

NIH Fellows Committee Agenda
Thursday, May 1st, 2014
Wilson Hall Third Floor, Building 1
Call-in number: 1 866 772-5230, Passcode: 8168509

- 1. Welcome New Members**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. March minutes- approval**
 - a. Minutes approved
- 4. Remarks (10 Minutes):**
 - a. FelCom Officers: Lucie Low, Kenneth Remy, Anna Sundborger, and Joseph Tiano
 - b. Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE): Lori Conlan and Shawn Mullen
 - c. Office of Intramural Research (OIR): Charles Dearolf
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Reminder about volunteering opportunities for J1-holding Fellows – Christiane Kuschal
 - b. Questions/discussion re. local high school student volunteers at NIH labs – Wendy Knosp
 - c. NPA meeting report – Tara Burke
 - d. PRAT Fellows and request for Felcom rep – Jessica Faupel-Badger
 - e. NCI Shady Grove Felcom rep introduction – Anna Coghill

6. Subcommittees and Liaison Announcements (10 Minutes)

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| a. Animal Research Advisory Committee | <i>Lara el Touny</i> |
| b. Career Development Committee | <i>Jennifer Plank & Elyssa Monzack</i> |
| c. Child Care Board Liaison | <i>Wendy Knosp & Anastasia Aksyuk</i> |
| d. Clinical FelCom | <i>Kenneth Remy & Sid Kerkar</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>Sudhir Rai & Hien Dang</i> |
| h. Graduate Medical Education Committee | <i>Dawn Ionescu & Ali Abbas Syed</i> |
| i. Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee Liaison | <i>Jeanelle Spencer</i> |
| j. IPRWH Liaison | <i>Ni Hong</i> |
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| k. Medical Executive Committee Liaison | <i>Sid Kerkar & Kenneth Remy</i> |
| l. Mentoring | <i>Jessica Pierce & Libby Barksdale</i> |
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| m. National Postdoc Association Liaison | <i>Monica Deshpande & Tara Burke</i> |
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| n. Recreation and Welfare Committee | <i>Jeanne Morin-Leisk</i> |
| o. Service Outreach Subcommittee | <i>Shu Chen</i> |
| p. Social Committee | <i>Anna Sundborger & Christiane Kuschal</i> |
| q. Training Directors Committee Liaison | <i>Andres Canela Rodriguez & Lucie Low</i> |
| r. Visiting Fellows Committee | <i>David Sanchez-Martin & Jithesh Veetil</i> |
| s. WALs Committee | <i>Shan He & James Keller</i> |
| t. Women Scientist Advisors Committee Liaison | <i>Clarisa Buckner & Ulrike Klenke</i> |
| u. AFTR Liaison | <i>Arunima Gosh & Soumya Chatterjee</i> |

7. Adjournment

Next meeting: 4pm Thursday, June 5th, 2014 in Building 1, Wilson Hall

OITE

Career symposium is May 16th

- There will be a session on the common myths of industry
- The scientific director of NIDA, Dr. Antonello Bonci, will give a talk on how to publish in high impact journals
- There will be a happy hour afterwards and its Friday so no need to worry about having one too many ☺. Please come and network.

OITE is still preparing for their extensive review that will be over in 3 more weeks

OIR

Developing a new training model

- OIR is developing a new training model to address the many recent reports on the lack of reproducibility in biomedical research.
 - o This will be mandatory for everyone
- The training model will review experimental design and data analysis among others aspects of research
- OIR is looking for volunteers to read over the training model and give feedback. Our FelCom chairs will send an email to Felcom members looking for volunteers so be on the lookout.

FelCom

International Fellows

- There are a lot of restrictions and trees worth of paperwork for visiting fellows who want to participate in activities outside the NIH (same is true for US citizens just not as complicated).
- FelCom is planning on outing out a Do's and Don'ts list for international fellows (and a shorter one for US citizens) that provides the contact information of relevant administrative official along with a check list of people and forms that need to be address first.
- Most of the regulations governing outside activates are imposed by the Division of International Services (DIS). <http://dis.ors.od.nih.gov/>
 - o DIS need to approve all outside activities even if it's not NIH related (such as teaching for FAES or volunteering at a museum)
- Lori might start adding a policy segment to the weekly OITE email so that each week a policy that applies to fellows will be highlighted.
- The Catalyst is also an avenue to explore for distributing this list
- Everyone agreed that this is a very important issues and a great idea. Further discussion will take place at next month's meeting

Volunteering in labs

- How do high school students go about finding labs that have space to take summer students?
- More information will be provided by Lori at next month's meeting.

