

# NIH Fellows Committee Agenda

**Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**  
**Wilson Hall Third Floor, Building 1**  
**Call-in number: 1 866 772-5230, Passcode: 8168509**

- 1. Welcome New Members**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Approval of April minutes**
- 4. Remarks (10 Minutes):**
  - a. FelCom Officers: Sarah Morgan, Agnes Mwakingwe, Elizabeth Gordon, Katherine Reding
  - b. Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE): Lori Conlan
  - c. Office of Intramural Research (OIR): Charles Dearolf
- 5. New Business (5 minutes)**
- 6. Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements (15 Minutes)**
- 7. Any other business (5 minutes)**

**Next meeting: August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM**

## **Remarks:**

### **Felcom Officers**

- Sarah Morgan – No meeting in July. Next FelCom meeting is August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. A panel of training directors will attend the next meeting. They want to know about any improvements in the fellow training program we would like to see.
- Agnes Mwakingwe – Agnes is stepping down. The new clinical co-chairs will be Katherine Araque Triana & Chris Pleyer
- Elizabeth Gordon – nothing to announce

### **Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE): Lori Conlan**

- Career Symposium was a big success although the number of individuals who attended was down this year compared to last year and the year before. Any idea why this could be? It cost about \$60,000 to run. May consider doing it every other year if attendance is down again next year.
- Summer interns are coming!
- NIH Credit Union wants to help fellows. They offer financial services that we may not be aware of and may offer a seminar to familiarize fellows with these services.

### **Office of Intramural Research (OIR): Charles Dearolf**

- Thank you to those who participated in the FARE awards and judging.

## **New Business**

- Kimberly LeBlanc – New Childcare center had the ribbon cutting ceremony
  - a. On June 19<sup>th</sup>, children from ChildKind will be given the opportunity to switch to the new center
  - b. On June 26<sup>th</sup>, children from the waitlist will be contacted

- Sarah Morgan – New co-chairs for career development committee have been appointed. Recruiting new members!
- John Gallagher – For next year, FARE wants to get an idea if you would be willing to judge FARE awards that are not in your specific field. This year, a lot conflicts of interest had to be dealt with. If you have any feedback, please email FARE.
- Eric Refsland – Launching an online-learning pilot program to increase accessibility to their graduate courses. To pay for this pilot program, tuition for all courses will increase by \$10. See below for more details.
- Jessica Petrick – FAES, in partnership with WSA committee, will begin to administer a short exit survey in July to all postdoctoral fellows as they leave NIH. As an incentive to complete the anonymous survey, each participant will receive a \$5 gift card for the FAES bookstore.
- Stal Shrestha – Concern over overlap of social events. Would be nice if we can get an NIH wide social events calendar so we can coordinate better.

## **Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements**

### **Career Development Committee**

*Jennifer Symonds & Sarah Morgan*

The Career Development Subcommittee would like to congratulate our new co-chairs, Qiong Fu and Hetal Pandya!

Our next meeting will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 3PM in the OITE conference room (Building 2, 2W-15). We are recruiting new members so please join us!

### **FAES Liaisons**

*Eric Refsland & Simona Rosu*

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### **FARE Committee**

*John Gallagher & Pushpanathan Muthuirulan*

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### **NCI-Shady Grove (DCEG)**

*Alison Van Dyke*

**Change in DCEG FelCom Representative:** I will be stepping down as NCI Shady Grove/DCEG FelCom Representative to focus on my job search and wrapping up projects. I will remain in this position until a replacement is named.

### **Upcoming Seminar at NCI Shady Grove:**

Douglas Stewart, MD

“The DiscovEHR collaboration: a unique resource for translational genomics and precision health”

Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
NCI Shady Grove TE 406

**Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM**

## MEMBERSHIP

FelCom Subcommittee	Co-Chairs
<b>Career Development Committee</b>	Jennifer Symonds & Sarah Morgan
<b>Clinical FelCom</b>	Katherine Araque Triana & Chris Pleyer
<b>FARE Committee</b>	John Gallagher & Pushpanathan Muthuirulan
<b>Mentoring Committee</b>	Gloria Laryea & Jennifer West
<b>Service and Outreach Subcommittee</b>	Douglas Dluzen & Zelia Worman
<b>Social Committee</b>	Luiz Felipe Barella & Stal Shrestha
<b>Visiting Fellows Committee</b>	Fatima Ali-Rahmani & Stephanie Olivier-Van Stichelen
<b>Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series (WALS)</b>	Fatima Chowdhry & Salina Gairhe

