

NIH Fellows Committee Agenda

Thursday, May 4th, 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 (15 minutes)
 - a. FAES Liaison election
6. Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements (15 Minutes)
7. Any other business (5 minutes)

Next meeting: June 1st, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 4:05pm

Remarks

Felcom Officers

- Sarah Morgan – Welcome to all the new faces here at FelCom. We are still looking for an Animal Research Advisory Committee liaison. Please contact Sarah if interested.
- Elizabeth Gordon – Send Elizabeth an email for attendance if you called in.
- Katherine Reding – No comment

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

- Career Symposium – May 11th
 - First panel at 8:45pm – 5 panelist who were at the first symposium (10 years ago)
 - Celebrate 10-year Anniversary with cake at 3:15pm
- Thank you for volunteering at Postbac Poster Day!

Office of Intramural Research (OIR): Charles Dearolf

- Stipend increase will occur in the June paycheck (2%)

New Business

- **FAES Liaison elections:** Simona Rosu, Ph.D. ran unopposed. Welcome Simona!

Subcommittee and Liaison Announcements

- **FAES:** Effective on November 1st 2017, there will be an increased copay from \$10 - \$20; deductibles will increase to \$250 individual and \$400 for family coverage.
- **Child Care Board:** Currently 800 children on waitlist, but new facility will accommodate 15% of the current waitlist.
 - Only 6 new slots in the facility are available for infants
 - “Take me there” app provides childcare services related info
 - Does anyone have feedback on the Child Care Board presentation previously given at FelCom?

- Backup Care (Question from Lori Conlan) – CCB is working on getting it for postdocs, but currently a difficult program to implement. Title 42 fellows are still eligible.
 - Likely only single parent would be qualified based on salary requirements.
- **Service and Outreach Subcommittee:** Safra Lodge Event on Saturday May 20th. Will be setting up a picnic there.
- **Graduate Student Council:** Will be hosting a meetup at the Nationals Game on the 23rd
 - Host regular HH on the 1st Thursday of the Month (Rock Bottom)
- **Training Directors Committee:** The next meeting on the 18th, and they are looking for topics of discussion to bring up during this meeting.

Additional Business

Meeting Adjourned at 4:38pm

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

SUBCOMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Animal Research Advisory Committee

TO BE ELECTED

Seeking a new ARAC liaison! Nothing to report.

Career Development Committee

Jennifer Symonds & Sarah Morgan

The Career Development Subcommittee held its final panel of the season in April. We will resume meeting on August 3rd, at 3PM in the OITE conference room (Building 2, 2W-15). Our next panel will be held in September 2017.

In the meantime, we encourage everyone to continue with their career development!!! To that end, please attend OITE's 10th Annual Career Symposium, to be held on May 11th in Natcher (Building 45). See more information and register at: [https://www.training.nih.gov/events/view/2/1920/10th Annual NIH Career Symposium](https://www.training.nih.gov/events/view/2/1920/10th%20Annual%20NIH%20Career%20Symposium).

Do you have a great idea for a career panel, or something to improve career development at the NIH? Send us your ideas and we will consider them for next year.

Childcare Board Liaisons

Kimberly LeBlanc & Blake Warner

The Child Care Board met on April 20th. After Introductions and approval of the minutes from the last meeting, the schedule for Childcare board meetings for the 2017-2018 year was announced, as follows:

NIH Childcare Board Schedule: September 7, Oct 26th, Dec 7th, Jan 25th, Mar 1st, April 19th, May 31st

The conferences rooms will be updated during some of these times.

NWCCC Update

Interior finishes are nearing completion. Cabinets, tile, flooring are being completed. Several milestones have been reached: MDE permit has been received, power is on in the facility, and the project team will move into the building this week. They will be working on the southwest side and curbing on that side.

Schedules were presented although minimal timeline, and pictures of the site were presented. Playground construction is weather dependent, but the Tot and 2's playground is ready. There will be cedar in the multi-purpose room.

Glass for doors was installed. Heavy door issue was mostly resolved. Active commissioning is occurring. The parking lot, fire lane and canopies are the focus of upcoming weeks.

Final project completion is targeting May 30th.