NPA meeting

- NPR representative Tara Burke attended the NPA meeting in April
- The focus of the meeting was how PhDs can better position themselves for careers outside of academia, the so called "alternative careers" (Note, academic positions represent only 43% of graduating PhDs so "alternative" careers is a misnomer).
- There was a lot of talks on IDPs and working closely with your mentors to plan your career
- As a fellow at the NIH you can join the NPA for FREE

- The NPA is always accepting volunteers to help out throughout the year.
<http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/>

Child Care Board

- A new child care center is being built to increase the capacity to an additional 100 new slots
- They broke ground this week and the projected open date is fall 2015

Catalyst Article

- The deadline for the next issue is June 1st
- Current ideas include upcoming Felcom events or Do's and Don'ts list for international fellows wanting to do outside activities (see above)
- If you have an idea for this Catalyst space please email Wendy Knosp or Patricia Forcinito

PRAT Fellows

- The PRAT Fellows would like a Felcom representative
 - o For information about the PRAT program visit
<http://www.nigms.nih.gov/Training/Pages/PRAT.aspx>
- There are already a few PRAT fellows in Felcom but no official position
- Felcom was very positive about this idea and a new position will be created
- PRAT symposium June 2nd → see below for more information

Felcom Shady Grove

- A large segment of NCI moved to Shady Grove last year and since the move they have not been as active in Felcom
- They would like a slot on the Felcom agenda to help foster more collaboration
- Felcom was very receptive of this idea
- Look for more information in next month's report

FARE

- Deadline to submit the final report is May 5th

FAES

- They are working on improving their courses for broader training
 - o Considering mini courses that are shorter than 15 weeks
- They are developing an online option for the FAES bookstore so books can be purchased online and picked up in the store
- They are looking into selling their property after moving their offices and classrooms to building 10 late last year
 - o Depends on a lot of factors such as price, etc.
- They are working to improve the insurance system for the small number of fellows who were affected by the ACA that went into effect in March

SUBCOMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Animal Research Advisory Committee

Lara el Touny

No report submitted.

Career Development Committee

Elyssa Monzack (NIDCD) & Jennifer Plank (NIDDK)

The Career Development committee last met on 4/3/14 and our next scheduled meeting is on 5/1/14. Our last seminar “Careers in Academia” took place on 4/15/14. Our next seminar will take place in September.

Childcare Board Liaison

Wendy Knosp & Anastasia Aksyuk

NIH Child Care website <http://www.ors.od.nih.gov/pes/dats/childcare/Pages/index.aspx>

Postdocs cannot be full members of the Child Care Board due to HHS rules that only NIH employees can be full members of the board. The board is considering allowing Postdoc liaisons to be a part of the Membership Committee that selects new board members.

New Northwest Child Care Center (NCCC) Updates

- The Board voted to recommend that children currently on the waitlist get priority on the new NCCC center waitlist, with children on the “on campus” waitlists getting highest priority. **If you want to improve your chances of getting into the new center put your child on the waitlist now.**
- Waitlist for the new center is expected to start in October-November of this year. The center is anticipated to open in the Fall 2015.
- Groundbreaking for the new center is Tuesday, April 29th

The NIH Back-up Care Pilot program has now become a regular program at NIH. Once you register you have access to low cost emergency child care in the case of illness, work travel, etc... Sign up here: <http://www.ors.od.nih.gov/pes/dats/childcare/Pages/Accessing-Bright-Horizons.aspx>

The Child Care Board is currently developing their 2014-2015 Board Work Plan.

Clinical FelCom

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

No report submitted.

Committee on Scientific Conduct and Ethics

Peter Winter

Nothing to report.

FAES Liaison

Jue Chen (NHLBI), Jia Yan (NIAAA)

See minutes for report – recent meeting too late to be included in agenda.

FARE Committee

Sudhir Rai (NICHD) & Hien Dang (NCI)

Abstract evaluation by judges completed on April 28th. Nearly, 923 abstracts were evaluated by 314 registered judges. Submission of the final ranking is due May 5th, 2014. We would like to thank the FelCom representatives for their help in announcing FARE and serving as judges.

Graduate Medical Education Committee

Dawn Ionescu & Ali Abbas Syed

No report submitted.

Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee

Jeanelle Spencer

No report submitted.

IPRWH Liaison

Ni Hong

No report submitted.

Medical Executive Committee

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

No report submitted.

Mentoring Committee

Libby Barksdale and Jessica Pierce

Nothing to report.

NPA Liaison

Monica Deshpande & Tara Burke

No report submitted.

Recreation and Welfare Committee

Jeanne Morin-Leisk

No report submitted.

Service and Outreach Subcommittee

Shu Hui Chen (NIAID) and Brian Janelsin (NIAID)

Past Events:

Safra Lodge Food drive: March 17-April 30. Last delivery will be Friday, May 2.