FelCom Liaison Position	Liaison(s)
<b>American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR)</b>	<i>VACANT</i>
<b>Animal Research Advisory Committee</b>	<i>TO BE ELECTED</i>
<b>Child Care Board</b>	Kimberly LeBlanc & Blake Warner
<b>Committee on Scientific Conduct &amp; Ethics</b>	Andrew Frank-Wilson
<b>Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES)</b>	Eric Refsland & Simona Rosu
<b>Graduate Medical Education Committee</b>	Devika Kapuria & Kannan Kasturi
<b>Graduate Student Council (GSC)</b>	Sara Kimmich & Laura Gorrell
<b>Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee (HSRAC)</b>	<i>VACANT</i>
<b>Medical Executive Committee</b>	Katherine Araque Triana & Chris Pleyer
<b>National Postdoc Association</b>	Didier Chalhoub
<b>Outreach Liaison</b>	Craig Myrum
<b>PRAT Liaison</b>	Dylan Murray
<b>Recreation and Welfare Committee</b>	Stal Shrestha
<b>Training Directors Committee</b>	Valerie Miller & Belinda Hauser
<b>Women Scientist Advisors Committee (WSA)</b>	Fatima Ali-Rahmani & Jessica Petrick

Institute/Center	Representative(s)	Institute/Center	Representative(s)
<b>CCR-FYI (NCI)</b>	Manasi Apte	<b>NICHD</b>	Suna Gulay
<b>FDA</b>	Narayana Garimella	<b>NIDA</b>	Andrew Kesner
<b>NCATS</b>	Mike Iannotti & <i>TBD</i>	<b>NIDCD</b>	Hui-Tung (Candy) Wong
<b>NCCIH</b>	Eleni Frangos	<b>NIDCR</b>	Belinda Hauser
<b>NCI-CPFP</b>	Claire Meaney (Basic) & Maryam Doroudi (Clinical)	<b>NIDDK</b>	Sarah Morgan
<b>NCI-Shady Grove</b>	Alison Van Dyke	<b>NIEHS</b>	Deirdre Robinson
<b>NEI</b>	Ruchi Sharma	<b>NIGMS</b>	Dylan Murray
<b>NHGRI</b>	Jason Sinclair	<b>NIMH</b>	Kathy Reding
<b>NHLBI</b>	Elizabeth Gordon	<b>NIMHD</b>	<i>VACANT</i>
<b>NIA</b>	Doug Dluzen & Christina Banuelos	<b>NINDS</b>	James Park (Clinical) & Tatjana Atanasijevic (Basic)
<b>NIAAA</b>	Karina Abrahao (Basic) & Carlos Cortes (Clinical)	<b>NINR</b>	Paule Joseph
<b>NIAID</b>	Eric Refsland	<b>NCBI/NLM</b>	Gurmeet Kaur
<b>NIAMS</b>	<i>VACANT</i>	<b>USUHS</b>	Debjani Mandal
<b>NIBIB</b>	Qianping He	<b>VRC (NIAID)</b>	<i>VACANT</i>

# **SUBCOMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS**

## **Animal Research Advisory Committee**

*TO BE ELECTED*

Seeking a new ARAC liaison! Nothing to report.

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## **Childcare Board Liaisons**

*Kimberly LeBlanc & Blake Warner*

The childcare board has not met since last time, so there is nothing to report.

## **Clinical FelCom and Medical Executive Committee**

*Agnes Mwakingwe, Katherine Araque Triana, & Chris Pleyer*

Nothing to Report

## **Committee on Scientific Conduct and Ethics**

*Andrew Frank-Wilson*

Nothing Reported

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## **Graduate Medical Education Committee**

*Devika Kapuria & Kannan Kasturi*

Nothing Reported

## **Graduate Student Council Liaisons**

*Sara Kimmich & Laura Gorrell*

Nothing Reported

## **Mentoring Committee**

*Gloria Laryea & Jennifer West*

Nothing Reported

2018 NCI-CCR-FYI colloquium dates have been finalized as 1-2 March 2018. Core Committee has been elected and they will start planning the details next month.

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NPA Liaison

*Didier Chalhoub*

**“You are a stronger force than you realize.”**

**“Your best story beats your best data.”**

Francis Collins, Ph.D., National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director

• **NPA announcements and updates**

- Interesting document about communicating your science and enhancing science public relations: [http://static.ow.ly/docs/Communication\\_adcom\\_6nfA.pdf](http://static.ow.ly/docs/Communication_adcom_6nfA.pdf)
- Survey about the challenges disabled academics face and what can be done to address them, [here](#).
- A new policy was announced on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to free up funds now held by 6% of the 1950 lead investigators over the cap so that NIH could support 1600 more grants for early- and midcareer investigators (full article, [here](#)).
- This month’s issue of the POSTDOCKET includes impressions from the NPA annual meeting: [http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/page/postdocket\\_toc](http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/page/postdocket_toc)

**JOIN the NPA!**

Log on to the NPA member community, and engage with other members through blogs, forums, and member search functionality.