Waitlist Update

108 people dropped off the NWCCC waitlist. Families dropped for several reasons, including location (not convenient to office), or their child being cared for at another center or starting Kindergarten in the fall.

On Jan 1st, 181 families were added, almost double the number removed. 90% of them included NWCCC. Other 10% were off campus only.

864 children on waitlist for NWCCC:

Child's age in months (or due date if not yet born)	Number of children waiting
Due date	139
0-12 months	228
13-18	82
19-24	90
25-36	162
37-48	93
49+	70

Phased-in enrollment for NWCCC because it is based on licensing of qualified staff. Rockville Day Care (RDCA) will start making enrollment calls April 24, starting with ChildKind families. New families will begin getting called in early May. It will likely be the end of summer before all children are enrolled. RDCA is meeting with NIH Childcare Board, and still has details to address regarding food vendor, etc. **There will likely be only 6 new infants accepted from the waitlist after ChildKind children are enrolled.**

Ribbon Cutting: ORS is working with Building 1 for ribbon cutting, which will likely be scheduled for early Fall.

New Liaisons to the Board

- Health and Wellness Council – Chris Gaines
- Aging and Adult Dependent Care – *in progress*

Liaisons appointed by the board:

- Must have served at least one year as a voting member
- Appointed by the chairs
- Women in biomedical careers
- Aging and adult dependent care committee
- Health and wellness council

Strategic Planning Committee Update

The primary goals of the committee for this year have been:

- advising and assisting ORS with branding and marketing campaign
- R&R info material for NIH outreach
- Identifying additional populations to reach out to
- Continuing to create articles and messages for the NIH community
- Creating a calendar of articles/outreach
- Conducting presentations to NIH leadership and groups
- Reviewing results of the Benchmark Study and sharing that information with the NIH community and outside.

Through the committee, NIH child and family programs has been working with Medical Arts to create slides to use as consistent branding. A new brochure, pamphlet, and app were created, and a new set of posters posted on directors bulletin boards. Presentations were given to a number of groups: NIA, NIBIB, NICHD, NIGMS, NHGRI, NHLBI, Women in biomedical careers working group, ORSAC, FELCOM, Clinical Fellows, H&W Council, and the Deputy Executive Officers.

NIHCC Take Me There App – within this app there is information and buildouts for the NIH Child and Family Program and what is on the ORS website and served through new platform. **Feedback eric.cole@nih.gov**. The app is useful for patients and employees, and is more than just a tool to locate rooms in Building 10. The app integrates with NED and provides information on shuttle buses and staff services.

Moving forward, the committee will explore alternative mechanisms to deliver information, continue to advise and assist ORS with marketing, continue outreach, develop a tracking tool to record impact of marketing efforts and identify gaps (i.e., pops being missed).

Dr. Wyatt asked what feedback was received during these presentations and how it was being incorporated. If you were present for Ms. Tonya Lee's presentation to FELCOM and have feedback regarding the NIH Child and Family services for FELLOWS, please contact Dr. Kimberly LeBlanc (Kimberly.leblanc@nih.gov) or Dr. Blake Warner (blake.warner@nih.gov).

Subsidy Committee Program

The subsidy is provided through a contract with FEEA Childcare services, Inc, and provides up to \$5000 per year per family based on AGI. >75000. NIH only verifies that you are an employee and does not have access to PII. Oct 1st is difficult time for contracts, now starting Jan 1st and will it continue and with what contractor. Once \$5,000 has been spent, the subsidy has been fully utilized.

From 2015 to 2016, employee usage has decreased slightly, from 164 to 146, and Child uses also decreased from 211 to 186. This could be due to Instability in the program and a lack of advertising. Participants primarily left the program because their income went above \$75000 threshold, or because they left the agency. However, very few were just over the limit. They do provide waivers for people who are continuing. The limit is competitive compared with other Federal agencies, which are at \$75k or below. Of those who utilize the subsidy,

- most are 60% reimbursement range.
- Most are in the GS 7-9, a few at 11-13.
- Most child uses are for school-aged kids. Based on the breakdown of children on the waitlist, we know that there is usually more demand for infant care. There was concern that the subsidy isn't enough for infants and toddlers, which is why most child uses are for school-aged kids.
- Most care is center based, some are licensed in-home care.

