last seminar, “Careers in Core Facilities and Service Companies” (4/22/13) was well attended. The seminar was not videocast, but a writeup of the event will be available on the OITE website soon (<https://www.training.nih.gov/FelCom/CareerDevelopment>). Our next seminar will be “Careers in Technology Transfer” on 6/17/13 at Building 50, Room 1227 from 3:00-5:00 pm. There will also be a networking event from 5:30-7.00 pm at BlackFinn in Bethesda.

The “Careers in Technology Transfer” seminar will be videocast and a link to the video will be provided on the OITE website for those who are unable to attend.

Childcare Board Liaison

ELECTION DAY.

Clinical FelCom (ClinFelCom)

Kenneth Remy (CC) & Sid Kerkar (CC)

Sid Kerkar has been elected new Co-chair with Kenneth Remy for clinical felcom. The committee has been very active in following up from the recent quality and safety survey with various departments at the Clinical Center. Our next meeting is June 17 at 4:30 pm in the Board Room..

Committee on Scientific Conduct & Ethics

Peter Winter (NIBIB)

The CSCE was joined by Dr. Sharon Milgram, director of OITE and Dr. Yvonne Lau, the NIH Extramural RIO for the purpose of developing a plan to improve and extend RCR training for new post-bacs, graduate students, post-docs and VFs in the NIH IRP. There was broad agreement that RCR training for the IRP was less than the 8hrs of training required for students which receive extramural support. Currently the NIH IRP requires all new employees, as well as the trainees, to take the online RCR training only once and participate in the one hour review of ethics cases in their IC along with an annual online refresher module. A summary of NSF and NIH RCR requirements, published May 9, 2012, emphasizes that RCR include “substantial face-to-face discussions by course participants and faculty” and notes that the current online training is inadequate. The discussion included a number of recommendations, such that a total of 8 hours of training could be provided to the new trainees.

Possible scenarios discussed include combinations of:

- In person didactic instruction – quarterly, on one day, morning and afternoon sessions.
- Completion of the existing on-line course, refreshers.
- Case studies discussions – perhaps a rolling schedule, bimonthly.
- Topic-specific training by the IC (training directors?), such as epidemiology, clinical research, survey-based research (social-behavioral), other specialty areas.
- Participation in small group role playing using the *Lab – Avoiding Research Misconduct* video.
- Section or Lab specific instruction with mentors on data acquisition, records keeping, data management, data ownership, and communication: mentor/mentee responsibilities and relationships (PI's or staff scientists?)

The CSCE has also asked that FELCOM provide feedback on these proposals and discuss possible attendance incentives (Free lunch, discussions with SD's or other high profile members of the NIH community?).

FAES Liaison

Jue Chen (NHLBI) & Jia Yan (NIAAA)

The FAES Board of Directors met on Thursday, April 25, 2013. The meeting tackled a variety of legal and operational issues that will be addressed in the coming year. FAES Executive Director Christina Farias met with FelCom Liaisons, Jue and Jia, as well as former liaison, Caroline Jochems, prior to the board meeting and discussed strategies for expanding and improving FAES services. The following is a list of current developments:

1. The new FAES Academic Center will soon open. The 20,000 square ft. renovation in Building 10 includes a bookstore and coffee bar, classroom space, a large skylighted terrace, new administrative offices, a faculty club/dining room and a graduate student lounge. For more information and photos, here is a link to the NIH Record report: http://nihrecord.od.nih.gov/newsletters/2013/03_29_2013/story2.htm
2. FAES is recruiting individuals to join the FAES Technology Advisory Committee to help the organization modernize the classroom and teaching. The advisory committee will work on generating ideas to integrate technology into learning, such as consolidating online resources. The committee will meet approximately once every three months. Please contact FelCom FAES Liaisons if you are interested in participating.

A survey will be circulated regarding education and other services provided by FAES, including questions about insurance, ways that fellows can teach, and course options for fellows. We would appreciate input on other topics for the survey.

FARE Committee

Iain Scott (NHLBI) & Clarisa Buckner (NIAID)

Members: Anastasia Akxyuk (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).