Remember to join one or more of the committees listed below:

**A. Advocacy Committee**

Addresses all advocacy and policy issues relating to and affecting the postdoctoral community (including but not limited to general policy, diversity, and international postdoc issues).

**B. Outreach Committee**

Promotes the mission, values, goals, and business objectives of the NPA

**C. Meetings Committee**

Plans and organizes the NPA Annual Meeting

**D. Resource Development Committee**

Develops tools and resources for the postdoctoral community. New Potential projects are in need of volunteers. Contact me if interested.

**E. The POSTDOCKET Committee**

Plans and publishes *The POSTDOCKET*, the NPA's quarterly newsletter. POSTDOCKET archives is members-only. However, you might be eligible for a free Affiliate membership.

### **Outreach Liaison**

*Craig Myrum*

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 it takes a couple weeks between submitting and posting since many people must approve them.
2. Check out the May-June Catalyst article about data science training at the NIH. The July-August one will be about training opportunities outside of OITE and FelCom.
3. Be sure to join the LinkedIn page! Fellows at the NIH -FelCom

### **Postdoctoral Research Associate Training (PRAT) Program**

*Dylan Murray*

The PRAT fellowship program is accepting applications for the October 2017 cycle. NIGMS PRAT Program is a competitive postdoctoral fellowship program providing three years of support to fellows conducting research within the NIH Intramural Research Program, as well as additional mentorship, career development activities and networking. The program places special emphasis on training fellows in all scientific areas supported by NIGMS, including cell biology, biophysics, genetics, developmental biology, pharmacology, physiology, biological chemistry, computational biology, immunology, neuroscience, technology development and bioinformatics. Awardees are able to work with any PI from any institute of the NIH. Applicants to the PRAT program must apply using the F12 fellowship funding mechanism. Applicants can apply before coming to the NIH or within two years of starting work at an NIH laboratory. This is an NIH funding opportunity akin to the F32/NRSA individual postdoctoral fellowship award and is reviewed by an extramural study section. Applicants selected for the PRAT program receive an F12 fellowship award that is recorded in NIH RePORTER. Appointments are made at competitive salary levels, commensurate with experience and recognition of selection for this program. The next receipt date for applications is October 3, 2017. More information, including a recent application webinar, can be found on the NIGMS PRAT Program website.

#### Eligibility:

“By the time of the start of the fellowship period, the individual must be a citizen or a non-citizen national of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence (i.e., possess a currently valid Permanent Resident Card USCIS Form I-551, or other legal verification of such status).”

NIGMS PRAT Program website:

<https://www.nigms.nih.gov/Training/Pages/PRAT.aspx>

Fi2 Funding Mechanism website:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-130.html>

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

*Stal Shrestha*

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, the NIH Wellness Workshop organized “Tune In & Take Care” event led by Michael J. Sheridan, PhD.

This month, the Wellness @ NIH is providing the following fitness classes for FREE!

For more information, please go to <http://wellnessatnih.nih.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.ors.od.nih.gov/pes/dats/wellness/Pages/index.aspx>

All classes are free and open to all NIH staff.

Please feel free to email if you have any question or suggestion! [stal.shrestha@nih.gov](mailto:stal.shrestha@nih.gov).

### **Social Committee**

*Luiz Felipe Barella & Stal Shrestha*

We organized a social event following the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual NIH Career Symposium at Rock Bottom in Bethesda. There was around 45 people attending this event.

We are organizing the next event, if you have any suggestion for a venue, please let us know.





**Announcements:**

The SOS is looking for a new Baltimore Co-Chair to begin sometime in Summer 2017. Please email Doug Dluzen ([douglas.dluzen@nih.gov](mailto:douglas.dluzen@nih.gov)) for more information.

**Recent Events:**

- **(Baltimore)** volunteer **tree planting** in Birdland – Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 <http://baltimoretreetrust.org/get-involved>
- **(Bethesda)** Rockville Science Day - 28th annual **Rockville Science Day on Sunday, April 23, 2017**
- **(Bethesda and Baltimore)** Cinco de Mayo Joint campus Event, **May 20 11:30am-2pm** – Safra Lodge – Family themed event to celebrate Cinco de Mayo!

**Upcoming Events:**

- **(Baltimore) Helping Up Mission:** <https://helpingupmission.org/> . 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.