Email and marketing:

- Updated flyer
- Sent out global email in April with Taxes to review AGI. Email goes out to the waitlist. Information in useful places. NOT asking to expand this because they are NOT at capacity.

What would this program cost for fellows. This was done with modeling with the legislative committee. Identifying a source of funds is the challenge, since they can't use appropriated funds. In order to estimate the cost, we need to know how many fellows would actually have children or would use this type of service. This would help them to move forward. The current estimate is that 30% of fellows have children, which would mean ~1000 Fellows could potentially qualify, however **we need a survey** to address this question!!

Legislative Committee

Prior legislative proposals to change the employee definition for childcare programs went forward at one time and came back. At the moment, it is not a favorable political environment to make that change. FAES is considering a way to provide a subsidy program for fellows.

Community Acquired Care (CAC) Proposal – care programs where NIH provides funds to the organization to ensure that NIH has access to programs in the community. CFC team need a proposal to make a recommendation and examined other programs which were similar to this. Their definition was different – most other federal agencies just had a use agreement, not CAC. The only other agency with CAC is the DoD, which is an entitlement program. It's a benefit for military families and it is legislated. Many other daycares in the area also have full waiting lists. It was suggested that we could maybe provide small grants to family care homes to help them achieving licensing in exchange for maintaining – 20-25 infant and toddler spaces for NIH employees. There are more infant slots in home-based centers than in daycare centers. 6-12 or 18 based on provider rations. 2 under 2 with up to 8 total children.

However, in home centers already receive support through government county/city level. Training and incentives with curriculum furniture and fixture support. Montgomery County is very well aware of the need for family childcare and concerning that the numbers of centers are dropping. A program like this might be difficult to get off the ground.

No recommendations this year.

Membership Committee

May be some openings.

May 19th Work Plan Action Items. June 1st meeting the proposed work plan will be presented and voted on in September of 2017. Compile those recommendations for the annual report.

Vote on recommendations to the ORS which goes over the recommendations. ORS then makes a decision to act or not act.

Announcements:

April 27th, 2017 Bring your Child to Work Day

June 8th, 2017 Take a Hike

April-June, Spring into Wellness. New initiative to promote well-being related activities. 5 elements of well-being in various locations. Community, Physical, Career, Social, Financial.

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*

The CSEC met last week and David Resnick (Bioethicist) presented some survey results from NIEHS on perceived scientific misconduct. Very few respondents reported witnessing one of the many of the different types of misconduct, but approximately 1/3 of respondents indicated that they have witnessed authors on manuscripts that did not meet authorship guidelines. I pointed out that this result did not surprise me; as Fellows we are often joining new research groups where authorship may have been pre-negotiated in a data collection agreement and that although these authors may not meet a journals' requirements it can be a diplomatically tricky situation for someone less familiar with the politics of the group to suggest removal. Following David's presentation, we continued our discussion on the development of potential for the 2018 case studies from our previous meeting. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 26th.

FAES Liaisons *Eric Refsland & To Be Elected*

The FAES held their end of budget year Board of Directors' meeting on April 25th. At this meeting the Board votes on the next year's budget proposal. A combination of higher health care prices and a number of large claims resulted in a couple of changes, not yet completely finalized, to the health care program that will take effect November 1, 2017:

1. An approval of an 11% increase in the premiums to the NIH for the Core Source Insurance for trainees. NIH will still pay 100% of the trainee's premium. (For comparison, premiums were raised 3.2% in 2015, lowered 3% in 2016, and were held flat in 2017.)
2. An increase from \$10 copays to \$20 copays for office and specialist visits.
3. New yearly deductibles for trainees - \$250 for individuals, \$450 for family coverage.

The level of coverage itself will not be changed.

FARE Committee

John Gallagher & Pushpanathan Muthuirulan

The judging phase of FARE 2018 is continuing, but the final deadline for judges to submit their scores will continue past the May 9 deadline. We are addressing over 100 conflict of interest issues that have been raised to the FARE committee. We estimate that completion of judging may be delayed 1 week from our initial deadline of May 9.