Abstract evaluation by judges began on April 11th, instead of the planned April 8th, due to the need for further judge recruitment in several study sections. Submission of all scores is due May 2nd, with final rankings to be completed by May 9th. We thank the FelCom reps for forwarding emails to postdocs in your institutes and serving as judges.

Graduate Medical Education Committee

Joel Stoddard and Ali Abbas Syed

Nothing to Report.

Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee

Joseph Kim (NCI)

ELECTION DAY.

IPRWH Liaison

Remy Brim (CC)

ELECTION DAY

Job Networking Committee

Shekhar Jha & Adeola Makinde (NCI)

No report submitted.

Medical Executive Committee

Kenneth E. Remy (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: Ash, Jessica (NIH/NIA/IRP-Baltimore); Janelins, Brian (NIH/NIAID); Marino, Natascia (NIH/NCI); Reed, Tiffany (NIH/NCI); Yan, Jia (NIH/NIAAAA)

Nothing to report this month. The committee is looking for a new Co-chair

Social Committee

Anna Sundborger (NIDDK) & Christiane Kuschal (NCI)

Members: Shu Hui Chen (NIAID)

Nothing to report

Training Directors Committee

Cristina Rangel (NCI) & Julien Senac (NHGRI)

Meeting was cancelled, next meeting will be held on May 16th, 2013

Visiting Fellows Committee

Vatsalya Vatsalya (NIAAAA) and Jithesh Veetil (NIAAAA)

The First Brown Bag Seminar conducted by VFC on visa and immigration issues on 26th April 2013. The speaker of the seminar was Mr. Zapata, Director of DIS. The session generated lot of enthusiasm & there was a huge turn out. About 45 visiting fellows participated in the interaction, apart from the mail-in questions & video cast participation from Montana.

VFC organizes and hosts the Science Voices from Home (SVH) program for fellows interested in careers abroad. The NIH's Visiting Fellows Committee, in collaboration with the NIH Fogarty International Center and the NIH/OD Office of Intramural Training and Education, will be organizing a 'Science Voices from Home' event featuring Dr. Shahid Jameel, the new C.E.O. of the Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance. This event with Dr. Jameel is targeted to all NIH fellows interested in research opportunities abroad, and is also open to scientists and program staff that may be interested as well. The interactive dialogue with Dr. Jameel will take place on:

Date: Monday May 13th, 2013

Time: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Venue: Building 16 / Stone House Conference Room

***Seating for this event is limited and registration is required. Please register for this event by no later than COB on May 9, 2013, at the following URL:

<http://go.usa.gov/TE9H>

Confirmed Participants will be invited to participate in a networking lunch, immediately following the 'Science Voices from Home' event.

VFC web-link was reorganized and information links for various activities and country groups are available at: <https://www.training.nih.gov/felcom/visitingfellows2>.

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 Miermont-Eltejaye at anne.miermont-eltjaye@nih.gov.

VFC is currently recruiting interested visiting fellows to join various other projects at VFC like SVH, and webpage development. All visiting fellows who are interested in participating and bringing fresh ideas of activities to promote international community and career development are encouraged to join the VFC monthly held at Bldg. 2, on 6th May 013.

WALS Committee

Shan He (NIDCD) & Pere Puigbo Avalos

Members:

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

We successfully hosted Dr. Scott Lowe's visit on Apr 15th. A group of 10 fellows attended the lunch with Dr. Lowe.

Women Scientist Advisors Committee (FDA-CBER)

Clarisa Buckner (NIAID) & Aimee Hollander

WSA met on April 26th 2013.

- WSA submitted a list of 11 female nominees for the 2013-2014 WALS speakers.
 - Majority of those nominated will be speaking in the next year.

- WSA will continue to take names for future nominations
- Update on Keep the Thread: Judie Walters described the program to WSA members and requested that PI's disseminate the information to their institutions.
 - It was discussed that Fellows and Extramural employees were aware of the program but Tenure-track and Tenure scientist were still unaware of the program

WSA will be sending out another email informing PI's of the program this month.

Next meeting July 26th, 2013

NIA- Baltimore

Irene Avila & Peter Sykora

On the first Friday of the month, we had a joint social event with NIDA and on the 10th we had our monthly coffee hour with our Director of Training, Dr. Michele Evans.