**Training Directors Committee**

*Valerie Miller and Belinda Hauser*

The Postdoc Subcommittee of the Training Directors Committee (TDC) met on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>:

Recap of the National Postdoctoral Association Annual Meeting, which took place March 17-19<sup>th</sup>.

- Some useful resources discussed at the NPA meeting that may be helpful to postdocs include:
  - Academic Career Readiness Assessment: [career.ucsf.edu/acra](http://career.ucsf.edu/acra)
  - [asbmb.org/careers/](http://asbmb.org/careers/)
  - [sciencesketches.org](http://sciencesketches.org)

The next Postdoc Subcommittee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss potential projects the Postdoc Subcommittee could develop to tangibly improve fellow training.

The TDC met on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and the following items were discussed:

New Post doc exit survey initiative:

- NIH Post-doc exit survey given by Debbie Hinton (NIDDK) and Kelly Ten Hagen (NIDCR)
- How to effectively get postdocs to inform FAES they have completed their training.
- Survey does not want to negate current surveys from other institutes
- How to retain individuals in PI positions. Where are they going after?
- Questions must be designed in such a way they don't influence or bias further questions
- Request for training director's committee for help and will revisit status/effectiveness in 6 months.

PRAT presentation given by Dr. Jessica Faupel-Badger

- PRAT fellowship deadline is Oct 3, 2017
- Graduate students can apply prior to post-doc start date
- 18% PRAT success rate
- Several benefits to applying: connection with NIH and grant application, thinking about career, all applications receive written critiques

FAES increase co-pay confirmed by TDC:

- Nov 1, 2017 effective start date for the Trainee FAES health insurance
- Co-pays increasing from \$10 to \$20

- \$250 deductible for individuals and \$450 for families

Other announcements:

- NIDCD: EARssentials: Concepts and Techniques of Contemporary Hearing Research, July 17-21<sup>st</sup>  
<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/news/events/earssentials-concepts-and-techniques-contemporary-hearing-research-2017>  
 Contact Elyssa Monzack if interested in attending: Elyssa.monzack@nih.gov
- Technology transfer training will be required for staff and summer students
- A small group of TDC directors will attend a future FelCom meeting for a panel discussion

**Visiting Fellows Committee**

*Fatima Ali-Rahmani & Stephanie Olivier-Van Stichelen*

Nothing Reported

**WALS Subcommittee**

*Fatima Chowdhry & Salina Gairhe*

The NIH Director’s Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series (WALS) will host the following speakers for the month of June 2017.

Date	Speaker	Home Institute	Title of the Talk
June 7	Louise D. McCullough, M.D., Ph.D.	UT Health	Translational stroke research
June 13	Atul Gawande, M.D., M.P.H.	Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health	Systems science and innovation in health care delivery
June 14	Ken Ramos, M.D., Ph.D.	University of Arizona	Repetitive DNA sequences in health and disease: gift wrappings for precision medicine
June 21	Dinshaw J. Patel, Ph.D.	Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center	Structural biology of gene, epigenetic and immune regulation
June 28	Feng Zhang, Ph.D.	The Broad Institute	Word processor for the genome: technologies for improving our understanding and treatment of diseases

**Women Scientist Advisors Committee**

*Fatima Ali-Rahmani & Jessica Petrick*

Nothing Reported

**NIH Federal Credit Union – Fellows advantage program**

<https://www.nihfcu.org/membership/fellows-advantage-program.aspx>

## **Clinical Co-Chair Statement**

Learning is a team lifelong journey.

My name is ***Katherine Araque***. In my opinion, contributing to the improvement in practices from leadership positions is one of the best training experiences in life. My enthusiasm always led me to join efforts with others in the search for system based changes and implementation of institution wide policies. During my training at Yale New Haven Health system – Bridgeport Hospital in CT, I volunteered to improve patient care and safety by improving and standardizing the approach to hypoglycemia management. This program allowed physicians in training to feel comfortable when facing complex scenarios of life-threatening hypoglycemia and decreased the prevalence of such episodes in the hospital. During my residency training, I also volunteered to mentor junior residents during their training to find ways to improve patient care by participating in quality improvement projects.

Since I started fellowship, I volunteered to be a representative for Endocrinology fellows, which also includes coordinating the board review experience for my endocrinology peers. I have found that the NIH is at the forefront of patient care, clinical education, innovative investigation that creates the perfect training environment. I found in FelCom a great system to integrate the administration and fellows so we can all work together to advance our education while improving patient care.

As a co-chair, I would like to work on fellows wellness and to improve participation of basic science and clinical fellows on quality improvement projects. If elected, I will become a suitable advocate for all fellows at all levels. I will deliver the inner strength and energy, desire to be better and professionalism of a highly motivated individual who loves her profession.