Graduate Medical Education Committee

Devika Kapuria & Kannan Kasturi

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

Graduate Student Council Liaisons

Sara Kimmich & Laura Gorrell

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

Mentoring Committee

Gloria Laryea & Jennifer West

The mentoring committee hosted its first social event this past month. We hope that future events will get better attendance and have come up with a better plan for advertising the event on campus. We are currently putting together suggestions for the fellow handbook and writing a mentoring tip of the month.

NCI-Shady Grove (DCEG)

Alison Van Dyke

The following seminars will be taking place at NCI Shady Grove. All are welcome to attend:

Thursday, May 18th, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., TE406

Jonas Almeida, PhD

“What does Data Science bring to the table of Population Health and Cancer Prevention?”

Thursday, May 25th, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., TE406

Arthur Schatzkin Distinguished Lecture in Nutritional Epidemiology

Elio Riboli, MD, MPH, MSc

“Nutrition, Metabolic Factors and Cancer: EPIC Results”

Webex available – email alison.vandyke@nih.gov for details.

National Institutes of Environmental and Health Sciences (RTP, NC)

Deirdre Robinson

- ELiTE will be participating in a site visit to Precision Biosciences on May 4th
- DNA Day 5K will be held on May 20th
- The next Distinguished Lecture Series will occur on May 16th and will be given by Dr. Bryan Roth of UNC Chapel Hill
- Research Mentor Training will occur on 5/5, 5/19, 6/2 and 6/16
- OITE Translational Science Training Program (Duke, UNC, NCSU and NIEHS) will occur 8/28-8/29

“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**

- Are you looking for a JOB? Check out the career center page on the NPA website: <http://careers.nationalpostdoc.org/>
- A new issue of the POSTDOCKET has been released. Many interesting articles, including: NYC and Pennsylvania postdocs respond to the Travel Ban. Check out the results of their surveys [here](#).
- Opportunities for postdocs scholars: news on awards, workshops and professional development: <https://npamembers.site-ym.com/?Opportunities>
- The Postdoc’s guide to Paternity leave has been updated: <http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/?page=PaternityLeave>
- If you would like to receive news from the NPA, you can subscribe now to NPA E-Alerts: <http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/page/ealert>
- This tool can help you envision your career: <http://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2017/04/tool-can-help-you-envision-your-career>
- Check out the recently updated Guide to Visas, [here](#).
- An online networking page is now available on the NPA website. It allows postdocs to explore the NPA groups, know one another, contribute, share expertise, and learn from each other: http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/members/group_select.asp
- Article on how international scientists can advocate, and how US scientists can support them, click [here](#).
- The NPA released a statement encouraging postdocs to engage with the public on scientific topics.

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 takes a couple weeks between submitting and posting since many people must approve them.

2. The May-June *Catalyst* article will be about data science training at the NIH. It will be published [very, very soon] on the “News you can use” section instead of the usual Training Page. If you have an idea for the July-August edition, let me know!

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. Please share the following with FELCOM:

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 Fi2 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 Fi2 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.

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

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

Social Committee

Reina Haddad, Marco Craveiro, Luiz Felipe Barella, & Stal Shrestha

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

Service and Outreach Subcommittee

Douglas Dluzen & Zelia Worman

Announcements:

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

Recent Events:

- **(Baltimore)** volunteer **tree planting** in Birdland – Saturday April 15th 2017 sign up here <http://baltimoretreetrust.org/get-involved>
- **(Bethesda)** Rockville Science Day - 28th annual **Rockville Science Day on Sunday, April 23, 2017** - noon to 5pm at Montgomery College, Rockville campus.

Upcoming Events:

- **(Bethesda and Baltimore)** Cinco de Mayo Joint campus Event **May 20 11:30am-2pm** – Safra Lodge – Family themed event to celebrate Cinco de Mayo! More details to come!
- **(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) at the HUM for further information on training and participation, etc.

Training Directors Committee

Valerie Miller and Belinda Hauser

The April Training Directors Committee meeting was held on April 20th. No postdoc subcommittee meeting was held this past month. The next postdoc subcommittee meeting will be Wednesday, May 10th, when a summary of the National Postdoctoral Association Annual Meeting will be given.