NIEHS-North Carolina

Sonika Patial & Jim Aloor

No report submitted.

NCI-Frederick

Cristina Rangel

CCR-FYI Steering Committee Social Networking Event in Frederick! Please join us for food and drinks on Thursday, May 2 at 7 pm. Where: Fajita Grande 5 Willowdale Dr, Frederick, MD. When: Thursday, May 2, 7 pm (\$1.99 drafts and \$2.99 bottled beer)

ELECTIONS

Child Care Board Liaison:

Anastasia Aksyuk

I am currently a Research Fellow at NIH at NIAMS. I have a toddler (15 months) and am very familiar with the difficulties in finding childcare, long waiting lists at NIH, as well as balancing time between research and family. I am interested in addressing the issues that fellows have to face, myself included, when coming to NIH and realizing that NIH centers have extremely long waiting lists.

Wendy Knosp:

As a postdoctoral research fellow and a parent of two young children I am very aware of the needs and concerns of NIH fellows that require childcare for their dependents. I know firsthand the struggle of finding quality affordable childcare in the DC metro area on a postdoc's salary and the difficulties that arise if childcare needs are not being met. I am interested in learning more about the Child Care Board and I am excited for the opportunity to represent my peers to the board as a liaison.

IPRWH Liaison:

Awais Mansoor

Ni Hong

I joined NIH/NIDDK as a visiting fellow four months ago. It is a short time, yet long enough to gradually learn the culture and also the life of a scientist at the NIH main campus. At the same time I am fascinated by many of the initiatives running for the fellows, such as what FelCom is attempting. Though I am not sure how it works, I am sure I am able to learn, just like facing a new experiment. Up-to-date, the portion of women scientist is increasingly high and we also do have quite a number of them doing very well in research - if I may refer to Dr. Wei Yang - a female scientist newly elected member of NAS. After gaining more information on IPRWH, it is no doubt my desire to be able to contribute to the mission of the committee - to promote issues related to women's health - since I am also female.

HSRAC Liaison:

Awais Mansoor

Sudhir Rai

Myself Dr. Sudhir Kumar Rai, started my scientific career from Indian university and came at NIH in 2011 as a Visiting PostDoc Fellow. During past two year, I got wonderful research exposure at NIH under strict rules and regulation. Current, opportunity as a Liaison at FelCom will boost my scientific career and understanding towards research conducted with human subjects.

Jeanelle Spencer

I'm interested in the Human Subjects Research Advisory position. I'm currently in the second year of my postdoc fellowship and would like to get more involved NIH community. Although most of my time has been spent at the bench, I would like to pursue a non-bench scientific career. Serving as a liaison would

allow me to gain much need experience. My branch has many active and upcoming clinical trials. I have been able to learn some of the considerations of developing a protocol and evaluating the data. The ethics and safety of clinical trials and human subjects research are a major concern. I would be passionate and committed to performing the duties of the position

Peter Winter

I am interested in volunteering for the The Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee (HSRAC) liaison opening. I currently serve as the basic sciences representative for NIBIB to Felcom and as the Liaison to the CSCE. I have a broad interest in science policy, I am a member of the Science Policy Interest Group, and I have enjoyed sitting in with the CSCE to observe how ethics and RCR policy are developed here at NIH. I feel that I would also enjoy observing the policy development process with HSRAC. While I do not have personal experience with use of human research subjects related to my position in NIBIB, I do feel that my last 6 months on Felcom and as liaison to CSCE have given me the experience needed to serve successfully as liaison to HSRAC.

Susan Yuditskaya

My name is Susan Yuditskaya MD, and I am submitting my candidacy as a fellow representative in the human subjects research advisory committee. I have been at the NIH since 2010, ever since completing my medical residency at the University of Pittsburgh, initially working as a post-doctoral IRTA on sickle cell research for 2.5 years, and since July 2012 have been training as a clinical fellow in Endocrinology. My duties have been almost solely clinical this past year, and will be transitioning to ~ 50% clinical/50% research starting this coming July. My current research interests include neuroendocrinology of sleep and circadian neurobiology. I would like to get more perspective in the regulatory side of things, and am in particularly interested in gaining experience in the processes involved in conducting safe, ethical research in human patients.