FAES partnership/opportunities

- Advertise teaching opportunities within FAES for fellows to have curriculum development experiences.
 - There are opportunities for the Fall and next Spring if there is interest.
 - The Educational meeting was on April 16. We discussed how to implement courses that would be accepted NIH-wide. Please email shuhui.chen@nih.gov if interested in developing a special topics course or continuing the current special topics courses: Introduction to Forensic Science or Introduction to Personalized Medicine.

DC Food Kitchen

- Tilman is following up on this venture-Possible dates in August or October.

New Business:

- Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk in Washington, DC for the American Cancer Society. (Nermi Parrow)

- Promotional Table at the June 7th or 8th date for NorthFace 50mile run at Algonquin Regional Park to advertise for Making Strides in October.
 - There will be two 4 hours shifts on the day that we have the NorthFace Table.
- Making Strides walk is scheduled to take place on Sunday, October 5 2014.
 - Shifts and assignments TBA
- The website is live (check it out at www.makingstrideswalk.org/washingtondc)

Social Committee

Anna Sundborger & Christiane Kuschal

May 16th:
Career Symposium Social at Brickside, Bethesda

TBD:
Social at Roof in Bethesda

Training Directors Committee

Andres Canela Rodriguez and Lucie Low

This month it was not Postdoctoral Subcommittee (PS) of the Training Directors Committee (TDC).

In the last Training Directors Committee (TDC) on April 17, 2014, there were two main discussions, first about the Insurance for the fellows. There is a new policy that is going to cut back some of the benefits covered now by the FAES because of the higher cost. Currently when a fellow ends at the NIH, the fellow's health insurance is covered until the end of that month. Under the new policy, the health insurance will terminate the same day that the fellow leaves. Fellows will have the option of extending their insurance through the COBRA law, but will have to pay the full cost themselves. The TDC requested a meeting with FAES administrators to explain more about the new policy and to answer questions. Second, the OITE is going to be evaluated by an outside panel. The TDC is going to participate in the evaluation. Also there are plans to discuss the relationship between the OITE with the individual institute training directors.

Visiting Fellows Committee

David Sanchez-Martin & Jithesh Veetil

Join VFC...

VFC is currently recruiting interested visiting fellows to join various projects at VFC like SVH, webpage development and new ideas to help the transition from abroad (or leaving NIH!). All visiting fellows who are interested in participating and bringing fresh ideas of activities to promote international community and career development are encourage joining the VFC monthly meeting held at 4:00pm in Bld 2, Rm 2W15, the second Monday of the month. Please come to our next meeting on May 11th!

International Expo 2014 (to be held on September 9th, 2014):

We are grateful for the feedback received from FelCom and members during the last month. We are still looking for feedback from former fellows at NIH that are now working abroad. What were the biggest problems when applying for a position abroad? What can be done while still at NIH to ease the transition? Etc. We would really appreciate it if you could send us an email with the contact information of any former fellow you know that now is working abroad (academia, industry, NGO, consulting... anything!).

- Jithesh (jithesh.velichamthotuveetil@nih.gov), or
- David (david.sanchezmartin@nih.gov)

VFC Newsletter

The spring edition newsletter has been published as you may have noticed. Please, download it from: https://www.training.nih.gov/vfc_newsletter.

The 2012 NIH International Expo Special Edition has all approvals and will be out shortly.

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-eltejaye@nih.gov.

Science Voices from Home (SVH)

VFC organizes and hosts the Science Voices from Home (SVH) program for fellows interested in careers abroad. For more information, please contact Martin Lang (martin.lang@nih.gov) of the Visiting Fellows Committee, Science Voices from Home subcommittee.

Brown Bag Series:

VFC organizes a series of brown bags about topics of interest for Visiting Fellows. Any suggestions or feedback would be appreciated. Please contact, Masfique Mehedi (masfique.mehedi@nih.gov) or Sudhir Rai at (Sudhir.Rai@nih.gov).

Reporting for the May 2014 meeting: David Sanchez-Martin and Jithesh Veetil, Co-chairs, VFC.

WALS Committee

Pere Puigbo Avalos and Nermi Parrow

Nothing to report.

Women Scientist Advisors Committee

Clarisa Buckner (NIAID) and Ulrike Klenke (NINDS)

The WSA held their quarterly meeting on April 25th, 2014. Points on the agenda included the request for volunteers to serve on the WSA executive committee, vote on the next WSA co-chair, a discussion about the NIH Salary Survey for tenure track and tenured investigators analysis, and a discussion about the postdoc survey.

The meeting was well attended. Tish Murphy (NHLBI) was elected as new WSA co-chair.