At the Training Directors Committee meeting, the following items were discussed:

1. Deborah Snyder and Maryland Pao gave a follow-up and implementation plans for Recognizing the Distressed Trainee Toolkit
2. Yvette Pittman presented on programs sponsored by NICHD Office of Education
3. Irene Avila gave announcements and updates from NIH Scientific Workforce Diversity office

Visiting Fellows Committee

Fatima Ali-Rahmani & Stephanie Olivier-Van Stichelen

We will have the Science voices from home seminar with speakers from Canada on May 25th at noon. Dr. Rachel Murphy from UBC will be speaking with us and two people from the Canadian Embassy. Additional details will be emailed later.

WALS Subcommittee

Fatima Chowdhry & Salina Gairhe

1. The changing epidemiology of HPV and cervical cancer: from etiology, to validation of prevention methods, to dissemination
May 3, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Robert S. Gordon, Jr. Lecture
Mark Schiffman, M.D., M.P.H., NCI-DCEG
2. The molecular logic of synapse formation in the brain
May 4, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm
NIH Director's Lecture
Thomas Christian Südhof, M.D., Stanford School of Medicine
3. Extracellular vesicles released by glioblastoma cells: saboteurs, biomarkers and therapeutics
May 10, 2017 - 3:00pm
Xandra O. Breakefield, Ph.D., Massachusetts General Hospital

4. Brave new world: recent evolution of an insect-transmitted pathogen
May 17, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Roberto Kolter, Ph.D., Harvard Medical School
5. How aneuploidy drives cancer
May 24, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Stephen J. Elledge, PhD, Harvard Medical School
6. Thinking about cancer as an infectious disease
May 31, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm
George Khoury Lecture
Patrick S. Moore, M.D., M.P.H. , University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute

Women Scientist Advisors Committee

Fatima Ali-Rahmani & Jessica Petrick

Last quarterly meeting for WSA was held on April 28th. Members reported updates on post-doc exit survey that will be administered by FAES and soon will go in effect. In addition information about our upcoming event is below:

ANITA ROBERTS LECTURE
 “The hidden secrets of small genes”
 Tuesday May 16, 1:00–2:00 p.m.
 Lipsett Amphitheater (Building 10)

The presentation will be given by NICHD Senior Investigator Dr. Gisela Storz, Head of the Section on Environmental Gene Regulation and Associate Scientific Director of the Division of Molecular and Cellular Biology. She has more than 30 years of research experience in the field of molecular biology. Dr. Storz’s research focuses on identification and characterization of small and often overlooked classes of biological molecules. This includes identification and characterization of regulatory RNAs in *E. coli* and proteins of less than 50 amino acids. Dr. Storz is a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and National Academy of Sciences, and received the American Society for Microbiology Eli Lilly Award in 2000. Additionally, she has received numerous mentoring accolades. The Anita Roberts Lecture series highlights outstanding research achievements of women scientists in NIH’s Intramural Research Program at NIH. To arrange for sign-language interpretation, contact Margaret McBurney at mmcburney@od.nih.gov or 301-496-1921.

ELECTIONS

FAES Liaison

1. Simona Rosu, Ph.D., postdoc fellow at NIDDK

I’ve been a postdoc at NIH for 3 ½ years, and I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a liaison to FAES. In this role, I would advocate to continue and improve on the important programs FAES runs for the postdoc community, such as providing advanced classes and trainings, teaching opportunities and health insurance. Through FAES, I had the opportunity to design and teach a Genetics class for two years while at NIH, and thus I have personal experience with the FAES graduate school. In this role, I have also interacted with members of the FAES leadership such as Krisztina Miner, the Academic Program director, and Christina Farias, the Executive Director. As a liaison, I would also explore additional ways for FAES to serve the NIH postdoc community. For example, since postdocs don’t receive any retirement benefits and aren’t eligible for IRAs, I would advocate for FAES to offer workshops/tools to help postdocs plan for retirement savings. I would also explore ways FAES (together with FelCom and OITE) could help foster a sense of community and events for postdocs to interact outside of their labs. I would also seek input and feedback from FelCom and the postdoc community regarding FAES programs. I have previous experience working with administrators and a student body in my role as a Community Associate (CA) while a graduate student at Stanford University. In this role, I

helped plan both large and small events for graduate students, and acted as a contact to welcome new students and point students to various campus resources. I would be happy to now have a chance to serve the NIH postdoc community as a FAES liaison.