Per last meeting, WSA representatives were asked to report if their meetings with their institute's scientific director were successful and how the discrepancies would be rectified in the different ICs. Dr. Gottesman stated that needed salary adjustments of 6% or less could be fixed within individual institutes, but still needs NCC approval. Larger adjustments could now be addressed by OIR on a case-by-case basis.

Dr. Gottesman reported on the recent postdoc survey about career choices, work-life balance (children), and lecture attendance. The results were presented either as combination of both male and female postdocs or looking only at female postdocs. This survey opened many eyes and got the discussion going, mainly focused on the topic of the "leaky pipeline" – why so many female postdocs do not pursue a career as

principle investigators. Due to time constraints, the discussion was ended and will resume at the next meeting.

The next WSA meeting is July 25th, 2014.

NIDA- Baltimore

Comfort Boateng

We at NIDA will be holding our 3rd annual Poster Day and Mentoring Awards Ceremony on May 14th, 2014, 8:30-11:30 AM in the BRC atrium.

This event honors one postdoctoral fellow, one staff scientist/clinician, and two PIs who are outstanding mentors to trainees.

NIA- Baltimore

Jennifer Illuzzi

No report submitted.

NIEHS-North Carolina

Kristin Gabor and Kym Gowdy

Scientific Careers

- Tammy Collins of the OFCD is beginning to organize the Spring General Assembly meeting (for all research fellows) at NIEHS. It is scheduled for May 16.
- 2014 NIEHS Biomedical Career Symposium was held last week on Friday, April 25th. We held 10 workshop speakers and 10 career panel sessions this year and the event was a great success. We had over 400 people register and ~350 in attendance, along with 74 professionals (speakers, exhibitors, career panelists, CV reviewers).
- NTA here has been invited to host one of the speakers for the Distinguished Lecturer Series. We will be working on nominations and will submit preference for a few speakers in case the first choice is not available.

Social

- New happy hour on the second Thursday of each month at Bralie's Sports Bar.
- Next fourth Thursday meetup at Fullsteam Brewery will be held on May 22, 2014

Outreach

- The Office of Science Education and Diversity is sponsoring a 2-week long summer institute for high school biology teachers. This is a professional development workshop and is scheduled from July 7-July18 at NIEHS. There is a Volunteer Teaching opportunity for those at NIEHS to participate with varying degrees of time commitment.
 - o One hour lecture, lead group discussions, working with teachers to design a study, demonstrate research methods, etc.

NCI-Frederick

Payal Khanna

No report submitted.

FDA CBER/CDER Fellows Association

Evgeniya Volkova

No report submitted.

Request for NIGMS-Postdoctoral Research Associates (PRAT) Program to have a dedicated FelCom representative

The NIGMS-PRAT program is a unique intramural training program for postdoctoral fellows. The PRAT fellows are conducting researching within the NIH Intramural Research Program but also are supported by and exposed to the extramural NIH culture through their appointment at NIGMS. In addition, this small cadre of fellows participates in a structured training program with defined curriculum elements. Given this position at the nexus of intramural and extramural, as well as the structured training, the NIGMS-PRAT FelCom representative would bring a unique perspective to the committee's discussions and work based on this experience. In addition, the NIGMS-PRAT FelCom representative would keep NIGMS connected with the concerns of fellows in the intramural research program.

Jessica Faupel-Badger

The Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics at NCI Shady Grove

The Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics at NCI Shady Grove is a very active division of NCI that focuses on translational genetics work and Epidemiology/Biostatistics, which is really quite unique from the other aspects of NCI. We haven't traditionally been very visible in FELCOM to date, but I would like to change that as we have dozens of population science postdocs and host multiple postdoc seminars and career development events throughout the year that could be of interest to other NIH fellows.

Anna Coghill.

PRAT Fellows

NIGMS Postdoctoral Research Associates (PRAT) Annual Symposium
Natcher Conference Center
Balcony B and Atrium
June 2, 2014
Noon – 3:30 pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, National Institutes of Health

Fellows Completing the PRAT Program:

Christine Jao, Ph.D.
Talk title – “Structural Analysis of a Bacterial Zinc Transporter”
Preceptor, Susan Buchanan, Ph.D. (NIDDK)

Karl Erlandson, Ph.D.
Talk title – “Genome expansion of dsDNA viruses to acquire drug resistance”
Preceptor, Bernard Moss, M.D., Ph.D. (NIAID)

Kentner Singleton, Ph.D.

Talk title – “Strengthening the Th17 response: Myogenic factors as immune modulators”
Preceptor, John O’Shea, M.D. (NIAMS)

Stephen Parker, Ph.D.

Talk title – “Enhancer biology in disease: stretch enhancers in type 2 diabetes”
Preceptor, Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D. (NHGRI)